TOWN OF HYDE PARK, VERMONT

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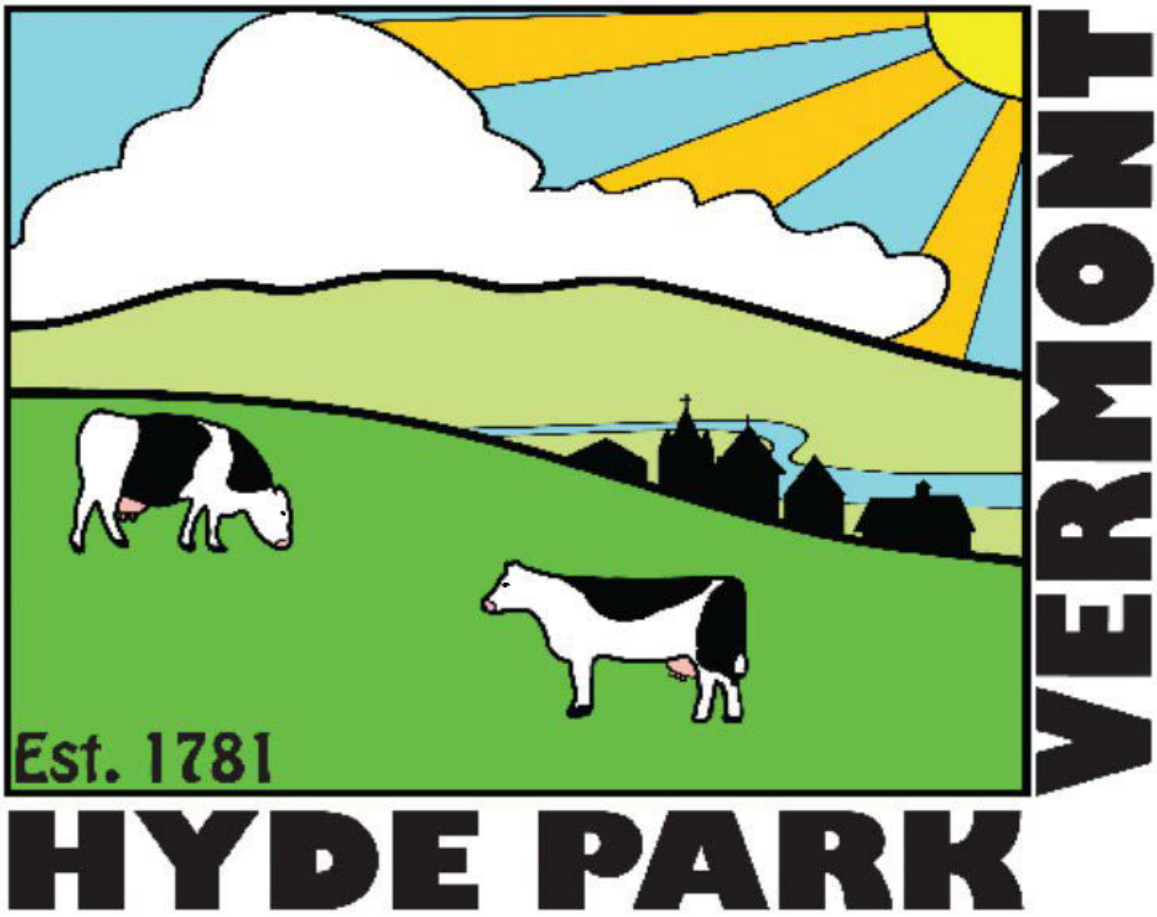

Report of the Officers for the Period Ending June 30, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL OFFICE: The Municipal Office is located at 344 VT 15 West. The Town Clerk's office is in the upper level and is open from Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM during the winter and Monday through Thursday 7:30 AM to 4 PM / Friday 8 AM to 1 PM during the summer. The telephone number is (802)888-2300 and the fax number is (802)888-6878. There is a drop box at the walkway of the upper-level entrance. The Community Meeting Room is on the lower level of the Municipal Office with parking in the Municipal Park and Ride Lot. Both levels of the building are handicap accessible. The Town's website is: www.hydeparkvt.com.

NOTICES AND WARNINGS: The Town publishes notices and warnings in the *News & Citizen*. The notices and warnings are also posted on the Town's website, the Post Offices, and the Lanpher Memorial Library.

Town Facilities available for use: Community Meeting Room, Lanpher Memorial Library, Hyde Park Fire Station, Gihon Valley Hall (formerly North Hyde Park Grange Hall) and Recreation Fields located off Garfield Road. See: 2016 Facility Use Policy for building rentals, fee schedule and the application on the town website.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Board and committees hold their meetings with virtual and hybrid attendance options provided on agendas.

SELECTBOARD: Regular meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: Meets as needed in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Regular meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

BOARD OF LISTERS: Regular meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

RECREATION FIELDS COMMITTEE: Regular meetings prior to each sport season via Zoom or at a field location as notified on the meeting agenda. Additional meetings are as needed prior to each youth sports season start up or as the Committee needs. Dates and times of meetings are also on each agenda.

LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES: Regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM at the library located at 141 Main Street.

HYDE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT: Regular meetings are on the first three Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 PM at the Hyde Park Fire Station located at 212 Centerville Road.

ENERGY COMMITTEE: Regular meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 3:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices with remote options.

JOINT TOWN & VILLAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: This Board meets as needed in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

GIHON VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE: Regular meetings are on the first and third Monday in the months of April – November and only the first Monday during the winter months at the Gihon Valley Hall starting at 6:00 PM.

KNOT IN HYDE PARK COMMITTEE: Regular meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., or as needed by Zoom.

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OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator (1 yr. term expires 2025)	Paul Nesky, (802)888-4535
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2025)	Susan Bartlett, (802)888-5591
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Matt Morin, (802)535-8327
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2026)	Nicole Chauvin, (802)851-0098
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2026)	Savannah Droney, (802)793-6724
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2027)	Chasity Fagnant, (802)595-1071
Town Clerk (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Town Treasurer (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Leslie Rollins, Assessor@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2026)	Deanna Judkins, Assessor@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2027)	Krista Jones, Krista@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Lamoille Solid Waste Supervisor (1 yr. remaining of 2-yr term)	Maurice Brigham, (802)234-9204

ELECTED SCHOOL OFFICERS

Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Lisa Jones Barry
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Tina Lowe
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2026)	Patricia Hayford
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2027)	Philip Kiely

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Assistant Town Treasurer	Krista Jones, Krista@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Assistant Town Clerk	Krista Jones, Krista@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Finance Director	Jennifer Tricou, Jennifer@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Animal Control Officer	Ally Judkins, (802)730-9340 and Dean Locke (802)595-5489
Assessor	Justin Mason, Assessor@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
E-911 Coordinator	Stephen McDonald, Stephen@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-2300
Fire Chief	Ryan Nolan, (802)279-6955
Fire Warden (5 yr. term exp 6/30/27)	Ryan Nolan, (802)279-6955
Road Commissioner	Mark French, (802)888-4625
Road Foreman	Mark French, Highway@hydeparkvt.com; (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Lead Operator	Ryan Nolan, (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator / Grader	Jasson Wells, (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator	Michael Griggs, (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator	Jeff Baker, (802)888-4625
Library Director	Amy Olsen, Hydeparklibrary@yahoo.com; (802)888-4628
Town Administrator	VACANT
Zoning Administrative Officer	Stephen McDonald, Stephen@hydeparkvt.com;(802)888-2300
Lamoille County Planning Commission Director	Greg Paus, 2-year term ending 2026; (802)888-5073
Lamoille County Planning Commission Director	Richard Pearson, 2-year term ending 2026; (914)819-8430
Lamoille Fiber Net	VACANT
Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Committee	Valerie Valcour, 2-year term ending 2026
Emergency Management Director	Roland Boivin, (802)888-6369
Emergency Management Coordinator	Brad Carriere, (802)730-6770
Tree Warden	David Palumbo, (802)888-4917
Town Health Officer (3 yr. term expires 9/30/25)	Dean Locke. (802)595-5489
Town Constable	Dave Gagnier, (802)888-7808
Green Mountain Access TV Representative	VACANT
Green Up Day Coordinator	Dawn Archbold, (802)888-2426

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Cemetery Commissioners (Elected for a 5-year term):

VACANT	Term Expires 2025
Robert Foss	Term Expires 2026
Sarrah Patch	Term Expires 2027
Christine Cooney	Term Expires 2028
Kim Lambert (appointed January 2025)	Term Expires 2029

Lanpher Memorial Library Trustees (Elected for a 5-year term):

Ann Spearing	Term Expires 2025
Melanie Dickinson	Term Expires 2026
Dan Regan (appointed August 2024)	Term Expires 2027
Kim Austin-Puleio	Term Expires 2027
JoAnne Ring	Term Expires 2028
Jim Noyes	Term Expires 2029
Elliott Buelter	Term Expires 2029

Town Development Review Board (Appointed by the Selectboard for a 4-year term):

Elisa Clancy	Term Expires 2025
Bob Malbon	Term Expires 2025
Tom Wawrzeniak	Term Expires 2026
Malcolm Teale	Term Expires 2027
Robert Tina	Term Expires 2027
Julie Ryley	Term Expires 2027
Alternate is Planning Commission Chair	On-going Term

Town Planning Commission (Appointed by the Selectboard for a 4-year term):

Richard Pearson	Term Expires 2025
Brian Jones	Term Expires 2026
Leslie Rollins	Term Expires 2026
Eric Williams	Term Expires 2027
Chris Peel	Term Expires 2027
Bob Malbon	Term Expires 2028
Valerie Valcour	Term Expires 2028

Community Circle Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms):

V. Wiffy Brooks	Everett Dickinson	Pixie Loomis
Beth Carrier	Savannah Droney	Amy Olsen
Dorothy Cook	Elisabeth Fenn	Savalla Rambo
George Cook	Deb Henderson	
Eva Danyon	Kelly Lane	

Town Energy Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard for a 3-year term):

Elisa Clancy	Term Expires 2025
Greg Paus	Term Expires 2025
Denise Greene	Term Expires 2026
Robert Tina (appointed May 2024)	Term Expires 2027
VACANT	Term Expires 2027

Recreation Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms):

Eric Bornemann	Kelsey Lemay	Gary Nolan
Erica Bornemann	Matt Morin	Alan Pelletier
Jazanne Fellows	Mike McKnight	Michelle Pelletier
Sam Fellows	Kristi McKnight	Debbie Slayton
Ken Harvey	Brad McKnight	

Gihon Valley Hall Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms):

Liz Courtney	Andy Race	
Monica Heath	Laura Race	
H. Dale Porter, Treasurer	Valerie Valcour, Clerk	*Allen Spitzer, Honorary

Knot In Hyde Park Committee (Appointed by Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms)

Thomas Breese	Rich Pearson
Erin Engler	Brice Rader
Francis Landrey	Mary Walz
Wendy Lane	

Justices of the Peace (Elected November 2024 for a 2-year term to start February 1, 2025 expiring January 31, 2027)

Maxine Adams	Edward French, Jr.
Charles "Brickett" Bailey	Brian Jones
Richard Bailey	Mary "Pixie" Loomis
Virginia “Wiffy” Brooks	Greg Paus
Vicki Emerson	Malcolm “Mac” Teal

WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF HYDE PARK, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are hereby warned and notified to meet at Lamoille Union High School, 736 Vermont Route 15 West, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at nine o'clock in the forenoon (9:00 AM) to transact business on Articles 2 through 12, which shall be voted from the floor.

The voters are further warned and notified to meet at the Hyde Park Municipal Building – Lower Level, 344 Vermont Route 15, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at eight-thirty o'clock in the forenoon (8:30 AM), at which time the polls will be open, until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 PM), at which time the polls will close, to vote on Article 1 by Australian ballot:

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Article 1. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Hyde Park in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($650,000.00), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid and other financial resources, be issued to finance the construction of additions and improvements to the Town fire station?

BY FLOOR VOTE

Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers from the floor:
Moderator for a term of one year
Selectboard for a term of two years
Selectboard for a term of three years
Town Clerk for a term of three years
Town Treasurer for a term of three years
Lister for a term of three years
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years
Lamoille Solid Waste Management Supervisor one year remaining of a two-year term
Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years
Cemetery Commissioner four years remaining of a five-year term
Lanpher Memorial Library Trustee for a term of five years
Lanphear Memorial Library Trustee two years remaining of a five-year term

Article 3. Shall the Town of Hyde Park increase the number of Justices of the Peace elected from 10 to 12, to commence with the 2026 General Election pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter 2 § 52?

Article 4. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Equipment Reserve to be under the control and direction of the Selectboard for the

purchase, repair or replacement of North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department firefighting equipment, buildings or other capital items (not fire vehicles or supplies) to be funded by a transfer from the current shared Fire Equipment Reserve in the amount of $22,600 in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804 ?

Article 5. Shall the voters amend the name and use of the current reserve fund of Fire Equipment to be called the Town of Hyde Park Fire Equipment Reserve to be under the control and directions of the Selectboard for the purchase of the Town of Hyde Park Fire Department firefighting equipment, buildings, or other capital items (not fire vehicles or supplies)?

Article 6. Shall the Town of Hyde Park elect its town officers by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(b)?

Article 7. Shall the Town of Hyde Park elect its school board directors by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(b)?

Article 8. Shall the Town of Hyde Park adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c)?

Article 9. Shall the Town of Hyde Park vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?

Article 10. Shall the voters approve a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 of $3,522,069.12 of which $3,007,224.12 shall be raised by property taxes and $514,845.00 by non-property tax revenue?

Article 11. Shall the voters approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1½%) per month of fraction thereof from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. 4773).

First installment to be paid on or before Friday, August 29, 2025
Second installment to be paid on or before Friday, November 17, 2025
Third installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Fourth installment to be paid on or before Thursday, May 15, 2026

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are further notified that an informational meeting to explain and discuss the Australian ballot article for the bond issue will be held on February 19, 2025. The public informational meeting shall be held at the Town Fire Station beginning at five thirty o'clock (5:30) in the evening (p.m.). The meeting will be recorded but there will no ability to attend via Zoom.

The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title

17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. Town Meeting Day will be held in-person only for voting and discussion. The Selectboard intends for the Annual Town Meeting to be viewable (with no ability to participate remotely) on YouTube; search "Hyde Park Selectboard Town Meeting 2025".

Selectboard, Town of Hyde Park, Vermont: Approved this 28th day of January 2025.

Chasity Fagnant, Chair

Savannah Droney

Matt Morin

Susan Bartlett, Vice-Chair

Nicole Chauvin

Received and recorded at Hyde Park, VT on this 28th day of January 2025.

Attest: Kimberly J. Moulton, Town Clerk
Town of Hyde Park

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Town Staff and Appreciation

The Selectboard is an elected Town Board of 5-members to oversee all day-to-day operations of the municipal government not designated by state law to other officials. This past year the town worked with staff on several matters and operations as defined below, and the Selectboard continues to work on the office staff structure following the retirement of Ron Rodjenski in 2023 and re-establish the position of Town Administrator through the delineation of duties and assessment of Town and Staff needs. Ron Rodjenski continues to assist the Town of Hyde Park with Grant Administration and Staff Training through his firm Stone Shore Municipal Consulting, LLC.

Through this transition the Selectboard would like to acknowledge and thank the Town Office Staff for their flexibility and support through this process. Jennifer Tricou, Finance Director (see Finance Report for completed tasks) and Stephen McDonald, Planning and Zoning Administrator and Acting Town Administrator, have assisted the Town of Hyde Park in 2024 with Road Grants, FEMA Operations, and Policies, along with Planning and Zoning and E911 responsibilities. Justin Mason, Board Clerk, has continued to work with the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and Development Review Board on Open Meeting Law Compliance, Social Media Engagement and Updates, Public Outreach, and has created the Hyde Park Monthly Newsletter. Please see "Meeting Access and Newsletter Information" below for additional information.

The Selectboard would also like to acknowledge and appreciate the dedication and commitment of Kim Moulton, Town Clerk & Treasurer, and Krista Jones, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer, for their continued consistent office hours, knowledge of property taxes and finances, focus on compliance with statute and policy, performance and research on State, Federal, and Local Elections, excellent resident and customer support, and continued support during the staffing transition process. Please see the Town Clerk & Town Treasurer's Reports for more of their office information.

The Selectboard works in collaboration with the Town Road Commissioner & Foreman, Mark French, and the Highway Department Crew. The Hyde Park Highway Department has provided excellent service to the Town of Hyde Park by maintaining the roads in all seasons, performing and assisting with multiple projects throughout the Town, including paving, culvert replacement, ditching, road signage, and most publicly, being shown on Vermont News for their reduced and efficient use of chloride, setting an example for all towns throughout Vermont. Please see "Highway Department Report" for a more information.

Finally, the Selectboard would like to thank the Town Volunteers, Committees, Community Members, including but not limited to Lanpher Memorial Library, Hyde Park Community Circle, Hyde Park Town Fire Department, North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department, Gihon Valley Hall, Knot in Hyde Park, and Village of Hyde Park for their continued effort and services provided throughout the Town.

Grand List, Revenue, and Budget Reflection

The Town's Grand List, which generates 98% of the revenue required for town services, increased by approximately 1.86% in 2024. For the past 10+ years approximately, the average growth has been about 1.0% and increased in 2024 due to the type of development and the Town Listers and Assessor catching up on the backlog acquired during Covid and the previous assessing transition. New housing and commercial construction results in more value spreading out the cost of services, while depreciation, flat or reducing non-property tax revenue sources increase the tax burden. For future years, a 1-2% growth rate will help but not if the 8% inflation experienced in 2023 returns. The Board continues to work on the expense budget goal that will result in a tax rate increase of 5 or 6% or less, this year has a projected tax rate increase for FY2026 of 5.8% proposed. The town expense budget is proposed to increase 5.47%. An article is being proposed by

Australian Ballot this year, see warning, to finance the construction of additions and improvements to the Town fire station. The proposed increased tax rate results in an additional $55.98 per year for every $100,000 of assessed residential property value.

2024 Completion List

The Selectboard has been working hard and as efficiently and effectively as possible with the Town Office Staff and Officials to meet and complete tasks, goals, and projects in 2024. Please see below some of the highlighted tasks completed in 2024.

- **ARPA** – The Town of Hyde Park received $746,583.20 in ARPA Funds and allocated and used $343,584.00. The use of ARPA Funds helped with lowering the tax burden, connect gaps in the budget, support infrastructure and community development, and capital costs and needs.
- **FEMA Buyouts** – In 2024, the Town of Hyde Park purchased the property at 5169 VT Route 100 through the FEMA buyout with the assistance of Stephen McDonald, Acting Town Administrator and Ron Rodjenski, Municipal Consultant. The dwelling has been demolished, and the lot will be turned into green space for the Town.
- **Investment Details** – With the assistance of Kim Moulton, Town Clerk & Treasurer, and Jennifer Tricou, Finance Director, the Town of Hyde Park was able to invest $750,000.00 and gained a total of $31,257.00 solely from interest. This interest gain is an increased amount of $21,207.00 from 2023.
- **Hyde Park Canine Impound Interlocal Agreement** – The Town of Hyde Park has established the Hyde Park Canine Impound Interlocal Agreement, held at Lamoille Kennels. Other Towns had the opportunity to sign onto the agreement and have used the shelter and kennel services for the impounded dogs for a fee and payment of expenses. The Towns of Johnson, Morristown, and Wolcott have joined the agreement. The Selectboard would like to thank Stephen McDonald as Acting Town Administrator and Ally Judkins as Animal Control Officer for their outstanding work and commitment in getting this agreement established and fine-tuned.
- **Interlocal Agreement for Assessing Services –** The Town of Hyde Park continues to utilize the Interlocal Agreement for Assessing Services as established with the Town of Johnson in 2023. The Interlocal Agreement has hired Justin Mason, VPA I Municipal Assessor, to fill the position and he assists the Board of Listers with maintaining the Hyde Park Grand List. The Interlocal Agreement has progressed and now includes the Towns of St. George, Berkshire, and Sheldon, Vermont.
- **Grants Projects: 2024 Closed Grants**
  (MPG = Municipal Planning Grant)
  (ACCD = Agency of Commerce & Community Development)
  - Zoning Bylaw Modernization – MPG $7,605 (ACCD)
  - North Hyde Park Welcome Signs – Design only – MPG $9,460 (ACCD)
  - East Main Street Ten Bends Beer Culvert Design – VTrans $28,800

  2024 New Grant Agreements
  - LVRT Trailhead Improvements 75 Depot St Ext – New Constr. Total $576,560
  - Municipal Town Plan Amendment Consortium w/Stowe & Cambridge $45,000
  - Municipal Energy Resiliency Program (3 Town Buildings) $331,727

2025 Task List

- Seek highway & stormwater grants to support construction of the Net Zero stormwater & streetscape enhancement for Church St and Main Street.
- Review the next steps to bring the two new bridges to final design at Whitcomb Island Road (iron truss bridge) and Garfield Road (large culvert at Green River).
- Complete laying out the extension of the town highway Beam Road, discontinue or reclassify to public trail several Class 4 town highways & unclassified town highways.

- Continue to work on gravel road and paved road improvement projects to maintain the town's compliance with the State Municipal General Roads Permit (MGRP) and limit degradation of road surfaces that result in costly reconstruction projects.
- The art installation along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail will now be the centerpiece of a trailhead reconstruction project that completed design work in 2024 and will move to construction in 2025 with new pavilion shelters, picnic areas, stormwater improvements and pedestrian safety enhancements.
- Complete the Town Administrator and Zoning Administrator staffing changes
- Work with the Village Trustees, the Board will continue to seek highway & stormwater grants to support construction of the Net Zero stormwater & streetscape enhancement for Church Street and Main Street.
- Support North Hyde Park residents as they explore options for sidewalk and path improvements along VT 100 with a consultant funding by the VTrans Bike-Pedestrian Grant Program.
- Complete energy upgrades to the town office, library and fire station using grant funds awarded under the Vermont Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

Meeting Access and Newsletter Information

- Town of Hyde Park Selectboard information, including meeting agendas and minutes, can be found at https://hydeparkvt.com/boardscommissions/selectboard/index.php.
- The Hyde Park Monthly Newsletter was created in 2024 and provides monthly updates of events, actions taken, and public activities. Hyde Park residents are encouraged to sign up for the newsletter by sending an email with your name and email address to Justin Mason, Board Clerk, boardclerk@hydeparkvt.com
- Meeting Access – Town of Hyde Park Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and Listers Meeting are Hybrid and can be accessed via the Zoom link below.

Please email: Justin Mason, Board Clerk, at boardclerk@hydeparkvt.com with questions or comments regarding meeting schedules, or with the subject line "Hyde Park Monthly Newsletter – Sign Up" to receive monthly newsletters by email.

Remote Meeting Option - Instructions
Remote participation is available via Zoom. See below instructions.
Please remember, if you are calling in by phone, the number is long distance.
Join Zoom Meeting – Click here:
https://zoom.us/j/96666910290?pwd=V25TdVVTZ2xoWGN1UXk2Mkl0cjZiQT09
Or Call: 1-(646)-558-8656 US (New York) (alternate phone #'s at zoom.com)
Enter Meeting ID: 966 6691 0290
Passcode: 532029

The Selectboard respects all community members' input and encourages residents to contact any member with questions, suggestions, or concerns.

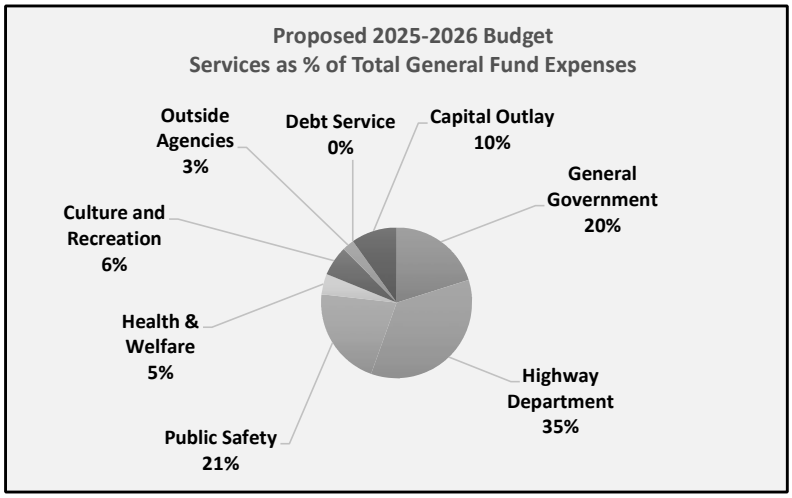
Sincerely,
Chasity Fagnant, Chair – chasityf@hydeparkvt.com Term Expires 2027
Susan Bartlett, Vice Chair – senatorbartlett@comcast.net Term Expires 2025
Matt Morin – mattm@hydeparkvt.com Term Expires 2025
Savannah Droney – savannah@hydeparkvt.com Term Expires 2026
Nicole Chauvin – nicole@hydeparkvt.com Term Expires 2026

Municipal Revenues	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	CURRENT FY2025	PROPOSED FY2026	CHANGE FY25 to FY26
Tax Revenues					
Property Taxes & Mun. Tax Adjustment	$ 2,660,260	$ 2,478,879	$ 2,805,100	$ 3,007,224	$ 202,124
Current Property Taxes - Interest	8,000	10,513	9,000	9,000	0
Delinquent Taxes - Interest	3,500	2,959	3,500	4,500	1,000
Delinquent Taxes - Penalty	8,500	10,063	10,000	10,000	0
Current Use - Hold Harmless	95,000	109,224	100,000	115,000	15,000
State Payments Withheld	9,000	9,571	9,000	11,000	2,000
PILOT Revenue - ANR & State Buildings	69,000	73,369	69,000	71,000	2,000
Subtotal	$ 2,853,260	$ 2,694,579	$ 3,005,600	$ 3,227,724	$ 222,124
Licenses and Permits					
Liquor and Cannabis Licenses	200	415	200	345	145
Dog Licenses	3,000	3,432	3,000	3,000	0
Building Permits	14,000	6,832	12,000	5,500	(6,500)
Vehicle Overweight Permits	500	540	700	500	(200)
Driveway & Highway Access Permits	700	410	500	500	0
Subtotal	$ 18,400	$ 11,629	$ 16,400	$ 9,845	$ (6,555)
Fines and Interest					
Local Traffic Fines	4,000	8,452	4,000	8,000	4,000
Dog Fines	200	150	200	400	200
Interest on Investments	15,000	64,983	20,000	30,000	10,000
Subtotal	$ 19,200	$ 73,585	$ 24,200	$ 38,400	$ 14,200
Grant Revenue					
Municipal Planning Grants	0	2,580	0	0	0
Other Grants	0	9,840	0	0	0
Subtotal	$ -	$ 12,420	$ -	$ -	$ -
Recreation					
Ballfield Rentals	3,000	2,200	3,000	3,000	0
Fundraising Banners	0	1,220	0	0	0
Ballfield Concessions & Donations	4,000	3,959	4,000	4,000	0
Subtotal	$ 7,000	$ 7,379	$ 7,000	$ 7,000	$ -
Other Revenue					
Photocopier Use Fee	3,500	1,480	2,500	1,400	(1,100)
Community Room & GVH Rental Fees	500	480	500	500	0
Fire Department Misc. Revenue	0	673	0	0	0
Sale of Equipment & Other Income	200	0	200	200	0
Town Clerk and Recording Fees	37,000	21,815	32,000	22,000	(10,000)
Use of General Fund Unassigned	0	0	82,550	0	(82,550)
Misc Revenues & History Books	3,500	15,221	3,500	2,500	(1,000)
Subtotal	$ 44,700	$ 39,669	$ 121,250	$ 26,600	$ (94,650)
Highway Department					
State Aid to Highways & Supplement	141,000	145,330	143,000	152,000	9,000
Grants - GIA,Class 2 & FEMA-DR4474	0	572,335	0	40,000	40,000
Gas/Diesel/Materials Reimbursement	5,000	3,821	5,000	3,500	(1,500)
Misc Revenue and Interest	0	74,598	5,000	5,000	0
Subtotal	$ 146,000	$ 796,085	$ 153,000	$ 200,500	$ 47,500
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Investment Interest	7,000	9,788	7,000	6,000	(1,000)
Grant Revenue	500	6,200	500	500	0
Donations, Adopt-an-Author, Misc. Rev.	4500	11,106	4,500	5,500	1,000
Subtotal	$ 12,000	$ 27,094	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 3,100,560**	**$ 3,662,439**	**$ 3,339,450**	**$ 3,522,069**	**$ 182,619**
				% Change =	**5.47%**

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	CURRENT FY2025	PROPOSED FY2026	CHANGE FY25 to FY26
General Government					
Town Office Wages & Benefits					
Selectboard	$3,750	$3,750	$3,750	$5,500	$1,750
Employee Recognition	3,000	3,000	1,500	2,000	500
Town Clerk Salary	49,200	49,200	50,700	52,200	1,500
Town Treasurer Salary	21,100	21,100	21,700	22,372	672
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,250	3,250	3,250	4,250	1,000
Contracted Services	0	0	0	20,000	20,000
Wages and Salaries	178,600	175,884	250,500	275,600	25,100
Subtotal	$258,900	$256,184	$331,400	$381,922	$50,522
Benefits and Payroll Expense					
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	34,100	47,300	59,400	69,825	10,425
Payroll Taxes, UI & Workers' Comp.	22,400	22,212	32,000	38,900	6,900
Pension and Accrued Leave Time	14,500	14,255	19,000	21,700	2,700
Life Insurance & Short-term Disability	2,000	1,792	2,300	2,300	0
Subtotal	$73,000	$85,560	$112,700	$132,725	$20,025
Town Office Expenses					
Supplies	8,000	7,079	8,000	8,000	0
Meetings, Education & Training	1,000	1,097	1,000	1,500	500
Travel	1,000	2,283	1,000	3,000	2,000
Postage	7,000	5,762	6,000	7,500	1,500
Advertising	4,500	5,715	4,500	5,000	500
Water & Electric	0	0	0	4,600	4,600
Telephone/Fiber	7,500	7,107	9,000	7,200	(1,800)
Professional Services - NEMRC & IT	22,000	22,042	22,000	30,000	8,000
Equipment Purchases & Repairs	6,500	8,242	6,500	7,000	500
Equipment Lease - Copier	4,000	4,411	4,500	4,500	0
KoFile Equipment Lease - Land Records	2,500	2,100	2,100	2,100	0
Misc Charges & Fees	1,500	1,271	1,500	1,500	0
Subtotal	$65,500	$67,110	$66,100	$81,900	$15,800
Town Auditing and Reporting					
Printing of Town Reports	2,000	2,131	2,500	2,300	(200)
Professional Services - Town Audit	15,000	15,123	17,900	21,000	3,100
Subtotal	$17,000	$17,253	$20,400	$23,300	$2,900
Town Listers, Tax Mapping & BCA					
Municipal Assessor/Listers	24,000	24,999	31,300	31,600	300
BCA Salaries & Election Expenses	1,500	494	1,000	500	(500)
Training & Travel Reimbursement	0	0	0	500	500
Assessment Services - NEMRC	0	2,552	0	1,750	1,750
Mapping Services	6,000	5,000	6,000	5,350	(650)
Subtotal	$31,500	$33,045	$38,300	$39,700	$1,400
Buildings and Grounds					
Supplies	1,000	1,399	1,500	1,500	0
Lawn and Landscaping	2,000	2,000	4,500	4,000	(500)
Cleaning - Town Office	1,500	0	1,500	1,000	(500)
Repairs - Town Office	2,000	2,229	2,000	2,500	500
Repairs - Gihon Valley Hall	3,500	1,942	3,500	3,500	0
Programs - Gihon Valley Hall Committee	500	350	500	500	0
Utilities & Wi-Fi GVH	2,500	2,261	2,500	2,500	0
Subtotal	$13,000	$10,180	$16,000	$15,500	-$500
Insurances, Legal Expenses & Dues					
Legal Services & Del.Tax Legal	10,000	12,803	10,000	15,000	5,000
Grants - Planning, LVRT Art	0	0	0	0	0
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	5,800	5,752	6,100	18,600	12,500
Subtotal	$15,800	$18,555	$16,100	$33,600	$17,500
General Government Total	**$474,700**	**$487,887**	**$601,000**	**$708,647**	**$107,647**
				% Change =	**17.91%**

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	CURRENT FY2025	PROPOSED FY2026	CHANGE FY25 to FY26
Highway Department					
Hyde Park Highway Department					
Wages	$381,300	$331,783	$424,300	$381,000	-$43,300
Employee Recognition	3,000	8,000	1,500	1,500	0
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	82,700	83,917	107,100	119,400	12,300
Payroll Taxes, UI and Workers' Comp.	50,000	38,582	54,600	72,320	17,720
Pension	25,800	23,523	29,700	27,700	(2,000)
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	14,000	9,443	13,400	13,250	(150)
Culverts	0	3,740	35,000	0	(35,000)
Chloride	35,000	31,123	35,000	32,000	(3,000)
Paving Program	215,000	215,000	215,000	235,000	20,000
Salt	75,000	68,090	75,000	70,000	(5,000)
Road Signs	3,000	1,206	5,000	3,000	(2,000)
Purchased Service - Gravel Crushing	42,000	42,000	0	50,000	50,000
Gravel Pit Maintenance	1,000	1,125	1,000	1,000	0
Purchased Service - Line Striping & Cold Pat	6,000	1,783	0	0	0
Erosion Control/MRGP & Contracted Svcs.	5,000	4,708	5,000	5,000	0
Roadside & Brush Cutting	5,000	7,084	12,000	10,000	(2,000)
Hazardous Tree Removal	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Fuel & Oils - Vehicles/Equipment	80,000	67,092	80,000	75,000	(5,000)
Road Maintenance Projects	30,000	10,666	30,000	30,000	0
Subtotal	$1,053,800	$948,865	$1,123,600	$1,131,170	$7,570
Garage Expenses					
Supplies, Office Equipment & IT	4,500	5,402	4,500	5,000	500
Meetings and Dues	700	350	700	500	(200)
Telephone	1,300	1,145	1,500	1,200	(300)
Electricity	6,000	4,136	4,500	4,200	(300)
Water Fixed Charges	4,000	2,970	3,200	3,200	0
Heating Fuel	500	0	500	0	(500)
Uniform Service	8,500	8,435	8,500	8,000	(500)
Rubbish Removal	3,000	2,670	3,000	3,350	350
Tools	1,500	1,969	1,500	1,500	0
Permits/Compliance, Training & Safety	5,000	5,043	5,000	5,000	0
Building Repairs, Maintenance & Misc.	3,500	9,355	3,500	4,500	1,000
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	65,000	95,484	65,000	70,000	5,000
Small Equipment Purchases/Repairs	8,000	7,312	8,000	7,000	(1,000)
Subtotal	$111,500	$144,270	$109,400	$113,450	$4,050
Projects					
MPG 24 Consortia	0	5,324	0	0	0
2022 Volvo Excavator & Trailer	0	41,928	0	0	0
FEMA DR4474 Mitigation Projects/Match	0	21,200	0	0	0
MRGP Grants-In-Aid Program	0	5,891	0	0	0
EH05&MM18- Johnson St Ext "Sink Hole"	0	2,157	0	0	0
Subtotal	**$0**	**$76,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Highway Department Total	**$1,165,300**	**$1,169,634**	**$1,233,000**	**$1,244,620**	**$11,620**
				% Change =	**0.94%**

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	CURRENT FY2025	PROPOSED FY2026	CHANGE FY25 to FY26
Public Safety					
Town Fire Department					
Salaries	$21,000	$15,749	$21,000	$21,000	$0
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Compensation	2,800	2,710	1,900	1,900	0
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	5,200	3,269	5,200	2,700	(2,500)
Office Supplies	800	477	2,500	2,500	0
Medical / Physicals	1,000	0	0	0	0
Telephone	2,900	2,395	2,900	3,200	300
Accidental Injury Insurance (UI)	1,200	892	1,000	1,000	0
Chemicals	400	0	500	700	200
Fire Prevention	250	0	250	250	0
Training	1,000	240	1,000	1,000	0
Equipment	12,000	9,945	12,000	12,000	0
Equipment Maintenance & Permits	8,000	9,315	9,000	9,000	0
Gear	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Truck Maintenance	10,000	12,143	12,000	15,000	3,000
Radio Maintenance	3,800	1,892	3,800	5,000	1,200
Gas & Oil	3,500	2,303	3,000	3,000	0
Electricity	3,000	2,664	3,000	3,000	0
Water Fixed Charges and Usage Fees	17,000	22,869	24,000	17,000	(7,000)
Heating Fuel	4,500	4,332	4,500	5,000	500
Building Maintenance	4,000	3,918	4,000	4,000	0
Dry Hydrants - Maint. & Grant Expenses	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Misc. Expenses & Dues	3,500	3,518	3,500	3,500	0
Subtotal	$106,850	$98,631	$116,050	$121,750	$5,700
				% Change =	**4.91%**
FAST Squad & Emergency Management					
Training, Supplies & Radios	2,000	1,421	2,000	2,000	0
FAST Stipend	1,300	1,360	1,174	1,174	0
AED Portable Defibrillator Units - 2 units/yr	4,000	3,470	4,000	4,000	0
AED Maintenance and Batteries	500	770	500	500	0
E911 Number Signs	0	0	0	3,000	3,000
Subtotal	$7,800	$7,021	$7,674	$10,674	$3,000
N Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department					
General Expenses & Insurance	39,525	39,525	42,225	44,975	2,750
Subtotal	$39,525	$39,525	$42,225	$44,975	$2,750
Police Services - Sheriff's Dept.					
LCSD - Patrol	468,600	468,551	482,608	497,086	14,478
LCSD - Communications	71,525	71,504	73,696	75,949	2,253
Subtotal	$540,125	$540,055	$556,304	$573,035	$16,731
Public Safety Total	**$694,300**	**$685,232**	**$722,253**	**$750,434**	**$28,181**
				% Change =	**3.90%**



Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	CURRENT FY2025	PROPOSED FY2026	CHANGE FY25 to FY26
Health and Welfare					
Ambulance Services					
Northern Emergency Medical Service (NEMS	$129,410	$129,407	$134,602	$146,681	$12,079
Subtotal	$129,410	$129,407	$134,602	$146,681	$12,079
				% Change =	**8.97%**
Animal Control					
Salaries	750	2,063	900	3,600	2,700
Supplies	200	214	200	200	0
Travel	250	0	300	0	(300)
Purchased Services - Kennel Lease	1,250	665	5,500	5,500	0
Equipment and Training	250	88	300	300	0
Subtotal	$2,700	$3,029	$7,200	$9,600	$2,400
Health & Welfare Total	**$132,110**	**$132,436**	**$141,802**	**$156,281**	**$14,479**
				% Change =	**10.21%**
Culture & Recreation					
Cemeteries					
Rubbish	0	0	0	300	0
General Maintenance- Mowing / Repairs	0	0	0	18,750	0
Corner Posts	0	0	0	700	0
Appropriations	22,500	22,500	22,500	2,750	(19,750)
Subtotal	$22,500	$22,500	$22,500	$22,500	$0
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Salaries	85,000	84,947	96,200	99,050	2,850
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	22,400	21,037	17,400	7,600	(9,800)
Payroll Taxes, UI and Workers' Comp.	7,200	6,767	9,150	11,170	2,020
Pension	3,400	3,392	3,900	4,100	200
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	8,000	5,253	7,400	5,300	(2,100)
Supplies	1,600	1,649	1,600	1,600	0
Meetings, Professional Development	1,000	409	1,000	1,000	0
Postage	1,600	1,625	1,600	1,800	200
Telephone	1,300	780	800	800	0
Electricity	2,500	1,991	2,500	2,500	0
Water and Sewer Fees	3,200	5,013	5,600	5,200	(400)
Heating Fuel	5,000	4,973	5,500	5,500	0
Materials/Programs	17,100	16,922	17,100	17,600	500
Memberships and Online Services	2,500	2,632	2,600	3,700	1,100
Technology	1,400	2,632	1,600	3,500	1,900
Custodial Services	4,500	4,620	4,700	5,000	300
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	116	0	0	0
Building Maintenance & Grounds	3,500	3,510	3,500	4,000	500
Grant Expense	0	1,486	0	0	0
Subtotal	$171,200	$169,753	$182,150	$179,420	-$2,730
				% Change =	**-1.50%**
Recreation Committee					
Supplies and Equipment	2,000	256	2,000	2,000	0
Hyde Park Softball/Baseball	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	0
Hyde Park Soccer	1,500	1,791	1,500	1,500	0
Hyde Park Basketball	500	695	500	500	0
Propane - Ballfield Power	1,500	980	1,500	1,500	0
Purchased Service - Repairs	500	1,685	1,500	1,500	0
Grounds Maintenance - Mowing	5,500	7,512	7,000	7,500	500
Subtotal	$13,000	$12,918	$15,500	$16,000	$500
Community Events & Facilities					
Community Events & Green Up Day	1,500	1,399	1,350	1,400	50
Green Mountain Byway and LVRT	2,000	1,573	2,000	2,000	0
Knot in Hyde Park	3,000	1,364	3,000	4,000	1,000
Hyde Park Community Circle	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal	$7,500	$5,336	$7,350	$8,400	$1,050
Culture & Recreation Total	**$214,200**	**$210,508**	**$227,500**	**$226,320**	**-$1,180**
				% Change =	**-0.52%**

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	CURRENT FY2025	PROPOSED FY2026	CHANGE FY25 to FY26
Local/County Member Agencies					
Lamoille County Conservation District	500	500	500	500	0
Lamoille County Courthouse Tax	33,200	33,181	35,500	39,029	3,529
Lamoille County Planning Commission Dues	1,829	1,829	2,200	2,390	190
Lamoille County Spec. Investigations Unit	1,907	1,907	2,000	2,000	0
Lamoille Ec.Development & Chamber Dues	2,200	2,400	2,200	2,200	0
VLCT Membership Dues	4,900	5,081	5,300	5,353	53
Subtotal	44,536	44,898	47,700	51,472	3,772
Outside Agencies - General Support					
American Red Cross - Northern VT	250	250	250	250	0
Lamoille Community Food Share	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	710	710	710	710	0
Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP	1,725	1,725	1,725	1,725	0
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	0
HomeShare Vermont	500	500	500	500	0
HPES After School Program	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Lamoille Family Center	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	9,060	9,060	9,060	9,060	0
Lamoille Housing Partnership	300	300	300	300	0
Lamoille Neighbors	800	800	800	800	0
Lamoille Restorative Center	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0
North Central Vermont Recovery Center	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
North Country Animal League	500	500	500	500	0
River Arts	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Rural Community Transport	3,350	3,350	3,350	3,350	0
Salvation Farms	750	750	750	750	0
VT Association of Conservation Districts	100	100	100	200	100
VT Family Network	500	500	500	500	0
Subtotal	38,195	38,195	38,195	38,295	100
Outside Agencies & Memberships Total	**$82,731**	**$83,093**	**$85,895**	**$89,767**	**$3,872**
				% Change =	**4.51%**
Capital Outlay & Reserves					
Sidewalk Reserve	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	0
Highway Road Construction Reserve	0	100,000	0	25,000	25,000
Stormwater Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000	0	0	0
Fire Vehicles Reserve	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	0
Fire Equipment & Repair Reserve	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	(12,000)
Community Building Reserve	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Library Reserve	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0
Infrastructure Engineering	4,219	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay & Reserves Total	**$337,219**	**$433,000**	**$328,000**	**$346,000**	**$18,000**
				% Change =	**5.49%**
TOTAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES	**$3,100,560**	**$3,201,789**	**$3,339,450**	**$3,522,069**	**$182,619**
				% Change =	**5.47%**

All Actual FY2024 amounts (revenues, expenses and reserves) are unaudited

RESERVE BALANCES - as of June 30, 2024			Prior FY ending
Fund Name & Number	Fund Balance	Source of funds (& interest earned):	6/30/2023
Municipal Record Restoration (Fund 11)	$ 18,375	Recording Fees	$ 18,349
Economic Development (Fund 12)	$ 35,388	Harvey Loan Proceeds	$ 34,390
Recreation Reserve (Fund 13)	$ 6,298	Audited Recreation Surplus	$ 6,182
Reappraisal (Fund 14)	$ 132,707	Annual State Reappraisal Grants	$ 114,228
Grange Hall Maintenance (Fund 15)	$ 136	Grant Reimbursement FY2024 due	$ (56,870)
ARPA Federal Relief Funds (Fund 16)	$ 307,168	$746,583 received, obligate by 12/2024	$ 646,825
Town Community Buildings (Fund 17)	$ 41,568	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	$ 40,106
Sidewalk/Bike Projects (Fund 21)	$ 179,971	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	$ 211,783
Highway Capital Reserve (Fund 22)	$ 420,580	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	$ 219,189
Stormwater Capital Reserve (Fund 23)	$ 29,823	Annual Town Budget & 1111 fees	$ 60,466
FEMA DR4474 Nov 1 2019 (Fund 24)	$ (429,546)	Disaster grant seeking reimbursement	$ (114,002)
FEMA DR4720 July 2023 (Fund 24)	$ (34,232)		
Highway Road Construction (Fund 26)	$ 315,336	Established FY25 Voter Approp 100,000	
Fire Vehicle (Fund 31)	$ 494,112	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	$ 414,399
Fire Equipment & Repair (Fund 32)	$ 43,685	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	$ 30,563
Library Building Reserve (Fund 41)	$ 69,317	Interest Earned on Investments	$ 50,869

	Town Budget	3,522,069.12
	Non-Property Tax Revenue	(514,845.00)
	To Be Raised from Property Tax Revenue	**3,007,224.12**
June 2024 GL 2,921,651	Final 2025 Grand List (Est 1.25% Inc)	2,958,171.64
	Tax Rate (Rounded)	1.0166
	ADD - Local Agreement Rate (Veterans Exemptions)	0.0040
	Tax Rate With Local Agreement	**1.0206**
Town Meeting funding articles		
	None proposed that may impact FY2026	
	Add to tax rate	**-**
	Projected Municipal Tax Rate with All Approvals	**$ 1.0206**
	Increase from Current Tax Rate of $0.9646	$ 0.0560

Summary of Proposed Budget Changes & History

Revenues		
Current Use Hold Harmless actual allocation increased	$	15,000
Town Clerk's Office recording fees decreased with less property transactions	$	(10,000)
Use of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for employee/benefit transitions	$	(82,550)
Decrease in Building Permit Fees	$	(6,500)
Interest on Investments	$	10,000
State Aid to Highways & Supplement	$	9,000
Anticipating DR4474 FEMA Reimbursement to off-set Revenue Loss	$	40,000
Expenses		
Town office staff changes following restructure of several positions; plus 3%	$	45,100
Increased cost for Admin Benefits & Payroll Expenses	$	20,025
Increased cost for Information Technology/ Professional Services	$	8,000
Decreased cost for highway wages overstated; reduction of OT	$	(43,300)
Increased cost for highway health benefit plan 12.5% & payroll	$	30,020
Decrease in Village water fees at town fire station	$	(7,000)
Added new Line for Fire Gear	$	10,000
Increased 3% for police patrol services provided by Lamoille County Sheriff	$	14,478
Increased 8.97% for ambulance service through Newport Ambulance/NEMS	$	12,079
Adding in Cemetery Budget rather than an appropriation	$	-
Highway Road Construction Reserve Appropriation	$	25,000

Municipal Budget History		
FY24	$3,100,560	**$ Change**
FY25 Current	$3,339,450	$ 238,890
FY26 Proposed	$3,522,069	$ 182,619

Municipal Tax Rate History		
FY24	$0.9303	**% Change**
FY25 Current	$0.9646	3.69%
FY26 Proposed	$1.0206	5.80%

Impact of Rate Increase = For every $100,000 of property value, the taxpayer owes an additional $55.98 per year in municipal property taxes (excludes school)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator is appointed and supervised by the Selectboard to assist the board in conducting the day-to-day activities of the local government. In February 2024, Brent Sheets joined us from Fritch, Texas and served through September 7, 2024. As of October 1st, Stephen McDonald, our current Town Zoning Administrator was appointed Interim Town Administrator for a term of 3 months at 23 hours a week. We'd like to thank Stephen for stepping up to help Hyde Park while still holding on to his Zoning Administrator role as well.

Over the course of the year, the Town Administrator Role signed a kennel lease agreement with Lamoille Kennels and signed on three other towns to sublease kennel space in accordance with V.S.A. 20 § 3381 that requires each town to maintain as many good and sufficient pounds as it may need for the impounding of animals liable to be impounded.

With the use of ARPA funds, a renovation of the previously held Village side of the Town Offices was constructed in the summer that created two offices for the use of the Town Administrator and Finance Director. A regular line of communication was established with the Village General Manager and Town Administrator collaborating on numerous projects within the Village limits.

There was a FEMA Flood Buyout of the property located at 5169 VT 100C. The property was purchased and demolished in 2024 with the intention of using this as an upcoming green space for the Village of North Hyde Park and future space for one of the new NHP Welcome Signs.

The Town of Hyde Park is currently searching for a qualified candidate to fill the position of Town Administrator for 35 hours a week. Our hope is that this new applicant will have the time and responsibility to focus on long-term community needs: Collaboration of all budgeting and operations of all town departments, seeking grants to supplement property tax revenues and recommending proactive measures to address potentially difficult or costly situations relative to town policy, seeking professional services when appropriate and partnering with other towns and agencies.

Town staff and committee members welcome new ideas or suggestions for improvements to existing community services. Public comments are encouraged on any topic at any time. Meeting agendas and notices are posted on area bulletin boards (municipal office, Hyde Park Post Office, and town library) and the town website (www.hydeparkvt.com), with public hearings warned in The News and Citizen. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to offer support in any of these areas, please contact a Selectboard member or attend a Selectboard meeting (the first few minutes of each meeting are open for public comment).

If you'd like to read the 2024 TA reports or view the current grants watch list please visit the Town Administrator page of our website at: https://hydeparkvt.com/department/town_administrator.php

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

The Town Clerk's Office assists residents to license their dogs, apply for a civil marriage license, register to vote, renew DMV registrations, obtain hunting and fishing licenses, pay property taxes, apply for a Green Mountain Passport, obtain Notary Public services, posting of private land and obtain certified copies of Birth, Death and Marriage certificates. We also work with the Vermont Department of Liquor Control to issue liquor licenses. Our office is generally the first stop when people have questions about something in town and they aren't quite sure where to start.

Our vaults contain all the Town's Birth, Death and Marriage records, surveys and meeting minutes dating back to the late 1700's. Vermont's land records are stored at the town level so recording, storage and restoration of the land records are the responsibility of the Town Clerk's Office. Hyde Park's land records have seen a progression from hand-written recorded documents to digital recording.

The calendar year 2024 was extremely busy for elections. Our office managed five elections this year. All elections require registering new voters, managing absentee ballot requests, staffing the polls with election staff, and having enough people in place to count ballots after the polls close. Each election requires approximately 4-6 weeks of pre-election work and approximately 3-5 days of post-election work. Although we take great pride in our efforts to efficiently manage all elections, we would not be able to do it without the people who volunteer to assist us during elections. To those election workers, we offer a heart-felt thank you for your assistance.

This year, all town officers and the school district board members from Hyde Park will be voted by nomination from the floor at the Annual Town Meeting. A petition error from 30+ years ago was found during some research for a warning article for the March 2025 Town Meeting. I worked with the Vermont League of Cities & Towns, the VT Secretary of State's office and the town attorney to figure out how to move forward with this Town Meeting. The Secretary of State's office and one of the staff members in the Election Division found a way to resolve the issue. The issue was resolved at the December 9, 2024 Selectboard meeting, and the result is that all officers will be voted from the floor this year. There will be an article on the town meeting warning asking voters if officers can be voted by Australian ballot in future years. As a reminder, electing Hyde Park officers and public questions on the town meeting warning can only be voted in person at the Annual Town Meeting floor meeting. The only item that will be on the Hyde Park Australian ballot this year is the Fire Department bond question. There will still be Australian ballots for the Lamoille North School District budgets.

Registering to vote is easy in Vermont! Your voter registration can be processed as part of a transaction at the Department of Motor Vehicles, or you can register to vote online on the My Voter Page from the comfort of your home. If you are already registered to vote in Hyde Park, you can make changes by using the My Voter Page:

- Check registration status.
- View information on upcoming elections.
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours.
- View a sample ballot.
- Request and track an absentee ballot and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.
Registered Voters can log in at: https://mvp.vermont.gov
Online registration can be found at: https://olvr.vermont.gov

In the back of the town report are sample ballots that you will be voting on Town Meeting Day. The school budgets, information regarding the budgets and information regarding their Annual Meeting are provided in the school district annual report, which is available around town, including the Town Clerk's office. Supplies will be limited.

The Town Clerk's winter Office hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. Our summer hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 4:00pm and Friday 8am to 1pm. We are also closed all Mondays ***prior to all elections*** and the Town Clerk's office is ***closed on election days*** so that we can devote our full attention to managing the election process. Our winter and summer hours have worked well, and we will continue to use these summer hours every year. The office is open for vault research, but we ask that people make an appointment to do so. We can only accommodate two people at a time as we have two research computers available.

Please notify us of any changes, including address changes or name changes, so that you may receive timely correspondence. Please visit our website www.hydeparkvt.com to find out about all the municipal services that are offered. The Town Clerk's Office utilizes the town website, Front Porch Forum, the News & Citizen and Facebook to notify residents of tax due dates, dog licensing dates, office closing dates and any other important news and updates. As always, please do not hesitate to call us with questions at (802)888-2300.

As Treasurer, I'd like to remind homeowners that the Homestead Declaration form, the HS-122, should be filed annually with your income taxes. *If you aren't required to file income taxes, you should still file the HS-122 form.* This form is the State of Vermont's way to determine if you qualify for a state payment towards your property taxes. Here is the link to the State of Vermont Department of Taxes website for all things Homestead Declaration related: https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration. The deadline to file is the same deadline as the Vermont Income Tax filing deadline annually.

I obtained quotes for investment options and worked with the Finance Director to come up with an investment proposal to present to the Selectboard for approval. Our investments over the last few years have brought in significant interest income for the multiple funds within our budget.

As Treasurer, some of my responsibilities are to review all Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants prior to submission to the Selectboard, review bank account reconciliations, book all incoming revenue including collecting property taxes. I also assist the Finance Director with annual audits, annual budgets, and day-to-day finance task that each of us may have.

Completed audits are on the Finance Department page of the town website: www.hydeparkvt.com.

Our Town Report continues to be published by Repro out of Winooski. They continue to give us the best pricing for our Town Report publication year after year. Their customer service is top notch, and we greatly appreciate their responsiveness in assisting us during the process of getting our report ready for publishing. I'd also like to thank Teresa Farquharson and Jim Noyes for their time helping to proofread our town report pages before they go to print. It's always so helpful to have multiple sets of eyes reviewing the reports for errors before publication. We all do our best to catch those errors.

Thank you!

Kimberly J. Moulton, CMC, CVC, CVT
Town Clerk and Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE STATISTICS

LAND RECORDS (Calendar Year 2024)**:**

Total documents & document pages processed as Land Records: 492 docs / 1886 pages
Total number of Property Transfer Tax forms filed: 132
Total number of survey maps recorded: 6

Green Mountain Passports Issued: 20
Dogs Licenses Issued: 442
DMV Registration Renewals: 61
Fish & Game Licenses Issued: 14
(Lifetime Licenses included)
Overweight Permits Issued: 62
Liquor Licenses Issued: 3
Total Tax Bills Issued: 1517

Notary Services: 126

VITAL STATISTICS
Total Births: 22
Total Deaths: 31
Total Civil Marriages: 29
Certified Copies Issued: 158

ELECTIONS			**BALLOTS CAST**
February 19, 2024	**Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Annual Meeting**		Floor Votes
March 5, 2024	**Annual Town Meeting and Presidential Primary**		
	Registered Voters:	2,266	
	Annual Town Meeting:		81 (floor votes) 570 (polls)
	Town Meeting Absentee Ballots:	127	
	Presidential Primary (PP) Ballots:		568
	PP Absentee Ballots Requested:	129	
April 16, 2024	**Special Budget Vote Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District**		
	Registered Voters:	2,275	
	Ballots Cast:		279
	Absentee Ballots Requested:	6	
May 21, 2024	**Special Budget Vote Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District**		
	Registered Voters:	2,278	
	Ballots Cast:		508
	Absentee Ballots Requested:	151	
August 13, 2024	**Statewide Primary**		
	Registered Voters:	2,306	
	Ballots Cast:		333
	Absentee Ballots Requested:	106	
November 5, 2024	**General Election**		
	Registered Voters:	2,376	
	Ballots Cast:		1,816
	Absentee Ballots Requested:	1,189	

New Registered Voters in 2024: 234
Challenged Voters in 2024: 18

Purged Voters in 2024: 37
Transferred Voters 2024: 119

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Notes Payable	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Equipment Note Excavator 5-yr 1.59% 12/1/2026	$ 200,000.00	$ -	$ 39,309.34	$ 121,864.07	$ 39,979.69
Equipment Note NHP/Eden Fire 5-yr 0.00% 12/31/27	$ 110,000.00	$ -	$ 22,000.00	$ 88,000.00	$ 22,000.00
Total Notes Payable	$ 310,000.00	$ -	$ 61,309.34	$ 209,864.07	$ 61,979.69

DELINQUENT TAXES

As of December 31, 2024

2022 / 2023 Tax Year		
Bishop, Chelsea	$815.33	
Chamberlin, Kim & Shuma, Stephanie	$2,447.46	
TOTAL	**$3,262.79**	

2023 / 2024 Tax Year		
Barup, Lindsay A & Judkins, Terry L	$1,280.50	
Bishop, Chelsea	$2,839.57	
Caldwell, James	$354.96	
Chamberlin, Kim & Shuma, Stephanie	$2,299.38	
Darling, Ken, Gary & Lars	$3,034.62	
Demar, Lawrence Jr.	$238.01	
Downstreet Housing	$1,782.92	
Goodell, Joshua D.	$1,219.05	*
Hill, Shannon & Tiffany	$1,904.14	*
JV Customs LLC	$4,123.65	
Leaker, Hope K	$1,200.48	
Miller, Justin E	$824.80	*
Piangerelly, Donald & Matthew D.	$270.24	
Pratt, Charles, Foss-Pratt, Jean & Pratt, Kylie	$393.39	
Pratt, Charles, Foss-Pratt, Jean & Pratt, Kylie	$1,002.93	
Spitzer, Michael & Crystal	$2,159.86	
Stacy, Laura	$2,999.48	
TOTAL	**$27,927.98**	
* Payment Agreement on File		

Payments may have been applied to accounts after December 31, 2024.

The *Delinquent Tax Collection Policy* was jointly approved by the Selectboard and the Delinquent Tax Collector in August 2023. There were changes in tax sale laws in July 2024 which will require the policy to be revised. I am currently working with the town attorney on this. This policy will continue to include offering a written payment agreement between the Delinquent Tax Collector and the delinquent taxpayer to avoid tax sales. Written payment agreements must be on file within 30 days of receipt of the Delinquent Tax Notices sent out by the Delinquent Tax Collector. Once a property is sent to the Tax Sale Attorney, the payment agreement option is no longer available.

There was no tax sale held in 2024.

You can view a copy of the current *Delinquent Tax Collection Policy* and the *Delinquent Property Tax Agreement* form on the town website (drop down menu at the bottom of the page). https://www.hydeparkvt.com/department/town_treasurer.php#outer-22 .

Please feel free to contact me at (802)888-2300 OPTION 8 or by email kim@hydeparkvt.com with any tax questions.

Kimberly J. Moulton
Delinquent Tax Collector

FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Finance Director is supervised by the Selectboard, and primary job responsibilities include employee benefits, payroll, accounts payable, reconciliations, budget overview, and assisting in the Town's audits.

I was promoted to Finance Director from my formal title of Finance and Administrative Manager in April of 2024 after 2 years of service. This change was brought about by realizing the potential worth of having a 40-hour work week from the former 32-hour week. This gave more time to focus on the future possibilities of growth and financial planning as well as fill in as needed to accomplish town business. I was given a new space in our Town Office this summer and am extremely appreciative of the opportunity to serve the Town of Hyde Park.

Some accomplishments for the Finance Office in 2024 include launching a new website in September through a contract with Revize website design, incorporating cemetery finances into town finances and tracking and reporting of ARPA Funds expenditures and obligations for the deadline of December 31, 2024. Recommendations of T-bill investments brought a total of $31,257 in extra revenues in FY24. Financing for our New Fire Truck was approved through a Municipal Equipment Loan Fund of $110,000 and a VT Bond Bank application for $325,000 was submitted in December with loan approval pending.

Audit catch up is nearly complete! FY22 was completed in May by RHR Smith and Company, our newly signed audit firm. They are working on finalizing FY23 and FY24 audits with a single audit for FY2024. Hoping to be caught up by the end of FY25 and be back on track.

This year we approached the budget process differently with the creation of the Budget Advisory Committee, or BAC. It consists of Kim Moulton- Town Clerk & Treasurer, Ron Rodjenski -Stone Shore Municipal Consultant, Steve McDonald -Interim Town Administrator, Chasity Fagnant – Selectboard Chair, and myself. The BAC met with individual departments and committee members to hear their budget proposals. Proposals were distributed to the Selectboard through a memo and discussed at regular selectboard meetings.

Quarterly Reports are presented to the Selectboard and posted to the Town's Finance page by the fourth Tuesday of the month following a quarter close. A memo to the Selectboard is presented that highlights areas of growth or of concern and statements to explain certain events or purchases that impact the budget in an unexpected way. Monthly budget status reports are posted to the finance page by the 15th of each month after bank reconciliations.

Town Warrants, Budget Status Reports, Quarterly Financials, and Audit Reports are posted to the finance page of our website: https://hydeparkvt.com/department/finance.php

If you have questions or concerns, you can reach out to me by email at: finance@hydeparkvt.com.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Tricou- Finance Director

2024 HYDE PARK LISTERS AND ASSESSOR TOWN REPORT

Common Level of Appraisal & Coefficient of Dispersion (CLA & COD)

The Town's 2024 CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is 58.15% compared to 64.93% in 2023. The CLA is calculated using the last three years of sales data. The three-year analysis causes the CLA to move more slowly than the general market, either upward or downward. The SA (Statewide Adjustment) for 2024 is 72.36%. The Town's SA applied to Tax Rates for 2024 is 80.36%. The Town's 2024 COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) is 27.38% compared to 27.47% in 2023, showing that uniformity of appraisal for different property types in the grand list slightly improved. The higher the COD is, the greater the disparity. Exceeding 20% COD will result in a State Order to reappraise (Townwide Reappraisal). The Town of Hyde Park has contracted with NEMRC to perform a Townwide Reappraisal starting in July 2026 for the 2028 Grand List.

Grand List

The Total Municipal Grand List for 2024 is $2,921,651.00. The Total Municipal Grand List for 2023 was $2,868,362.00. The Total Municipal Grand List increased by .0186% (approximately 1.86%).

Homestead Declarations (Form HS-122)

Homestead Declarations MUST be filed ANNUALLY. The Homestead Declarations must be filed by town residents who own property and reside in the Town of Hyde Park as their primary residence. Town of Hyde Park Residents file online from the Vermont Tax Department website at www.tax.vermont.gov. The Property Tax Adjustment Claims will also need to be filed each year, just as in the past. **The Homestead Declarations and Property Tax Adjustment Claims are due by April 15th each year with your income tax returns and you still MUST file even if you do not file taxes**. If you miss the due date, you will be able to file your claim by October 15th, with a potential penalty charged for filing late.

Short Term Rentals (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.) are considered a Rental Use of your property and must be declared on your Homestead Declaration.

- If the short-term rental is in an outbuilding, this building is not part of the homestead. Check the "Business or Rental Use of Improvements or Other Dwellings" on the Homestead Declaration form. See 32 VSA §5401 (7)(F) and 32 VSA §5401 (7) (H) for further information.
- For portions of the primary dwelling, a percentage business use is required. Add the square footage of the bedrooms and bathrooms used plus the square footage of the common areas such as the kitchen to create the breakfast, living room and dining room if it is used by guests. Divide this by the square footage of the primary dwelling and multiply this quotient by the quotient of days the short-term rental is advertised available (if it is seasonal) divided by 365 days. Put this percentage on the "Rental Use of Dwelling" line.
- Notice: It does not matter whether the rooms are filled. It goes by advertised availability time. If it is available year-round the calculation is 365/365 per year. If it is advertised available for June, July, and August the calculation is 92/365 per year. Please contact your Tax Preparer or the Vermont Department of Taxes for clarification or more information.

Online Resources

Hyde Park Town Website
Website: https://hydeparkvt.com/

State of Vermont Department of Taxes
Website: www.tax.vermont.gov

Property Valuation & Review Annual Reports
Website: www.tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/pvr-annual-reports

These reports provide statewide statistics broken down by county and town covering assessments, tax rates, property transfers, & adjustment claims. They also contain information on how statistics are computed.

Tax Maps

The Town Listers and Assessor are working together to update the Town Parcel Maps from 2021. CAI Technologies continues to provide our tax maps and they are now available online. They can be accessed from the Town website at https://hydeparkvt.com/. Click on the Parcel Maps link on the home page. Paper maps are still available at the Town Office.

Property Inspections

The Town Listers and Assessor will be performing property inspections on March 27, April 3, and April 10, 2025, for the 2025 Grand List. Property inspections are performed based on the information received through Municipal Permits, Village Permits, State Wastewater Permits, Highway Access Permits, Land Use Permits, information reported to the Town Listers by Municipal Officials and Property Owners, changes noted visible via public highway, web-based imaging, and changes per MLS information that is allowable according to PVR's advisement. Appointments for property inspections are not required unless an interior inspection is needed. Property owners with no trespassing signs may be contacted directly by the Listers Office through USPS or other contact information on file. Changes may be made to the property assessment per the information available and valued at highest and best use if no response is received. Please note: Property inspections are performed to obtain an accurate, defensible, and equitable Grand List for the Town of Hyde Park.

Office Hours, Contact Information & Grievances

The Town of Hyde Park has elected Deanna Judkins, Leslie Rollins, and Krista Jones as the Town Listers in 2024. Leslie Rollins 3-year term expires in 2025, Deanna Judkins 3-year term expires in 2026 and Krista Jones 3-year term expires in 2027. The Town of Hyde Park has also hired Justin Mason, VPA I, as the Municipal Assessor through the recently established Interlocal Agreement for Assessor Services as of 2023 with the Towns of Johnson, St. George, Berkshire, and Sheldon. The Municipal Assessor reports any changes and hearing requests to the Town Listers for their opinion and approval prior to finalizing and adjusting the Grand List. Justin Mason is available for questions by calling the town office during the Lister/Assessor Office Hours at (802) 888-2300 x303 or by email at assessor@hydeparkvt.com. The Assessor/Listers Office Hours are Thursdays 8:00am – 10:00am and by appointment. Please note: Change of Appraisal Hearings are held in June for the completion of the initial Grand List as of April 1, 2025.

All those requesting a grievance must complete an Application for Grievance form (created by the state), allowing the Municipal Assessor and Board of Listers to 'hear' the grievances. You may request a Change of Appraisal Hearing by contacting the Municipal Assessor and Listers at the Town Office for a grievance form. The formal form must be received by the deadline indicated on the Change of Appraisal Notices. Notice of Change of Appraisal Hearings will be posted at the 5 physical posting locations and advertised in the Town of Hyde Parks selected newspaper and posted on the Town of Hyde Park Website.

Sincerely,
Deanna Judkins, Leslie Rollins, and Krista Jones, Town Listers – Available by appointment
Justin Mason, Municipal Assessor, VPA I – Available Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am and by appointment

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. Public input is welcome. The Commission is comprised of the following:

Brian Jones
Bob Malbon
Richard Pearson
Chris Peel
Leslie Rollins, Vice Chair
Valerie Valcour
Eric Williams, Chair

The Planning Commission continued its consideration of proposed Amendments to the Land Use and Development Regulations in 2024. The Lamoille County Planning Commission staff worked closely with the Town Planning Commission and town staff during the extensive process. The Commission approved a variety of proposed amendments for consideration and potential implementation by the Town Selectboard. A Public Hearing was held to solicit public comments. The amendments include modifying the districts within North Hyde Park Village. Dimensional standards as well as permitted and conditional uses were amended relative to the needs and development patterns of various neighborhoods. At the request of the Hyde Park Energy Committee, electric vehicle charging stations are proposed to be a conditional use in all zoning districts, subject to site specific review by the Design Review Board. Revisions to standards in the VFW Business Park District are recommended to enable more diversity of commercial uses, with appropriate conditional use review. The revisions also incorporate the provisions of the Vermont HOME Act of 2023, Act 47 (S.100), which enables new opportunities for housing development. Modifications to accessory dwelling unit regulations are also proposed.

The Commission has also undertaken the update of the Municipal Plan, which is required every eight years. Lamoille County Planning Commission staff has worked closely with the Commission and town staff during this process. The Village of Hyde Park has also participated in this collaborative process, including attending the monthly meetings. Chapters revised during 2024 include Community Profile, Public Services and Community Facilities, Energy and Utilities, Economic Development, Transportation, Housing, and Natural Resources. New this year is a Health and Wellness chapter. The extensive review of appropriate updates to the Municipal Plan will be continued in 2025.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets as needed to consider applications for Conditional Use Review, Subdivision Review, Site Plan Review, Waivers, and Administrative Decision Appeals. The DRB follows rules and procedures set forth in Vermont Statutes and the Town of Hyde Park, Vermont Land Use and Development Regulations, Effective June 15, 2022.

Notices of DRB Hearings are posted on the Town of Hyde Park Website (www.hydeparkvt.com), the Town Clerk's Office, the Hyde Park Post Office bulletin board, and published in the News & Citizen.

The following applications were approved by the DRB in Calendar Year 2024:

Gopher Broke-Ferry Garfield Road-2 Lot Subdivision
Morrisville Sand Gravel-Garfield Road-One Time Waiver for Berm Removal
H.A. Manosh, Inc.-Garfield Road-Building Permit for Non-Conforming Lot

During 2024, Stephen McDonald, Hyde Park's Zoning Administrator, addressed approximately one dozen zoning violations.

The Zoning Administrator has 30 days to approve, deny, or refer the permit to the DRB, with most decisions rendered in about a week. Permits are NOT issued while you wait.

Zoning Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Stephen can be contacted by email at: stephen@hydeparkvt.com or by phone at: 802-888-2300 X302.

The Town of Hyde Park 2024 approved permits consist of the following:

9-Single Family Residences (including 3 mobile homes)
8-Additions to Existing Structures
7-Detached Structures Including Sheds, Barns, and Garages
3-Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
3-Change of Use
2-Subdivisions
8- Town Fill
4-Access Permits

Please note that the Village of Hyde Park and the Town of Hyde Park have separate Zoning.

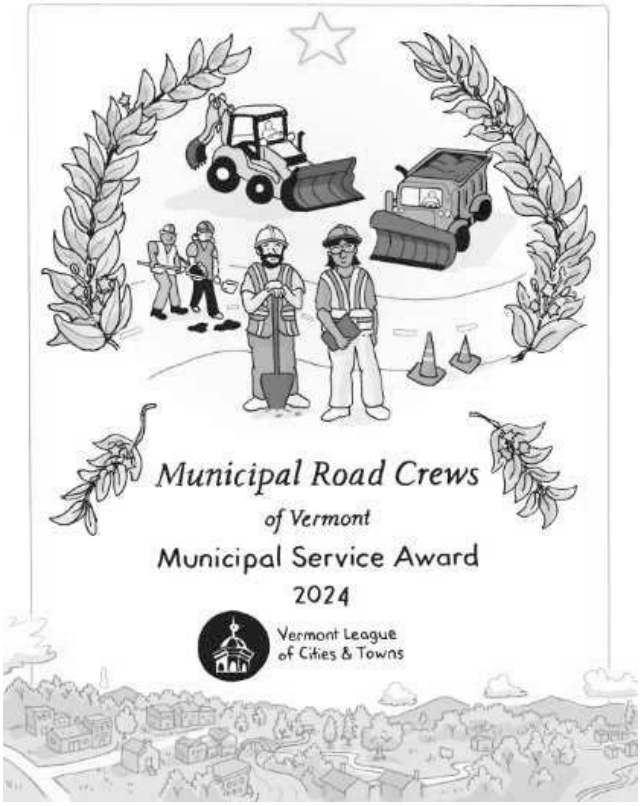
Respectfully submitted,
Malcom Teale, DRB Chair
Stephen McDonald, Zoning Administrator

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Hyde Park Highway Department performed the following work in 2024:

- Fixed spring mud holes and cleared winter sand left along Town Highways
- Reshaped Town Highways
- Applied chloride for dust/erosion control
- Rebuilt the Town's Winter Sand Pile
- Resurfaced multiple roads with crushed gravel
- Crushed 10,000 yards of gravel
- Performed ledge removal on Manning Road, Garfield Road, Tenney Hill Road, and Collins Pond Road
- Replaced 33 culverts on Town Highways
- Performed ditching and debermed on multiple spots throughout Hyde Park
- Performed Roadside Brush Removal
- Paved Centerville Road and a section of North Hyde Park Road
- Added Road Shoulders to Paving Projects
- Completed two Land Slide Projects

Thank You! … to the residents for your nice words and compliments as we try our best to keep the roads cleared of snow & ice and summer traveling smooth, and to Vermont League of Cities and Towns.



For Town Highway needs and assistance, please contact:
Mark French – Hyde Park Town Road Commissioner and Foreman
(802)-888-4625 – Town Highway Department
(802)-888-3502 – Lamoille County Sheriff's Department (after hour issues)
mark@hydeparkvt.com / highway@hydeparkvt.com

Respectfully yours,
Mark French, Foreman; Ryan Nolan, Lead Operator, and operators, Michael Griggs, Jasson Wells & Jeff Baker

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT	7/1/23-6/30/24 PRIOR YEAR		7/1/24-6/30/25 CURRENT	7/1/25-6/30/26 PROPOSED
BUDGET				
REVENUES:	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Budget**	**Budget**
Municipal Assessments:				
Belvidere	3,887	3,887	4,420	4,730
Cambridge	56,349	56,349	57,218	63,747
Eden	14,543	14,543	15,492	17,938
Elmore	18,930	18,930	20,844	22,431
Hyde Park	33,181	33,181	35,807	39,029
Johnson	23,985	23,985	26,559	27,588
Morristown	84,798	84,798	87,536	92,035
Stowe	317,774	317,774	344,446	389,073
Waterville	7,161	7,161	7,046	7,629
Wolcott	16,776	16,776	16,856	19,441
Total Municipal Assessments:	**577,384**	**577,384**	**616,224**	**683,641**
Other Income:				
Small Claims Court	3,835	8,000	6,000	5,000
Interest Income	1,372	3,000	5,500	2,500
Probate Fees	4,028	3,000	3,500	4,200
Miscellaneous	163	0	0	0
State of VT Co-Share Building	106,161	117,503	110,352	131,649
Reserve Funds Applied		0	30,000	15,000
Surplus Applied		22,287	23,001	0
Total Other Income:	**115,558**	**153,790**	**178,353**	**158,349**
TOTAL REVENUES:	**692,942**	**731,174**	**794,577**	**841,990**
EXPENDITURES:				
COURT	**458,167**	**472,644**	**504,577**	**540,447**
PROBATE	**125**	**2,000**	**2,000**	**2,000**
SHERIFF'S DEPT.	**265,348**	**256,530**	**288,000**	**299,543**
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**723,640**	**731,174**	**794,577**	**841,990**
NET REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:	**(30,698)**	**0**	**0**	**0**

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT BUDGET	7/1/23-6/30/24 PRIOR YEAR		7/1/24-6/30/25 CURRENT	7/1/25-6/30/26 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES:	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Budget**	**Budget**
Personnel:				
Maintenance	59,409	60,500	62,320	65,104
County Clerk	22,416	19,000	19,600	23,631
Asst. Judges	46,832	49,700	51,200	54,620
Asst. Judges - Bench Time	12,644	22,000	22,700	22,700
Soc/Sec and Medicare - Employer	12,370	12,676	12,935	14,880
Health & Dental Insurance	51,634	54,300	66,000	75,000
Retirement - Employer Share	6,568	3,193	3,272	3,762
Workers' Comp.	1,671	2,000	2,000	2,500
VT Dept. of Labor (SUTA)	114	250	250	150
Total Personnel:	**213,657**	**223,619**	**240,277**	**262,347**
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:				
Auditor		0	8,000	0
Legal Fees		2,000	2,000	1,000
Reimbursement from State/Partners		0	0	0
Treasurer	8,816	7,000	8,000	9,000
Total Professional Services:	**8,816**	**9,000**	**18,000**	**10,000**
BUILDING EXPENSES:				
Building Improvements	3,412	15,100	10,000	18,000
Contract Services	44,258	42,000	42,000	45,000
Electric	29,052	26,000	27,000	30,000
Heating Fuel	8,863	17,000	17,000	10,000
Water/Sewer	29,232	23,000	23,000	32,000
Water/Sewer - HP Legal Fees	6,875	4,125	0	0
Repairs - Building/Equipment	14,492	10,000	12,000	10,000
Repairs - Cooling/Heating Plant	3,467	12,000	20,000	15,000
Repairs - Elevator	4,793	5,000	5,000	5,000
Custodial Supplies	3,986	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trash	4,611	4,800	4,800	4,800
Repairs - Grounds	11,215	7,000	7,000	10,000
Precautionary Expenses (Covid-19)				
Total Building Expenses:	**164,255**	**170,025**	**171,800**	**183,800**
TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:				
Education/Training	180	2,500	1,000	2,500
Travel/Meals		500	500	1,000
Total Training & Education:	**180**	**3,000**	**1,500**	**3,500**
DUES/MEMBERSHIP				
Judges' Assoc.	1,416	1,500	1,500	1,700
Total Dues/Membership:	**1,416**	**1,500**	**1,500**	**1,700**
SUPPLIES:				
Office Supplies	3,425	2,500	3,000	2,500
Kitchen/Jury Supplies	2,492	4,000	2,500	2,500
Equipment/Furnishings	930	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Supplies:	**6,846**	**8,500**	**7,500**	**7,000**

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT BUDGET	7/1/23-6/30/24 PRIOR YEAR		7/1/24-6/30/25 CURRENT	7/1/25-6/30/26 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES (continued):	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Budget**	**Budget**
INSURANCE:				
Property /Liability	39,680			
Umbrella	6,572			
General Liability	4,282			
Public Officials Liability	11,015			
Bonds	498			
Total Insurance:	**62,047**	**55,000**	**62,000**	**70,000**
COMMUNICATIONS:				
Legal Notices	420	500	500	500
Postage	524	500	500	600
Telephone		0	0	0
Total Communications:	**944**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**1,100**
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Miscellaneous	5	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Miscellaneous:	**5**	**1,000**	**1,000**	**1,000**
TOTAL COUNTY COURT	**458,167**	**472,644**	**504,577**	**540,447**

LAMOILLE COUNTY - PROBATE BUDGET	7/1/23-6/30/24 PRIOR YEAR		7/1/24-6/30/25 CURRENT	7/1/25-6/30/26 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES:	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Budget**	**Budget**
Office Supplies	125	500	500	500
Equipment	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone	0	0	0	0
Education/Training	0	500	500	500
TOTAL PROBATE	**125**	**2,000**	**2,000**	**2,000**
TOTAL COUNTY & PROBATE COURT	**458,292**	**474,644**	**506,577**	**542,447**

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT BUDGET	7/1/23-6/30/24 PRIOR YEAR		7/1/24-6/30/25 CURRENT	7/1/25-6/30/26 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES:	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Budget**	**Budget**
PERSONNEL:				
Secretary/Bookkeeper (contract)	122,700	133,855	147,450	159,943
Total Personnel:	**122,700**	**133,855**	**147,450**	**159,943**
ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONS:				
Office Equipment	612	1,500	1,500	1,500
Telephone		550	550	500
Total Administrative/Operations:	**612**	**2,050**	**2,050**	**2,000**
TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:				
Ammunition	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,000
Education/Training	5,164	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sheriff's Uniform	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Training & Education:	**11,664**	**16,500**	**17,000**	**17,000**
INSURANCE:				
Property	11,067			
Worker's Comp	1,138			
Police Professional	22,393			
Public Official	1,185			
Bonds	166			
Total Insurance:	**35,948**	**31,000**	**35,000**	**39,200**
BUILDING EXPENSES:				
Building Repairs & Improvements	20,926	17,000	10,000	23,000
LCSD Building Special Project	18,645		25,000	
Alarm Monitoring Courthouse		300	300	300
Cleaning	12,603	14,100	14,100	14,000
Supplies Custodial	1,538	1,600	1,600	1,600
Electricity	4,458	7,000	7,500	9,000
Heating & Fuel	3,718	5,000	5,000	5,000
Water & Sewer	25,660	20,000	20,000	25,000
Water/Sewer HP Legal Fees	6,875	4,125	0	0
Heating Plant		1,500	1,500	1,500
Generator Maintenance		2,500	1,500	2,000
Precautionary Expenses (Covid-19)		0	0	
Total Repairs & Maintenance:	**94,423**	**73,125**	**86,500**	**81,400**
TOTAL SHERIFF'S EXPENSES:	**265,348**	**256,530**	**288,000**	**299,543**

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
2024 Annual Report

The Lamoille County Communication's Center received 14,972 E911 calls this past year. We dispatched 34,758 fire, EMS and police calls, which are itemized as follows:

Fire Agency	Total Calls	Ambulance Agency	Total Calls	Police Agency	Total Calls
Barre Town	261	Barre Town	4873	Barre Town	5281
Cambridge	199	Cambridge	523	Hardwick PD	2581
Elmore	43	Hardwick	823	LCSD	6382
Greensboro	41	Morristown	915	Morristown PD*	5211
Hardwick	104	NEMS	1572	Stowe PD	4004
Hyde Park	79	Stowe	855		
Johnson	101				
Morrisville	252	Stowe Mountain Rescue	46		
North Hyde Park/Eden	62				
Stowe	506				
Wolcott	44				
Total	**1692**	**Total**	**9607**	**Total**	**23459**

* Total number of calls dispatched by LCSD & department's own part-time dispatch.

In 2024, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department has prominently adapted to the current pattern of offenses found throughout our communities. An increase in staffing has allowed deputies to significantly increase our directed patrols on roadways and in neighborhoods where quality of life issues and vehicle safety concerns have arisen.

Technology in global electronic communications has been rapidly evolving, which has unfortunately also brought a new form of criminal element to our rural communities, Cybercrime. Our investigations into digital and telephonic financial fraud cases has significantly increased along with the advancements in technology. Our Investigators have prevented many residents from being victimized, and losing tens of thousands of dollars during these heinous acts of fraud.

Drug trafficking from out of state urban areas is still a consistent problem in Northern Vermont. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department works hand and hand with our partners in federal law enforcement which has resulted in many high profile arrests and seizures over the past few years. The disruption of the local illicit drug trade has resulted in a noticeably lower volume of property crimes and overdoses within our communities in 2024.

The past year has allowed for more Deputies to attend specialized training for the ability to provide more comprehensive law enforcement services. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department strives to increase the quality of life in our communities.

Nature of Call	Johnson	Hyde Park	Wolcott
Traffic Accident	78	82	38
Burglary	4	1	2
Citizen Dispute/ Family Fight/ Domestic	67	62	21
DUI/ DLS	16	15	7
Motor Vehicle Complaint	114	109	43
Noise Disturbance	22	6	1
Sex Offense, Inc., Investigations	4	8	0
Drug Investigations	6	5	0
Theft	29	22	9
Traffic Tickets	209 Fine Amount $37,642	252 Fine Amount $47,145	114 Fine Amount $19,134

Respectfully, Roger M. Marcoux Jr., Lamoille County Sheriff

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Patrol Budget
July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

	Budget 21-22	Budget 22-23	Budget 23-24	Budget 24-25	Budget 25-26	Percentage Increase	Assessment Increase	
OPERATING BUDGET								
SALARIES	$ 771,252	$ 810,117	$ 793,123	$ 745,027	$ 776,988	4.29%		
OVERTIME				$ 60,860	$ 63,963	5.10%		
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	$ 59,000	$ 61,974	$ 60,177	$ 61,650	$ 64,333	4.35%		
UNEMPLOYMENT	$ 4,600	$ 5,400	$ 5,900	$ 5,000	$ 3,500	-30.00%		
HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT	$ 151,432	$ 149,820	$ 135,968	$ 152,789	$ 217,000	42.03%		
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	$ 55,000	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 55,000	$ 50,000	-9.09%		
RETIREMENT	$ 90,552	$ 137,498	$ 123,862	$ 128,618	$ 130,998	1.85%		
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	$ 5,300	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 12,000	20.00%		
UNIFORMS	$ 8,500	$ 12,000	$ 10,000	$ 12,000	$ 10,000	-16.67%		
TRAINING/EDUCATION	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	0.00%		
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	$ 25,000	$ 18,000	$ 20,000	$ 30,000	$ 20,000	-33.33%		
INSURANCE - LIABILITY / UMBRELLA	$ 3,750	$ 3,750	$ 5,000	$ 32,000	$ 32,500	1.56%		
AUTO INSURANCE	$ 18,500	$ 25,000	$ 25,000					
GAS EXPENSE	$ 31,000	$ 20,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	0.00%		
PATROL EQUIPMENT	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	0.00%		
MISCELLANEOUS	$ 9,000	$ 9,800	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	0.00%		
TELEPHONE/DATA LINE	$ 6,000	$ 6,500	$ 6,500	$ 13,000	$ 13,000	0.00%		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	$ 8,500	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	0.00%		
DISABILITY INSURANCE	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	0.00%		
GPS MONITORING	$ 3,250	$ 3,900	$ 3,900	$ 3,900	$ 2,000	-48.72%		
DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS					$ 13,000			
TASER AGREEMENT					$ 19,000			
CANINE			$ 6,500	$ -				
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	$ 1,284,836	$ 1,377,959	$ 1,347,130	$ 1,386,044	$ 1,504,482	8.55%		
CAPITAL BUDGET								
CRUISER	$ 40,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 70,000	0.00%		
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	$ 40,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 70,000	0.00%		
TOTAL BUDGET: FY 25-26	$ 1,324,836	$ 1,427,959	$ 1,397,130	$ 1,436,044	$ 1,574,482	9.64%		

COP'S GRANT (IF WE CAN FILL THE POSITIOI	$ 93,750	$ 93,750	$ 46,485	$ 19,390	$ -		
CREDIT FOR LARAWAY SCHOOL	$ 12,360	$ 12,500	$ 13,500	$ 13,500	$ 13,500		
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT	$ 20,600	$ 22,600	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 20,000		
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	$ 16,458	$ 16,952	$ 17,460	$ 17,984	$ 18,524		
ASSESSMENT - HYDE PARK	$ 433,242	$ 446,239	$ 468,551	$ 482,608	$ 497,086	3.000%	
ASSESSMENT - JOHNSON	$ 496,214	$ 511,100	$ 536,655	$ 552,755	$ 569,338	3.000%	
ASSESSMENT - WOLCOTT	$ 238,931	$ 246,099	$ 258,403	$ 266,155	$ 274,140	3.000%	
CONTRIBUTION FROM LCSD	$ 13,281	$ 78,719	$ 36,076	$ 63,652	$ 181,894		
ADJUSTED TOTAL	$ 1,324,836	$ 1,427,959	$ 1,397,130	$ 1,436,044	$ 1,574,482		

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Communications Assessment
For the Years FY 2025 -2026

Total Budget Assessment	One Half of Budget	Town Name	Population	Population Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	FY 25-26 Assessment	FY 24-25 Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
FY 2025 -2026				Population Portion 50% of allocation		Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation							
$ 997,443	$ 498,722	Belvidere	344	1.154%	$ 5,754	$ 608,460	0.64%	$ 3,188	$ 8,942	$ 8,858	$ 84	0.94%	0.90%
		Cambridge	3703	12.419%	$ 61,937	$ 8,201,000	8.62%	$ 42,967	$ 104,904	$ 101,531	$ 3,373	3.32%	10.52%
		Eden	1298	4.353%	$ 21,710	$ 2,307,750	2.42%	$ 12,091	$ 33,801	$ 32,323	$ 1,478	4.57%	3.39%
		Elmore	876	2.938%	$ 14,652	$ 2,885,740	3.03%	$ 15,119	$ 29,771	$ 29,227	$ 544	1.86%	2.98%
		Hyde Park	2968	9.954%	$ 49,643	$ 5,021,030	5.27%	$ 26,306	$ 75,949	$ 73,696	$ 2,253	3.06%	7.61%
		Johnson	3400	11.403%	$ 56,869	$ 3,549,170	3.73%	$ 18,595	$ 75,464	$ 74,691	$ 773	1.03%	7.57%
		Morristown	5869	19.683%	$ 98,165	$ 11,840,170	12.44%	$ 62,033	$ 160,199	$ 152,922	$ 7,277	4.76%	16.06%
		Stowe	5261	17.644%	$ 87,996	$ 50,053,940	52.58%	$ 262,244	$ 350,240	$ 330,495	$ 19,745	5.97%	35.11%
		Waterville	672	2.254%	$ 11,240	$ 981,490	1.03%	$ 5,142	$ 16,382	$ 16,178	$ 204	1.26%	1.64%
		Wolcott	1669	5.597%	$ 27,916	$ 2,501,110	2.63%	$ 13,104	$ 41,020	$ 38,630	$ 2,390	6.19%	4.11%
		Hardwick	2975	9.978%	$ 49,760	$ 3,239,760	3.40%	$ 16,974	$ 66,734	$ 63,663	$ 3,071	4.82%	6.69%
		Greensboro	782	2.623%	$ 13,080	$ 4,000,120	4.20%	$ 20,958	$ 34,037	$ 33,349	$ 688	2.06%	3.41%
			29817	100.00%	$ 498,722	$ 95,189,740	100.00%	$ 498,722	$ 997,443	$ 955,562	$ 41,881	4.38%	100%

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

Total Budget Assessment	One Half of Budget	Town Name	Population	Population Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	FY 24-25 Assessment	FY 23-24 Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
FY 2024 -2025				Population Portion 50% of allocation		Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation							
$ 955,562	$ 477,781	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%	100.00%

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Communications Budget
July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

	Budget 19-20	Budget 20-21	Budget 21-22	Budget 22-23	Budget 23-24	Budget 24-25	Budget 25-26	Percentage Increase
COMMUNICATIONS SALARY	$ 811,711	$ 761,732	$ 727,797	$ 727,255	$ 788,467	$ 768,066	$ 839,643	9.32%
OVERTIME - additional hours						$ 20,000	$ 20,000	0.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	$ 60,183	$ 58,360	$ 55,679	$ 56,644	$ 58,405	$ 58,364	$ 62,320	6.78%
UNEMPLOYMENT	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 2,500	-28.57%
HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE	$ 131,757	$ 135,487	$ 123,520	$ 136,847	$ 164,678	$ 174,698	$ 201,666	15.44%
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	$ 9,500	$ 9,000	$ 10,500	$ 10,500	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ 10,000	-33.33%
RETIREMENT	$ 82,132	$ 76,753	$ 85,161	$ 121,637	$ 125,826	$ 129,233	$ 134,382	3.98%
EQUIPMENT	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	0.00%
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	$ 500	$ 500	$ 650	$ 800	$ 800	$ 800	$ 750	-6.25%
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	$ 4,500	$ 8,500	$ 8,500	$ 8,500	$ 8,500	$ 8,500	$ 8,000	-5.88%
INSURANCE	$ 5,500	$ 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	$ 1,500	-40.00%
ELECTRICITY & FUEL	$ 10,500	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 5,000	$ 6,000	$ 8,500	41.67%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	$ 8,000	$ 25,000	$ 19,000	$ 17,500	$ 17,500	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	0.00%
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	$ 4,400	$ 4,400	$ 5,500	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	0.00%
TRAINING/EDUCATION	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,800	20.00%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	$ 25,500	$ 35,000	$ 25,500	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	0.00%
TELEPHONE	$ 6,550	$ 12,300	$ 6,000	$ 7,700	$ 6,000	$ 6,500	$ 7,000	7.69%
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	$ 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	$ 30,000	0.00%
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 2,600	$ 4,500	$ 3,000	$ 2,500	-16.67%
	$ -	$ -						
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	$ 21,999	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 20,000	$ 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	$ 1,405,561	7.90%
	$ -							
911 Revenue						$ 76,301	$ 71,488	
Town of Barre Revenue						$ 270,798	$ 281,630	
carry over -vacancy savings							$ 40,000	
Capital savings '23-'24							$ 15,000	
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	$ 997,443	4.38%

HYDE PARK TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
212 Centerville Road
Hyde Park, VT 05655

For the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the Hyde Park Town Fire Department responded to 88 calls for service as compared to 78 calls the prior year. The calls were as follows:

Structure Fires	4	Automatic Alarms	25
Chimney fire	2	Hazardous Materials	2
Vehicle Fires	1	Motor Vehicle Accident	12
Other Types	16	Mutual Aid	15
Medical Assistance	4	Co Alarms	6

This year, the Fire Department is asking the voters to approve a $650,000 bond to put an addition on the fire station. It is to add sixteen feet on the back with a handicap bathroom and shower. The shower is so the members can take a shower after a call so they don't bring all the bad chemicals home to their families. There will also be an emergency shelter for people to go to, if need be, during a disaster. There have been no upgrades to the station since it was built, and we are running out of room. There will be an informational meeting held at the fire station on 212 Centerville Road February 19, 2025 at 6:30pm. I encourage people to attend this meeting with questions or concerns. If you cannot attend, feel free to reach out to chief Ryan Nolan at (802)279-6955 or at hptownfd@hydeparkvt.com.

Remember that properly installed smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms save lives. Please remember to check the dates on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms and replace them according to the manufacturer's specifications. Many of the false alarms we respond to are a result of an outdated detector. Also, remember to change your detector's batteries. This is another cause of false alarms that we respond to. If your alarm goes off, call 911 to report it immediately and exit the building before the fire department arrives. Carbon monoxide is a very poisonous, odorless, colorless gas which kills.

Like all departments in the area, we are experiencing a shortage of membership, and we continue to look for new members. If you are interested in protecting our community, please contact any officer or member for more information about joining.

The department members would like to thank the taxpayers of the community for your continued support of the department.

Stay safe,
Chief Ryan Nolan

HYDE PARK TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

NAME:	RANK:	YEARS OF SERVICE:
Audet, Zachery M.	Firefighter	9
Bouchard, Jared. N.	Sr. Firefighter*	9
Carriere, Alex, H.	Captain	10
Carriere, Brad, E.	Asst Chief *	30
Contois, Connor	Firefighter **	2
Cook, George, L.	Safety Officer	48
Jones, Chris, D.	Engine Lieutenant	16
Hill, Robert W.	Sr. Firefighter *	7
Lamos, Allen	Chaplain	3
Mayhew, Chris, A.	Firefighter *	37
Nolan, Ryan, D.	Chief Engineer *	33
Patnoe, Tanika, L.	Firefighter	6
Powers, Dylan, S.	Sr. Firefighter	7
Wetherell, Kaleb, M.	Captain *	11
Patrick Lacasse	Firefighter	>1
Jen Currier	Firefighter	>1

*Vermont Fire Academy Certified Firefighter 1
** Vermont Fire Academy Certified Firefighter II

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

Audet, Kevin R.	Retired Assistant Chief	30
Green, Roy “Mike”	Retired Captain	20
Webster, Edwin W. Jr.	Retired Captain	15
Larock, Jeremy W.	Retired Lieutenant	20
Boivin, Roland A.	Retired Engineer	33
Bapp, Quint L.	Retired Firefighter	33
Boivin, David, J.	Retired Firefighter	23
Burnor, Dan J. Sr.	Retired Firefighter	12
Reeve, Wallace	Retired Firefighter	9
Webster, Edwin Sr.	Retired Chief	48
Rohleder, John	Retired Lieutenant	17

HYDE PARK FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Please contact Forest Fire Warden, Ryan Nolan at (802)279-6955 Monday through Friday, 4pm to 8pm, for your Burn Permits. You will also need to contact the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department at (802)888-3502 to report your burn.

HYDE PARK FAST SQUAD

Did you ever wonder what "FAST Squad" stands for? It's the *First Aid Stabilization Team*.

The Hyde Park FAST Squad has been in service for many years and consists of volunteer members. Previously, we operated under the Hyde Park Town Fire Department. In 2009, the Hyde Park Selectboard created a stand-alone "Hyde Park FAST Squad" to complete the same duties outside of the fire department structure.

The Squad includes Emergency Medical Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians. Our service is licensed with the State of Vermont as a Basic Level Service.

Members are expected to participate in training and business meetings held each month. We encourage anyone who might be interested in joining the FAST Squad to email Brad Carriere at hpfsems1@yahoo.com or call him at (802)730-6770.

The FAST Squad is asking for $4,000.00 this year. Our service is dispatched with Northern EMS on all medical calls, motor vehicle accidents and CO alarm with the Hyde Park Town Fire Department and the North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department in the Town of Hyde Park.
We are always looking for new members to join the Fast Squad.

Hyde Park Fast Squad Members

Chief Brad Carriere NREMT	27 Years of service
ASST. Chief George Cook EMT	27 Years of service
Dorothy Cook EMT	27 Years of service
Michael Riddle NREMT	5 Years of service
Desieree Barrows NRAEM	1 Year of Service
Chelsea Emerson	New member

Proposed Budget for 7/1/25- 6/30/26

Supplies	$ 500.00
Radio Maintenance	$1,000.00
Payroll	$1,500.00
Total	$3,000.00

NORTH HYDE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department responded to **62** calls in 2024

	Hyde Park	Eden
Fire / CO alarm	14	3
Lift Assist	1	0
Car Accident	10	16
Chimney Fire	3	1
Structure Fires	3	1
Brush Fire	1	0
Vehicle Fire	1	1
Good Intent	0	1
Hazmat Situation	1	1
ATV accident	0	1
Lost or injured hiker	0	2
Mutual Aid to the County	1	



2024 Ford F 550 Alexis Mini Pumper

NHPE Fire Department and its members would like to express gratitude and appreciation to Captain Scott Audet and his family for his 35 years of service to the towns of North Hyde Park, Eden and the surrounding communities. Scott retired on the day he joined the department in his 35th year. Captain Audet spent many nights, holidays and weekends at the fire station away from his family for calls, trainings, fund raisers, meetings, and performing general maintenance. If you see him or his family around, please make sure to thank them.

The North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department thanks both Town Select Boards, our Taxpayers, the Highway Departments and wrecker services for their ongoing support. The Department received the new Engine 2 in September. The Engine will serve as a great asset and make it easier to get around in some of the elements and hard to reach areas of our towns. The bathroom renovations were completed in the spring and are ready for use in the event we are asked to open as an emergency shelter. Thank you, Cole Contracting, for doing an excellent job. As a general reminder, be especially aware when flashing red and blue lights are visible and please slow down. It is our goal to gain scene control as quickly and efficiently as possible. The safety of our members as well as the community is our main priority, and your patience is greatly appreciated. The Department is actively recruiting new members, and meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Brent Lanpher

Name	Years of Service	Position/ *FF1 Certified
Brent Lanpher	33	Chief*
Marvin Whitcomb	24	Assistant Chief/Treas*
Ethan Griggs	13	Captain*
Dakota Aither	7	Captain
Vacant at this time	00	Lieutenant
Ben Collier	7	Lieutenant*
John Savage	43	Safety Officer*
Quint Bapp	26	Firefighter*
Justin Gillen	14	Firefighter*
Matthew Hill	7	Firefighter
Zack Degree	7	Firefighter
Mariah Ingalls	7	Firefighter
Rebecca Ferland	5	Firefighter
Kelley Wells	4	Firefighter/Secretary
Thorin Bingham	3	Firefighter
Matt Hill	2	Firefighter
Steven Lockwood	2	Firefighter*
Andrew Race	2	Chaplain
Mark Walker	6 Months	Firefighter
Sam Martinez	3 Months	Firefighter
Jarren Edwards	3	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
Captain	Scott Audet*



2023 Chevrolet 3500 Alexis Utility Truck



2019 HME Freightliner M2-112 1500 GPM



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

	Actual Jul 23 - Jun 24	Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24	Current Jul 24- Jun 25	Proposed Jul 25 - Jun 26
INCOME				
Operation Income-Eden	$39,525.00	$39,525.00	$42,225.00	$44,975.00
Operation Income-Hyde Park	$39,525.00	$39,525.00	$42,225.00	$44,975.00
Appartus/Fuel Tax Credit				
Insurance Rebate	$2,866.00			
Donation to Dept	$250.00			
Miscellaneous Income	$300.00			
Sale of 2013 Int'l (R1)	$13,500.00			
TOTAL INCOME	**$95,966.00**	**$79,050.00**	**$84,450.00**	**$89,950.00**
EXPENSES				
Sale of 2013 Int'l (R1)	$13,500.00			
Administration	$241.33	$300.00	$300.00	$300.00
Air Packs	$1,123.59	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$2,500.00
Apparatus Fuel	$1,291.52	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$2,500.00
Building Maintenance	$4,536.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
Capital Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Chemicals	$1,100.00	$1,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
Employee Medical Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Dues	$651.00	$800.00	$800.00	$800.00
Electricity	$1,891.35	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
Equipment	$4,034.88	$1,100.00	$1,100.00	$1,300.00
Equipment Maintenance	$766.42	$1,000.00	$1,300.00	$1,300.00
Fire Gear	$12,035.62	$10,500.00	$13,000.00	$13,000.00
Fire Prevention	$0.00	$100.00	$100.00	$100.00
Fire Station Supplies	$489.67	$300.00	$200.00	$200.00
Firefighting Supplies	$502.42	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00
Food	$257.03	$500.00	$500.00	$500.00
Generator	$148.73	$500.00	$500.00	$500.00
Heating Fuel	$4,068.67	$4,000.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
Hose/Ladder Testing	$0.00	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$2,500.00
Insurance	$15,651.00	$18,000.00	$18,000.00	$18,000.00
Miscellaneous	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Office Supplies	$1,511.10	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	$2,500.00
Professional Fees	$400.00	$1,000.00	$1,500.00	$500.00
Pump Testing	$0.00	$550.00	$550.00	$550.00
Radio/Pagers/Active911	$3,093.94	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$3,000.00
Salaries	$6,223.50	$14,000.00	$14,000.00	$17,300.00
Snow Plowing/Removal	$1,800.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
Telephone	$2,489.84	$2,400.00	$2,600.00	$2,600.00
Training	$800.00	$800.00	$800.00	$800.00
Transfer To Money Market	$10,200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Truck Maintenance	$6,991.02	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$6,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$95,798.63**	**$77,250.00**	**$84,450.00**	**89,950.00**
Income 2021/2022				
Beginning Balance (7-1-23)	$1,025.27			
Ending Balance (6-30-24)	$1,192.64			
Balance Money Market (6-30-24)	$29,896.07			

BACKYARD BURNING RULES

PROHIBITED

- Garbage
- Tires
- Rubber
- Plastic
- Waste Oil
- Asphalt Materials
- Asbestos
- Pressure-treated Wood
- Plywood

WHY NOT BURN?

Burning trash and debris is illegal and releases many harmful pollutants including:

Dioxin – causes cancer, birth defects, and enters the food chain.

HCB –Persistent toxin that enters the food chain and is a probable carcinogen.

Formaldehyde – causes burning in eyes and throat, nausea, and difficult breathing.

Hydrogen Chloride Gas – causes fluid buildup in the lungs and possible ulceration of the respiratory tract.

Particulates – causes respiratory infection.

Carbon Monoxide – Prevents oxygen from being absorbed by the heart and lungs.

OKAY

- Natural Wood- timber, logs, boles, trunks, branches, limbs, stumps, untreated lumber
- Clean Wood Pallets
- Leaves
- Brush



QUESTIONS?

Please call your local fire warden prior to burning for a permit. Feel free to contact the Vermont DEC Air Quality and Climate Division at (802) 828-1288 with any questions or concerns.

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VERMONT
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
A DIVISION OF NEWPORT AMBULANCE
62 WILSON ROAD Johnson, VT

Our NEMS division, located in Johnson, provides emergent ambulance services for the towns of Belvidere, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson and Waterville. We also provide emergent and non-emergent interfacility transports for Copley Hospital as well as other institutions in the immediate area. In 2024, our crews responded to a total of 1,655 calls. This was a decrease of 91 calls from the 1,746 calls responded to in 2023.

Of these 1,655 calls in 2024, we responded 831 times for emergency 911 calls. These consisted of 25 calls in Belvidere, 101 calls in Eden, 265 calls in Hyde Park, 352 calls in Johnson, and 36 calls in Waterville. We also responded to 52 mutual aid calls for neighboring services while receiving mutual aid from those same services 10 times. The remainder of our calls were for transfer services. These services included 8 responses for residents of Belvidere, 30 for Eden residents, 62 for Hyde Park residents, 55 for Johnson residents and 13 for Waterville residents.

Due to this decrease in run volume and associated income, we were operating the Johnson station in 2024 with an approximate $80,000 deficit. By year end we had reduced this deficit to just under $20,000. This was due to a constant review of expenses, a year-end spike in call volume, an investment in cutting-edge billing software, as well as updated billing policies.

In 2025, we will be lobbying the Vermont Legislature to decrease or eliminate the ambulance provider tax begun in 2018. This is a 3.3% income tax for ambulance services for the run income derived from runs within the State of Vermont borders. For Newport Ambulance as a whole, this tax was $72,592 in 2024 and will be $85,080 in 2025. Those taxes for the Johnson station alone were $32,941 in 2024 and will be $32,569 in 2025. In our minds this tax is an example of cost shifting to you the local property taxpayer!

Newport Ambulance has a total of 72 employees with 29 of these working from the Johnson station. As with many industries, emergency services are finding it difficult to recruit new employees. We offer both classroom and field training for those interested in obtaining certification for employment in the field. For information on this please contact our Newport location at (802)334-2023. We also offer ride-a-longs for those interested in viewing what our crews perform during the day. This is a great way to see if you would like to enter this field of employment. For information on this please contact our Johnson station at (802)635-3600.

We, at Newport Ambulance, thank you for your support and look forward to continuing this support to all of you as well as your communities.

Respectively,

Jeffrey J. Johansen
Chief Executive Officer, NAS

Scott Griswold
Vice President, NAS Board of Directors

NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUDGET

	2023	2024	2025
Income			
4000 · Town Appropriations	$375,219.00	$393,685.00	$414,148.00
4006 · Interest Income	$25.00	0	200
4005 · Donations	$400.00	$400.00	$1,000.00
4007 · Covid Testing	$20,000.00	0	
4009 · Service Ambulance Runs	$989,632.00	$1,178,431.00	$1,228,374.00
4012 · Intercept Income	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$2,500.00
4018 . Ambulance Coverage Time	$2,000.00	$1,500.00	$1,500.00
Total Income			
	$1,389,776.00	$1,576,766.00	$1,647,722.00
Expense			
5000.01 · Collection Fees	$350.00	$250.00	$0.00
5001.01 · 02.03.04.17 Payroll	$51,480.00	$51,000.00	$52,700.00
5001.05 · Nas 11 R&M	$780.00	$680.00	$680.00
5001.6 · Nas 11 Fuel	$500.00	$510.00	$680.00
5001.08 · CPA	$390.00	$680.00	$680.00
5001.10 · Office Supplies	$150.00	$68.00	$68.00
5001.11 · Telephone	$1,775.00	$1,714.00	$1,714.00
5001.12 · Cell Phones	$1,497.00	$1,306.00	$1,306.00
5001.13 · Dues	$100.00	$170.00	$170.00
5001.14 · Health Insurance	$2,354.00	$4,144.00	$3,085.00
5001.15 · Pension	$4,520.00	$4,522.00	$4,760.00
5001.17 · Board of Directors	$8,190.00	$7,140.00	$7,140.00
5001.20 · Software Subscriptions	$585.00	$796.00	$1,125.00
5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense	$1,200.00	$1,680.00	$1,680.00
5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense	$32,000.00	$42,000.00	$32,000.00
5008.01 · Insurance Package	$16,500.00	$18,020.00	$20,094.00
5008.03 · Health Insurance Exp.	$84,000.00	$83,120.00	$72,576.00
5008.05 · Workers Comp. Ins Exp.	$60,675.00	$56,780.00	$59,320.00
5009 · Bank Charges/ Fees Exp.	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	$1,500.00
5010 · Interest Expense	$4,374.00	$15,468.00	$16,140.00
5011 · Staff & Squad Training	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,700.00
5012 · Payroll Expenses	$912,053.00	$994,000.00	$1,070,000.00
5013 · Postage/Delivery Expense	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00
5016.01 · Meals Expense	$100.00	$100.00	$100.00
5016.02 · Travel Expense	$0.00	$50.00	$50.00
5017.01 · TPA	$1,600.00	$1,530.00	$1,530.00
5017 · Pension Plan Expense	$31,500.00	$33,780.00	$32,000.00
5018.06 · NEMS #1 R&M	$24,000.00	$30,000.00	$30,000.00
5018.14 · Service Agreements/Equipment PMI	$5,209.00	$3,752.00	$2,204.00

5018.10 · Misc. Amb R&M	$400.00	$900.00	$900.00
5023 · Grounds	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
5019 · Building R&M Expense	$2,000.00	$3,000.00	$2,000.00
5020 · IT Support	$2,340.00	$2,040.00	$2,040.00
5021.01 · Office Supplies	$200.00	$500.00	$500.00
5021.03 · Med. Supplies/Equip.	$18,000.00	$25,000.00	$19,000.00
5021.04 · General Supplies	$2,500.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
5021.05 · Equipment Batteries	$1,000.00	$3,000.00	$1,000.00
5024 · Oxygen Expense	$2,800.00	$3,000.00	$3,500.00
5025 · Employee Recognition	$2,000.00	$5,000.00	$1,000.00
5027 · Paging Expense	$1,015.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
5028.03 · Internet Service	$1,620.00	$2,104.00	$2,520.00
5029 · Electricity Expense	$3,200.00	$4,000.00	$4,500.00
5030 · Heating Expense	$4,500.00	$5,000.00	$4,000.00
5032 · Comp Exp Non-Capitalized	$0.00	$5,000.00	$500.00
5033 · Furniture	$0.00	$0.00	$500.00
5034 · Radio Exp Non-Capitalized	$500.00	$2,000.00	$1,000.00
5040 · Squad Uniforms	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
5041 · Equipment Repairs	$500.00	$2,000.00	$50.00
5043 · Public Relations	$500.00	$500.00	$400.00
5044 · Time Clock	$0.00	$748.00	$918.00
5045 · Equipment Replacement Fund	$5,000.00	$0.00	$0.00
5046 · Amb. Replacement	$15,000.00	$13,500.00	$0.00
5049 · Property Tax	$0.00	$7,803.00	$8,911.00
5047 · Billing Contract	$22,558.00	$22,558.00	$42,675.00
5053 · GPS Units	$0.00	$3,183.00	$3,183.00
NEMS 1	$17,763.00	$0.00	$0.00
Zoll Lease	$5,414.00	$0.00	$0.00
Provider Tax	$25,564.00	$32,941.00	$32,569.00
Trucks / Equipment Loans	$0.00	$66,729.00	$90,054.00
Total Expense	$1,389,776.00	$1,576,766.00	$1,647,722.00
Income	$1,389,776.00	$1,576,766.00	$1,647,722.00
Expense	**$1,389,776.00**	$1,576,766.00	$1,647,722.00
	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

This is a non-audited report.

VERMONT E911

In December 2024 the Town of Hyde Park submitted its 911 certification to the State of Vermont 911 System. In 2025, changes will be made to some Town properties. Shared driveways that serve 3 or more properties will need to have a road name with numbering. These will be private roads not Town Roads. Properties with Airbnb's or short-term rentals will need a separate 911 number for the rental unit(s). In addition, some properties will require a different number to align with State of Vermont standards.

Please note that the purpose of the 911 System is solely for the purpose of assisting emergency vehicles locate an address and provide emergency services. No consideration is given for the convenience of postal or other delivery services. Numbers are not assigned unless an 1111 Access Permit is granted. Only numbers assigned by the Town of Hyde Park 911 Coordinator are valid.

Signage Requirements:
All numbers must be placed at the beginning of your driveway and must be visible and not be covered by snow, trees or bushes, and be at least 4 INCHES in height and be reflective. First Responders do appreciate visible numbers as they approach your driveway.





The recommended color is white reflective numbers on a reflective green background. As nice as they look, brass numbers on a white background are not easy to locate, even during the daytime. Signs at least 42" from the ground will be visible in most winter conditions. If your sign does not face the road, it is important to post a double-sided sign so that responders can see the number as they are approaching your home from either direction. All new construction will be required to comply with the signage as part of the permitting process.

If you have questions about your 911 number, please contact the town offices at 802-888-2300 x302 or stephen@hydeparkvt.com.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Ally Judkins (802)730-2292 Dean Locke (802) 595-5489 *Emergency calls direct to 911*

Please welcome Dean Locke joining Ally Judkins as your Animal Control Officers for Hyde Park. Dean joined as ACO in March of 2024. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role. Together they helped establish the Hyde Park Lost and Found Dog Pound and worked with other local towns in the community to create an interlocal agreement so they may also take part in having access to a dog holding facility. This had to be created for the needs of all in our local area after losing access to our local kennel service.

The Animal Control Officer provides domestic animal control services to the community and provides fair and impartial enforcement of animal-related laws. The goal is to promote a safer community through responsible animal ownership and humane care. The Animal Control Officer responds to citizen requests for the following: loose animals, barking or dangerous dogs, injured animals, and other requests for service. The Animal Control Officer is also available to provide advice on dog behavior and other education regarding dogs.

Dog Licensing is a **VERMONT STATE LAW** - During the 2024 license year, the Town of Hyde Park issued 442 dog licenses. In 2023, there were 358 licensed dogs.

Animal Control Ordinance
In 2018, the Town of Hyde Park adopted an Animal Control Ordinance that prohibits **Running at Large** which means to move about without restraint, control, or limitation as to property lines or areas. It also prohibits **Public Nuisance** caused by animals or dog owners, which means any conduct that endangers life, health, or property or not immediately removing fecal material when off the property and not disposing of it in a sanitary manner.

Violations are subject to penalties as follows:

- First Offense $50.00
- Second Offense $75.00
- Third Offense $100.00
- Fourth Offense $150.00
- Fifth / Subsequent Offenses $200.00

Waiver Fees: An enforcement officer is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty in the following amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee below:

- First Offense $ 25.00
- Second Offense $ 37.00
- Third Offense $50.00
- Fourth Offense $75.00
- Fifth/ Subsequent Offenses $100.00

To view all Animal Control Ordinances please visit www.HydeParkVT.com

Reminder – *Hyde Park has a leash law. All dogs must be on a leash or under voice control when off the property of the owner. Any barking whining, calling or howling for a continuous period of 20 minutes or more is also prohibited.*

Animal Cruelty: Information and reporting can be made to Chittenden County Humane Society https://www.chittendenhumane.org/Report-Animal-Cruelty

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office annually starting the first business day of January. **All dogs or wolf hybrids six months of age and older must be licensed annually on or before April 1st.** Before obtaining a dog license, a copy of a **current** rabies vaccination certificate and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable, must be presented to the Town Clerk. Most rabies certificates note SF / NM if the animal is fixed. This will be sufficient if you do not have a Spay / Neuter certificate.

Please mail or drop off your check with the appropriate fee or stop in the office to obtain your license. Again, bring a copy of your updated rabies certificate if your dog received a vaccination within the past year.

There will be a **Rabies Clinic** at the Hyde Park Municipal Building in the lower parking lot on Saturday, **March 29, 2025** from 11:30AM to 12:00PM.

The tag must be worn by your dog at all times. It helps the town locate a lost dog's owner quicker and lets people know the dog has been vaccinated for rabies. The town ACOs also strongly encourage the use of microchipping your dog to further increase chances of identification if the collar isn't present. Please be aware to update chip data as needed for accurate information.

Effective January 1, 2025, dog license fees and surcharges are as follows:

Dogs or Wolf Hybrids (**NOT** Neutered or Spayed)		Dogs or Wolf Hybrids (Neutered or Spayed)	
$ 8.00	License Fee	$ 4.00	License Fee
$ 2.00	Town Surcharge	$ 2.00	Town Surcharge
$ 7.00	State Surcharge	$ 7.00	State Surcharge
$17.00	Total	$13.00	Total
(*After April 1, 2025, $21.00*)		*(After April 1, 2025, $15.00)*	

From VSNIP

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a $4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: (802)734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont, and it is deadly.

VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of an overpopulation of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: WWW.VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV
Sue Skaskiw, Administrator
Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!
(800) HI-VSNIP or (800)448-7647

LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A look back over the past year at the Lanpher Memorial Library…
January: The Friends of the LML purchased a ping-pong table from our wish list to have in the Community Room. Folks of all ages are enjoying it and having a great time in the library. We give sincere thanks to the Friends for their ongoing advocacy and fundraising efforts.

February: A "challenging" month! We hosted our annual Mystery Ingredient Challenge for kids in 4th-8th grade, and the Great Puzzle Challenge for 6 teams to compete to be the first to finish a puzzle. March: A Spring-Cleaning Book Sale that went so well, we've decided to make it an annual event! Look forward to March 21-26, 2025 for our sale.

April: National Library Week was celebrated to highlight the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year we'll host special events during April 6-12.

May: Annual Wish Tree Day when community members can write wishes on scraps of fabric and tie them to the oak tree in front of the Library, including every student from Hyde Park Elementary School. The Lanpher Library's Wind Phone was featured on Stuck in Vermont!
June: Popular programs about invasive jumping worms, traveling to South Korea, Drag Story Hour, Natural Burials, and we had some needed electric updates done on the building.

July: Our annual sneak peek of the Lamoille County Players summer show Matilda. "Food for Thought" Cooking Camp for middle schoolers at the Second Cong'l Church, with a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council. July 1st, a new VT law went into effect lowering the age of library patron confidentiality from 16 to 12. August: Extensive repair and updates on our sprinkler system so that we could pass the annual inspection. September: The Paranormal Investigators of New England joined us for a very interesting program.

October: The Norman and Betty Andrews & Family donation was used to host VT author Kekla Magoon for HPES students. The annual Pumpkin Carving Contest was great fun, and we served hundreds of trick-or-treaters on Halloween.

November: Hyde Park, including the library, was featured on NBC5 TV for their "This is my Home" piece. December: the Hyde Park Community Circle held their Lighting of the Wreaths at the library, the library hosted a "Caroling" evening in Hyde Park Village, and we hosted a lively visit with George Woodard.

We love being here for our community, and look forward to 2025 as our 109th year of serving the Town of Hyde Park!

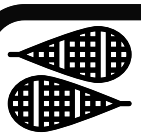
Amy Olsen, Library Director; Ruth Hay, Asst. Director; Christi Dussault, Circulation Librarian

Trustees: Kim Austin-Puleio (Chair), Ann Spearing (Vice-Chair), Melanie Dickinson (Secretary), Jim Noyes (Treasurer), Jo-Anne Ring, Elliott Buelter, and Dan Regan

Lanpher Memorial Library
July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Community members use the Library for free Wifi, public computers, and to use the printer; to hold meetings, attend programs, to stay cool in summer and warm in winter; for downloadable audio, ebooks, and movies; to borrow books, magazines, DVDs and audio; to use the bathroom, get directions, play ping-pong, visit with friends & neighbors, and so much more!

A Library of Things! Over 40 non-traditional items for loan including....


Snowshoes


Cake Pans


Ghost Hunting Kit


Museum & Parks Passes

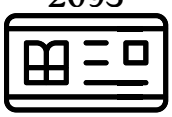

Moisture Meter


Kill-a-Watt Meter

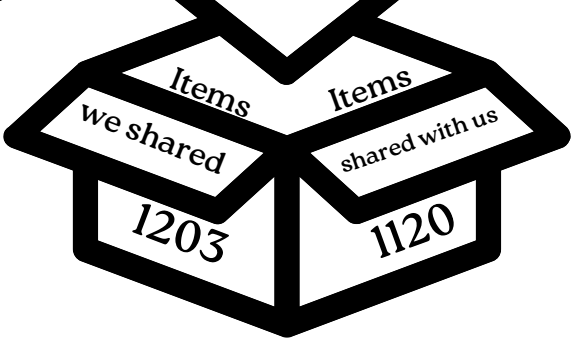
And Now: MOVIE STREAMING!

FREE Digital Content

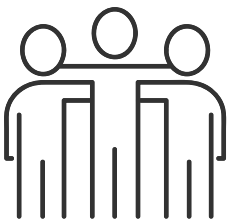
- 1186 ebooks borrowed
- 2173 audiobooks downloaded
- Online Database Usage: 698


2095 Registered Borrowers!

Interlibrary Loan Resource Sharing with other Libraries



PROGRAMMING



665 People Attended 32 Adult Programs

1817 People Attended 109 Children's Programs

FACILITY USE

81 Groups and organizations used the Library Facility 146 times



CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

This year, the Hyde Park Cemetery Commissioners oversaw the regular upkeep and some larger projects at our cemeteries.

Isaac Spaulding and his landscaping company have done a fantastic job in keeping the cemeteries mowed and trimmed.

Thank you to Acer Tree Service for removing a very large tree that came down in the Village Cemetery.

VT Monuments repaired some broken headstones in the North Hyde Park Cemetery.

A water line was repaired in the Village Cemetery.

Rotten fencing was replaced in the Holbrook Cemetery.

Thank you to Dirty Rock Stone Cleaning for keeping all the headstones in our cemeteries clean. This year they worked in Jedediah and Center cemeteries.

The biggest project this year was using available ARPA funding to continue the fencing in Jedediah. Thanks to Round Hill Fencing, the Hyde Park Selectboard, Kim Moulton and Jen Tricou for helping us make it happen!

Kim Lambert was appointed by the Cemetery Commissioners to fill the vacancy left when Judy Lanphear resigned in March 2024.

Nioka Houston resigned her position as of January 2025 leaving a position open on the Cemetery Commission. We thank Nioka for her 25 years of dedicated service to the Cemetery Commission.

The *Cemetery Rules & Regulations* are on the town website. We have also created a list of frequently asked questions "FAQ's". Both are on the Cemetery Commissioners page of the Town of Hyde Park website: www.hydeparkvt.com.

2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	
Sale of Lots	$ 2,350.00
Town Appropriation	$ 0.00
- ($22,500 rec'd 11/2024)	
Interest	$ 25.24
TOTAL INCOME	**$ 2,375.24**
EXPENSES	
- Caretaker: Spaulding Property Mgmt	$ 4,000.00
- Rubbish Removal: Hillside Trash	$ 65.00
- JBW Excavation: NHP Cemetery Trees	$ 643.00
- Country Home Ctr	$ 109.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 4,817.43**
NET INCOME	**$-2,442.19**

Statement Balances as of June 30, 2024

- Checking	$25,775.94
- Money Market	$18,500.03
- Savings	$18,438.33

* Finance reporting of January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 only. The Town of Hyde Park took over the finances for the Cemetery Commission as of July 1, 2024. Going forward, the Cemetery Commission finances will be reported in the town budget.

Some reminders if you have loved ones buried in a Hyde Park cemetery: please do not plant trees, bushes, or large shrubs as they will be removed. Any permanent flowers must be maintained to keep the headstone visible and ensure ease of routine mowing and trimming. Glass containers of any kind are not allowed. All other containers will be removed after October 30th.

HYDE PARK ENERGY COMMITTEE

Denise Greene, *Chair*, Elisa Clancy, *Vice Chair*, *Greg Paus, Member, Robert Tina, Member*

Energy Efficiency and Weatherization
As a committee, our goals are to help residents and the Town save financial and natural resources through conservation and efficient energy use. One of the easiest ways to save energy is to weatherize your home and business.

MERP - Municipal Energy Resilience Program
Our committee and the Select Board reviewed the recommendations of the assessments done in 2023 and 2024 and prioritized the work to be done. In September, we applied for funding through the MERP grant program. The MERP grant, worth $229,876.00, was awarded to the Town of Hyde Park for weatherization, thermal efficiency, and supplementing/replacing fossil fuel heating systems with more efficient renewable or electric versions at the Town Municipal office building, Fire Department, Library, Town Garage, and Gihon building.

Public Awareness
HPEC partners with Efficiency Vermont to increase public awareness of energy efficiency. We help disseminate messages that provide residents with new Efficiency Vermont programs and cost-saving measures for weatherization and low-cost, energy-efficient heating.

Assistance for Low-Income Households
Low-income households spend more on energy bills than non-low-income households, creating a high energy burden. The Hyde Park Energy Committee is available to assist low-income households to connect with energy efficiency programs designed to meet their needs. In our area, no-cost weatherization services are provided by Capstone Community Action; we partner with Capstone to promote their programs through social media and other means.

Residential Energy Building Standards
Homeowners, builders, and architects are now required to meet the State of Vermont's energy conservation requirements, RBES. "Residential construction" means new construction of residential buildings and the construction of additions, alterations, renovations, or repairs to an existing residential building. If you are building in Hyde Park and have questions about meeting these standards, please contact our Zoning Administrator or Efficiency Vermont.

Love Your Lawn Initiatives
Increasing public awareness of energy issues and building awareness and public support for sustainable systems is a goal of HPEC. Lawn care accounts for the large use of natural resources. In 2021, our committee designed a three-pronged approach to lawn care to improve our lawn health naturally and use quiet, efficient, electric equipment to care for our lawns. We promote converting mown areas of lawn to no-or-low mow areas and wildflower meadows. We continue to work with the following partners to promote their initiatives and encourage residents to mow less and differently, reduce lawn size, convert lawns to native plant meadows, and use electric tools when possible.

Raise the Blade
An outreach campaign to raise awareness of the benefits of reduced stormwater runoff and improved soil health by mowing grass 3 inches or more. Healthy soils reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality. HPEC continues to work closely with LawnToLake.org and partners with the Lanpher Library and Lamoille North Supervisory Union to Raise the Blade at the Lamoille Union High School and HPES and places signage at participating locations.

Pollinator Pathways of Lamoille County and UVM Extension
HPEC partnered with the Town of Hyde Park and the Village of Hyde Park in 2022 and the non-profit Bee the Change to create two large wildflower meadows on the Town office lawn and in the Village at Elsa French Park. In 2023 two meadow strips were planted at the Village Reservoir property. If you are interested in converting a portion of your lawn to a wildflower meadow, contact Denise Greene.

Mow Electric!
This campaign is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating more livable communities. Electric lawn care equipment, mowers, and chore tools have significant environmental, economic, and noise reduction benefits. HPEC encourages residents to check out the savings, compare CO2 emissions, find vendors, and consider switching from gas/diesel equipment to electric. Visit mowelectric.org

Help Us Continue Our Energy and Conservation Work
HPEC will continue these programs in 2025; our committee membership drive is ongoing, and securing new members will ensure the success of all our programs. We would love your help, either as a committee member or simply by participating in our initiatives.

GIHON VALLEY HALL








The Gihon Valley Hall (GVH) Committee is a volunteer group dedicated to making the Hall an affordable public gathering space open to all. Volunteers are the backbone of the Hall and we'd like to honor three people. We recognize Al Spitzer, outgoing committee chair, for his countless hours and enthusiasm for the Hall's restoration. We thank Russ Longtin, outgoing committee member and theatrical consultant, and Roger Audet for his hall maintenance consultation.

The GVH is for the North Hyde Park and neighboring communities. Past uses for the Hall included music events with local bands, line and square dancing, theater and puppet shows, and community meetings. Past private rentals included birthday parties, celebrations of life and art exhibitions. Recent revenues allowed the committee to purchase a new sound system and more comfortable chairs, making the Hall even more inviting.

Community partnerships are vital to the GVH. The committee has partnered with the Hyde Park Community Circle to co-host the Annual Wreath Lighting Ceremony and with the Lamoille County Players and the Lanpher Library to host Trivia Nights that have proven to be popular. The committee hopes to continue these partnerships and welcomes more collaboration opportunities.

In 2024 the GVH received a generous grant from the **Vermont Electric Coop** for the purchase of a handicap ramp. This will allow the Hall to be even more accessible. In 2024 the Hyde Park Energy Committee included the GVH in the **Municipal Energy Resilience Program** so in 2025 the Hall's first floor ceiling and walls will be reinsulated. It is the goal of the committee to continue pursuing grants to upgrade the accessibility of the Hall and restoration efforts to recognize the history of the Hall and the Village of North Hyde Park.

For FY2025, the GVH Committee is requesting level funding. The current $6,500 annual will cover maintenance, repairs, utilities, and broadband wi-fi. The committee will continue to explore efficiencies in the coming years.

The GVH Committee looks forward to re-opening the doors in the spring and we have some exciting plans for 2025. If you have ideas for events you'd like to bring to Gihon Valley Hall, or just a general curiosity about how you can get involved with our efforts, contact us at gihonvalleyHall@gmail.com, visit our website (https://gihonvalleyHall.wixsite.com/home) follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@gihonvalleyHall), or call the Town of Hyde Park (802) 888-2300. The committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 6pm – all are welcome to drop in, and we're actively seeking new members to support our amazing volunteer team.

*With gratitude – **Allen Spitzer (Outgoing Chair),** Andy Race (Vice Chair), Valerie Valcour (Secretary), H. Dale Porter (Treasurer), Liz Courtney, Monica Heath, and Laura Race.*

HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CIRCLE

Statement of Intention: "The Hyde Park Community Circle is called for Hyde Park residents and friends who are interested in building community together. The Circle is called so that people can think and act creatively together, providing on-going support in a cooperative spirit."

Think Spring! Puppets & Plants was held on March 16, 2024 in the Hyde Park Elementary School gym. Approximately 100 parents and their children attended the event. The No Strings Marionette Company presented *Treasure Hunt*. In addition to enjoying the puppet show, children had the opportunity to plant seeds and participate in a craft. Refreshments topped off a fun morning as we welcomed Spring to Hyde Park.

The Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social was held on July 15, 2024 on the Courthouse lawn. Ice cream, toppings and cookies were plentiful. Jesse Taylor provided live music, and the Lamoille County Players cast of *Matilda The Musical* performed a few of their songs. Children's activities were enjoyed also! The weather was great and more than 200 enjoyed the event.

Hyde Park Home Day was a success on September 14, 2024! Over 50 local vendors and food businesses came out to celebrate our community. We had great weather and a good crowd who enjoyed the parade down Main Street. Howard Manosh was the Grand Marshal. Music by the John Lackard Blues Band was provided on the steps of the Courthouse. The Hyde Park VFW Post and Auxiliary led the Pledge of Allegiance at the town memorial. The Lamoille River Swingers provided a square dance demonstration following the parade. Many thanks go to the sponsors of the event and those who donated items for the raffle. See you next year!

The 2024 **Lighting of the Wreaths** was sponsored by HPCC and GVH. It was held at the Lanpher Memorial Library on December 8, 2024. Deanna Judkins emceed the afternoon event. Andy Race played the guitar as the lights were lit by Dave Gonyea, Dale Porter, Stuart Speer, and Valerie Valcour. Names were read by Amy Olsen and Jonathan Henderson. After the event, one lit wreath was hung on the Lamoille County Courthouse and the other lit wreath was hung outside Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park. This year, we took a moment to remember one of the founding members of Hyde Park Community Circle, Dan Young, who died on Nov. 14 of this year. Dan loved this community and the people in it. He saw the need, 24 years ago, for Hyde Park residents and friends to gather together for fun, for celebration and for remembrance. The spring event used to be known as Plants and Puppets with Dan starting dozens and dozens of plants for the children to repot and take home. The Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social was Dan's brainchild and has been held annually ever since. We have fond memories of him at the spring Puppets and Plants events, handing out the flowers he had lovingly nursed from seed especially for this event. And he was a driving force behind the scenes for all HPCC did.

As a community building initiative, HPCC sold **Hyde Park t-shirts**. The sage green T-shirts sport Hyde Park Vermont on the front and the Hyde Park town logo on the back. We sold 108 T-shirts!

ANNOUNCEMENT: Think about **Spring! Puppets & Plants** will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Hyde Park Elementary School Gym. This free family event includes a performance by No Strings Marionette Company, and after the show attendees can plant their own seeds to take home, create a craft, and enjoy refreshments.

2024 Financial Report

HPCC 2024 Event	Expense	Income	Net Gain/Loss
Think Spring	($736.23)	$0.00	($736.23)
Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social	($597.90)	$0.00	($597.90)
Home Day	($924.95)	$1,431.00	$506.05
Lighting Ceremony	($106.00)	$476.50	$370.50
Miscellaneous	($66.15)	$1,000.00	$933.85
T-shirt Sales	($1,104.00)	$1,050.71	($53.29)
TOTAL	**($3,535.23)**	**$3,958.21**	**$422.98**

Submitted By: Deborah Henderson, Treasurer

HPCC Members: V. Wiffy Brooks, Beth Carrier, George and Dot Cook, Eva Danyon, Everett Dickinson, Savannah Droney, Elisabeth Fenn, Deb Henderson, Kelly Lane, Pixie Loomis, Amy Olsen and Savalla Rambo.

HYDE PARK RECREATION

The Hyde Park Recreation Committee hosted concessions for two tournaments at the Garfield field facilities. There was a men's wooden bat softball league that used the fields for weekly play. The two tournaments were ASA tournaments. The tournaments generated some revenue funds paid for by Vermont ASA. There was additional revenue generated by the field rental fees and the running of the snack shack during events. The men's league paid per field and per team for the use of the fields as well as donated time to help with upkeep and maintenance of the fields.

This year, the Lamoille County Little League hosted their second youth softball and baseball tournament at our facility. There was a Lamoille Area Cancer Network fund raiser tournament hosted at the facility as well.

The Banner Program added a few more local businesses for 2024. The Banner Program is a chance to allow local businesses to advertise at the facilities and create revenue.

There were ARPA funds remaining after the playground upgrade. Those funds were used to pave a multi-purpose court to be used for outdoor activities such as basketball, pickleball, rollerblading or any activity that requires a flat paved surface. This year, the dugouts were scraped and repainted. The dugout benches were replaced and repainted.

The Hyde Park Youth Sports subcommittee has been maintaining the Garfield facility during the youth sports seasons all on volunteer time. The baseball/softball fields were maintained by donated equipment and volunteering parents. We thank all our coaches, mentors, family supporters and businesses.

HYDE PARK YOUTH SPORTS (HPYS)

All volunteer positions

Hyde Park Youth Baseball:
Eric and Erica Bornemann were Program Managers of Hyde Park Youth Baseball.

HPYS successfully hosted five teams this year for baseball with 89 kids signing up. Though we see rising numbers for the younger groups, we still lack numbers for the older groups. We were forced to merge with neighboring towns to field full teams in our older groups.

Hyde Park Youth Soccer:
Matt Yoskowitz was the Program Manager for Hyde Park Youth Soccer.

In 2024, there were 98 kids registered on five different teams. This was our fourth-year hosting soccer program at the Garfield facilities. Similar to baseball, we were down in enrollment for the boys group 5/6 and we had to merge with neighboring towns. This year, we hosted our first under the lights games for our teams to play in.

Hyde Park Youth Basketball:
Michelle Pellitier was the Program Manager of Hyde Park Youth Basketball.

In 2024, there were 99 kids registered on six different teams. Hyde Park hosted a 3/4 boys and girls basketball tournament this year. Each team had 12-16 games scheduled and played around the county with an even balance of home and away games. The HPYS schedules the use of the Hyde Park Elementary School gym.

We would like to start importing clay infield materials and regrade the clay infields to shed water. Over time, they have settled and are currently puddling water.

Thanks,
Hyde Park Recreation

TREE WARDEN REPORT

The Town Tree Warden is a statutory volunteer position appointed by the Selectboard to support and protect public shade trees, which are located within the public right-of-way (ROW), measuring 49.5 feet in width. The town is responsible for ensuring roadway safety and maintaining trees approximately 25 feet from the centerline on either side of the road. Additionally, the Tree Warden oversees the care and maintenance of trees in other public spaces within the town and village.

A key responsibility of this position is to ensure that trees within the ROW posing a danger to vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians are managed promptly. During the past year, the town addressed hazardous trees on Beam Road. I also monitored the progress of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Based on current observations, the town is effectively managing the risk of dying ash trees within our ROWs, and as a result, no funds were allocated for ash tree removal in 2024. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Guidance for Property Owners

Property owners are encouraged to educate themselves on ash tree identification and develop action plans for managing EAB risks on their properties, especially for ash trees near buildings, driveways, play areas, and walking trails.

Options for managing ash trees include:

- Safe removal of infected trees by trained individuals or professionals.
- Preventative treatment using insecticide injections before infection, administered at least once every two years for the foreseeable future.

Comprehensive resources on EAB and other invasive species that impact trees can be found online. I recommend visiting the Vermont Invasives website for the most up-to-date information: https://vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont

Community Awareness

As Tree Warden, I aim to enhance Hyde Park residents' understanding of the importance of trees and forests. To that end, I plan to share educational articles through Front Porch Forum. Trees are often taken for granted, and I encourage everyone to recognize their critical role in our environment and community. Key points to consider include:

- **Air Quality and Oxygen:** Trees produce oxygen and filter particulate matter from air pollution, contributing to cleaner air.
- **Carbon Sequestration and Storage:** Trees remove carbon dioxide from the air and store it in their woody parts. Even after harvest, wood products like furniture and construction materials continue to store carbon.
- **Sustainability and Local Resources:** Increasing the use of sustainable forests and locally sourced wood products can reduce reliance on energy-intensive materials such as steel, concrete, and plastic.
- **Environmental and Economic Benefits:** Woodlands support our local economy, provide wildlife habitats, protect biodiversity, and help mitigate the impacts of climate change. They also enhance water and soil health, offer food and nutrition, and provide energy resources for heating. Additionally, trees conserve energy by offering shade in summer and wind protection in winter.

Our trees and forests are invaluable resources that should never be overlooked.

Dave Palumbo
Tree Warden

HEALTH OFFICER

In March of 2024, Dean Locke took on the role of the Health Officer for the Town of Hyde Park. He comes into this role with a wealth of experience and a desire to serve the people of Hyde Park. Town health officers have the authority and sometimes a mandate to investigate any potential or existing public health hazards in their town. Every town has a local board of health that consists of the town selectboard and the THO. The THO investigates all complaints of potential public health hazards, has the authority to take emergency mitigation steps, and works with the selectboard to take enforcement action if a public health hazard cannot be voluntarily resolved.

Role of the Town Health Officer:
The duties of a THO, outlined in 18 V.S.A. § 602a, include:

1. Investigating when information is received about a condition that may be a public health hazard.
2. Enforcing the provisions of Title 18 and the rules and permits issued by the Health Department. (This includes notifying the Department upon discovery of any violation of rule issued by the Department.)
3. Preventing, removing, or destroying any public health hazard, or mitigating any significant public health risk in accordance with provisions of Title 18.
4. Taking necessary steps, in consultation with the Health Department, to enforce all orders issued under 18 V.S.A. ch. 3.

Health Officer
Dean Locke

KNOT IN HYDE PARK: Season 4



The Knot in Hyde Park Committee is dedicated to stopping the spread of Japanese Knotweed (KW). This summer, after three years of relying entirely on volunteers, we hired a part-time dedicated employee for the season. We are grateful to a small group of donors who contributed to making that possible. It was a big success. Without it we would not have been able to take on new sites and keep up with the old. We hope to hire someone again in 2025 to supplement and scale-up our volunteer hours. Please be in touch if you are interested in knowing more.

We mainly manage KW through "mechanical control", which means repeated and persistent cutting and pulling of the KW. As often as 10-12 times a season, as few as 3. Early detection and rapid response" ("EDRR") are key. Of the 87 sites we have on our radar 19 of those are EDRR – these patches will never have a chance to take hold, thrive and spread. You can help by knowing what KW looks like and getting in touch when you see a few stalks show up somewhere.

This season we also continued our pilot program treating some sites with glyphosate using licensed applicators and under permit from the VT Agency of Ag. Food and Markets. There are now 11 such sites. Results so far have been promising, and we think this tool has an important role to play.

Other highlights from Season 4: • The ArcGIS map created for us by Hyde Park resident Liam Paus continues to help us track our sites. We are very grateful for his work • Thanks again to the Burnor Jr. family whose goats again kept KW at bay at a site in North Hyde Park Village • Friends of Green River Reservoir now have all four KW sites along the Dam Road under management. Thanks for their continued work • The KW that has taken over Garfield Road at the crossing of the Green River is now under a two-year management program thanks to a grant from Vermont Fish & Wildlife • LUHS Science Teacher Chis Whitlock and his classes continue to show up and cut the KW at our Cricket Hill site. Thanks to Chris for his dedication and to all the students who have helped • And thanks to our fantastic Hyde Park Road Crew for their support.

Please visit our website www.hydeparkvt.com/knot-in-hyde-park/. Email us at knotinhydepark@gmail.com. Please follow us on Instagram: #knotinhydepark.

Why is it important to stop the spread of KW?

1. If left alone KW will create a solid mono-culture in an area and crowd out all other plants.
2. A single patch of KW is the birthplace of more patches – any part of the plant can be moved along through road works, mowing, flooding events, or any kind of excavation activity; those pieces will take root and create a new mono-culture.
3. KW does not hold the soil like plants with more complex root systems and therefore allows soil to erode more easily (and spreading the plant with that erosion).
4. It is an extremely aggressive grower, able to penetrate through cracks in paved roads and house foundations.
5. It is extremely difficult to eradicate once it takes hold.

Early Detection matters! It doesn't just stop a small patch of KW from becoming a LARGE one; it stops it from becoming MANY patches. Act Early and Persist.

SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS

The American Red Cross Northern New England Region

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in your community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made 626 homes safer by installing 1,907 smoke detectors and educating 730 families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- We trained 39,492 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over 131,800 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over 3,400 service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to 88 disaster cases in Lamoille County (2 in Hyde Park), assisting 185 individuals (5 in Hyde Park). The Red Cross provides safe shelter, food, relief supplies, financial assistance, and comfort to those in need after a disaster – whether it's a home fire affecting a single family, or a storm or flood devastating an entire community. All Red Cross services are provided free of charge through the generosity of the American public and are available to everyone in need without discrimination.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Hyde Park. This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of $250.00. These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.
If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc., CVABE, a community-based nonprofit organization, has served the adult education and literacy needs of Hyde Park residents for fifty-eight years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16 - 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer, and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Hyde Park is served by our learning center in Morrisville.

Last year, CVABE served 13 Hyde Park Residents. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Hyde Park residents for generations to come.

We deeply appreciate Hyde Park's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level funded support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services.

Central Vermont Council on Aging

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice throughout the 54 towns in Central Vermont. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment, long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, nutrition education, connection to wellness and social activities, and more.

CVCOA served 4,531 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, 126 residents of Hyde Park. CVCOA mobilized 247 Central Vermont volunteers, who donated 18,000 hours of their time, valued at over $600,000.00.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Hyde Park for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Hyde Park community.

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

June 2024 marked forty-three years of the Clarina Howard Nichols Center providing services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking in Lamoille County.

During the past year, Clarina served 473 individuals, including:

- Provided shelter for 47 individuals (35 adults and 12 children) for a total of 2,153 bed nights
- Responded to 1,257 hotline calls

We provided services to 33 individuals from the town of Hyde Park. Funding from the Town of Hyde Park supports the continued availability of high quality, no cost advocacy, education, and shelter services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking.

Our Services:

- 24-hour Hotline - support, information and options from a trained advocate including access to emergency shelter and assistance with filing emergency Relief from Abuse Orders.
- Emergency Shelter - a safe environment in which to explore options and identify next steps toward a life free of violence. We are a pet friendly shelter because we recognize that pets are an important emotional support for survivors and their children and may also be abused if they remain in the home.

- Legal Advocacy - advocates accompany survivors to court or police interviews and assist survivors in filing Relief from Abuse Orders, police reports, and family court paperwork. We work in partnership with the Lamoille County State's Attorney's Office and the Lamoille Special Investigation Unit to ensure survivor notification, input and advocacy throughout the criminal justice process.
- Medical Advocacy - advocates support survivors seeking medical care including at doctor's appointments and the emergency department. Our advocates are trained to support survivors during SANE exams (the exam that can occur when someone has been sexually assaulted).
- Housing Advocacy - advocates support survivors to secure and maintain stable housing, assist with housing searches and completing housing applications, build and maintain relationships with landlords, and connect survivors to community resources.
- Outreach and Education - presentations and trainings to groups, organizations and schools in Lamoille County to raise awareness about domestic/sexual violence and Clarina's services.

HomeShare Vermont

Homesharing helps people stay in their homes whether they are aging, people with disabilities or simply someone just trying to make ends meet. At the same time, it helps someone else find an affordable place to live and uses existing housing more efficiently. At its core, homesharing is about two people helping each other. HomeShare Vermont provides a comprehensive screening and matching service to help people find the right match, then ongoing support for as long as they decide to live together.

In Hyde Park we served four individuals this past fiscal year, since July we've served an additional five individuals, and we expect that number to continue to grow. Across our entire service area, 274 people shared a home in our program in FY 2024. 30,400 hours of assistance were provided by our homesharers during the year. This assistance ranged from simple companionship to cooking, cleaning, pet care, yard work, etc. Each match is unique depending on the needs and interests of both parties.

Those who shared their homes ranged in age from 27-99 and those who found housing ranged in age from 22-81. 90% of matched guests were considered low income as were 73% of matched hosts. The average rent in our program last year was only $359/month. Of those who shared their homes, 76% reported feeling less lonely, 86% felt safer, 55% slept better and 82% even felt happier just by having someone living with them.

Hyde Park Elementary School

Hyde Park Elementary School provides, with town funding support, After-School and Summer Camp programs. Research has shown that After-School programs have a positive impact on academic achievement and improve test scores, and summer programs help curb summer learning loss. The After School program offers enrichment opportunities including coding, art, fitness activities, and homework support during the school year.

There has been a continuing increase in student participation and many children enjoy the camp which exposes children to enrichment activities such as Taekwondo, theater, puppetry, basketball, dance, and fishing as well as providing swimming, hiking, and cooking experiences. The program has been primarily funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. Matching funds are required as part of the grant requirements. Hyde Park's support allows us to continue this program. We would appreciate the support of the taxpayers in continuing this important work.

Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program

The Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program (HPYMP) is asking for $2,500 for FY26. The HPYMP serves the community's children ages 6-12 years old. This school year 2024-2025, we have 9 mentors/mentee matches at the Hyde Park Elementary School meeting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week for about 30 minutes. The mission of this program is to provide positive role models who will support and nurture student's social development, personal growth, and influence academic success. Mentors guide students toward positive choices through the one-on-one relationship and we hope, follow them through the 6th grade. Many mentors have had the same student for 2 or 3 years and serve as a constant force in the student's school week.

Our goal is for every young student who needs or wants a mentor to have one; and every adult who wants to be a volunteer mentor has a student to work with. We continually look for mentors, talk to folks about the program and try to enlist additional mentors as the mentee list keeps growing. We have a dedicated group of mentors – many who have been volunteering for several years and keep coming back!

Anyone interested in working with young students and becoming a mentor for our community please contact me: Mary Donohoe at (610)357-3369 or at marylou422@aol.com
Submitted by Mary Donohoe, HPYMP Coordinator

Lamoille Community Food Share

Lamoille Community Food Share is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 197 Harrel Street in Morrisville. Our mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. To this end, we provide supplemental food, free of charge, in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget.

We serve the entirety of Lamoille County including the Town of Hyde Park, have over 8,000 visits to our pantry and distribute over 375,000 pounds of food annually to our neighbors in need who experience food insecurity.

Our pantry is open Monday, Thursday, & Friday from 9:00AM-11:30AM, Tuesday from 3:00PM-6:00PM, and Saturday from 9:30AM-11:00AM.

The Lamoille County Conservation District

Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD) staff work with town officials and landowners to develop stormwater projects, water quality projects, farm best management practices and wildlife habitat improvements throughout Lamoille County. Currently LCCD is working to install stormwater treatment for Church St. runoff at the Post Office as well as Lamoille Union High School to assist them with their 3-acre impervious surface permitting requirements. LCCD is also working to complete stream and floodplain restoration near Ten Bends Drive to mitigate flooding and improve floodplain function and habitat. Our Education Outreach program delivers natural resources curriculums and workshops on a regular basis to Hyde Park schools and its library system. Finally, LCCD provides educational and technical assistance to farms to help with Nutrient Management Plans, Land Treatment Plans, and general assistance for healthy soil and clean water practices.

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1. Through a Clean Water Service Provider grant, LCCD was awarded Stormwater Preliminary Design monies in 2023 to help treat stormwater runoff from Church St and surrounding buildings at the Hyde Park

Village Post Office. LCCD is currently working with Hyde Park and Watershed Consulting Associates LLC. to complete this in 2025.

2. Through a Lake Champlain Basin Programing grant in 2023 LCCD will help match Lamoille Union High School (LUHS) reach its 3-acre permit requirements through the installation of a sub-surface stormwater treatment system, educational signage and an integrated stormwater curriculum for the teachers of LUHS. All this is slated to occur in 2025.
3. In 2023 a preliminary design for stream/floodplain restoration occurred on a property adjacent to Ten Bends Rd and community. LCCD is working with the Town of Hyde Park and Watershed Consulting Associates LLC. to submit for Vermont Hazard Mitigation funding in April 2025 to complete final design and implementation of this project
4. Education Outreach programs to schools and libraries in Hyde Park
5. Agricultural Outreach to farms in Hyde Park including help with Nutrient Management Plans, advice on Best Management Plans and potential riparian stream buffers.

Peter Danforth, Director, 802-521-3004, lccddirector@gmail.com

Lamoille County Mental Health Services

Lamoille County Mental Health Services is proud to provide the highest quality services to Hyde Park and beyond. The support we provide enhances independence and quality of life for community members. Over the past year we provided quality services to Lamoille Valley residents with all of our programs, Emergency Services, Adult Behavioral Health, Outpatient Therapy, Developmental Services (DS), and Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS). In 2024, we provided over 120,000 services to over 2,800 people. We served 125 people living in Hyde Park, providing 12,771 services.

Our Wellness Center, which operates five days a week, provides a space where people can get peer support or engage in wellness activities. We continue to lead the state as a Zero Suicide agency, dedicated to reducing suicide in our area. We work with community partners to provide critical training and support for the community. During and immediately after the floods, LCMHS staff provided care in the community to all needing assistance and connected people with donations to meet their immediate needs.

We continue to provide services by telehealth and in person for all clients. Our DS program has been found to have one of Vermont's strongest employment programs for persons with intellectual and development disabilities. CYFS provides supports including therapy, behavioral intervention, and an annual summer camp, Redwood. We established the EPIC (Emergent Psychiatric Intervention for Children) program, which provides mental health urgent care for children with an acute need. In fiscal year 2024, EPIC helped to stabilize 40 students.

The Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit

The Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit (LCSIU) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and providing victim advocacy services for child sexual abuse, child serious physical abuse, adult sex assaults, and crimes against vulnerable adults. The LCSIU represents a collaborative partnership between the Lamoille County State's Attorney's Office, Vermont State Police, Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, Morristown Police Department, Stowe Police Department, Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Morrisville Probation & Parole, Department for Children and Families, as well as various medical, school, and therapeutic service providers.

In fiscal year 2024, the Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit was involved in 123 incidents throughout Lamoille County: 105 investigations related to allegations of physical and sexual violence against children and 18 investigations related to allegations of abuse against adult victims. Lamoille County has consistently been running 4th highest in cases for the state. Town funds supplement our state and federal funds. The funds support our detectives to investigate incidents in a timely manner and assist our victim advocates in helping victims through a very difficult time. Town funds are primarily used to train our core team, specific to the work we do.

The LCSIU space in Hyde Park provides a secure and comfortable area to meet with victims and their non-offending caregivers, and through a multidisciplinary team approach, ensures victims can seamlessly access the services they need. The LCSIU obtained a National Accreditation as an accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC). This designation means we meet rigorous national standards that ensure allegations of child sexual and physical abuse are investigated and prosecuted while providing coordinated support services to victims and their families.

As the Executive Director, I would welcome opportunities to talk with Lamoille County groups and organizations about the important work of the LCSIU. Please contact me at 851-8116 if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your continued support.

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation

These municipal funds help support multiple economic development services in your town and beyond. We welcome your continued endorsement of our mission to grow our local economy through small business support services, business financing and many other important initiatives.

By supporting LEDC, you help bring many direct business services to our local small businesses, including one-on-one business advising and counseling for all entrepreneurs and start-up businesses in Lamoille County. These advising services are specific to each entrepreneur and are provided free of charge. These consulting sessions can cover topics including drafting business start-up plans, obtaining business financing, marketing your business, digital marketing strategies, accounting best practices, locating appropriate commercial spaces and more. If a business has needs that exceed our level of expertise, we have resources to refer businesses to the proper channels. Your funding support directly assists with this effort.

In addition to free business advising & consulting services, LEDC also oversees the Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund. This important loan fund provides businesses seeking financing with an opportunity that some lending institutions often do not allow. We accept higher risk loans to businesses that are often unable to obtain funding elsewhere, which creates opportunity for entrepreneurs that would not otherwise be able to start or maintain their business. This funding is sometimes used as a bridge loan to leverage additional financial services businesses may not be able to obtain without the additional assistance our loan fund provides.

In addition, LEDC – along with the assistance of 11 other Regional Development Corporations throughout the state – works closely with trusted business support groups in Montpelier throughout the legislative session to promote and advocate for the needs of the local business community. All Vermont businesses benefit from this work in the way of legislative action aimed at funding and supporting their efforts. Your support helps make this effort possible.

LEDC also serves as a point of contact for municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more. Our services are available to all businesses in all commercial sectors whether they are existing businesses looking to expand, start-ups or businesses seeking to relocate to Lamoille County. Strengthening the county's economy by helping facilitate the creation, retention and expansion of jobs and businesses and investing in the prosperity of Lamoille County communities are cornerstones to all LEDC efforts. It is only through your continued support that we can strive to accomplish these important goals.

Lamoille Family Center

Since 1976, the Lamoille Family Center has served thousands of children, youth and families throughout the Lamoille Valley, offering home visiting, parent education, playgroups, infant wellness support, child-care resource and referral, prevention programming, youth services, and emergency assistance. In fiscal year 2024, our caring and dedicated staff reached more than 5,000 individuals and impacted many more.

Examples of Hyde Park residents served include:

- Children's Integrated Services team provided 27 families with support and early intervention
- 32 children received toys, games, and books through the Holiday Project
- 137 residents received emergency assistance for rent, fuel, groceries, diapers and other needs
- 7 families were supported by a DULCE family specialist during pediatric infant wellness visits
- 16 Hyde Park residents attended Playgroups to strengthen social connections
- Many people attended Parent Education Workshops to learn about raising healthy families
- 69 children received childcare support services including financial assistance and referral
- 24 Hyde Park students attended refusal skills Workshops and 35 students were honored for their prevention work through Healthy Lamoille Valley, LFC's prevention program
- 12 Baby Chat playgroups were offered in Hyde Park

Together, we strive to help families become mentally and physically healthy, resilient, safe, strong and independent. We cannot do this work without you. Please call if you would benefit from our services or visit our website: https://www.lamoillefamilycenter.org. Thank you for your support.

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480 Cady's Falls Road Morrisville, VT 05661 (802) 888-5229 ext. 124

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice

Newspaper reporters try to include the comprehensive what, where, when, why and who answers in their articles – and so it seems like a good way to tell you about our Agency and how we served your community since the last Town Meeting.

WHAT: We are a non-profit visiting nurse organization providing home health and hospice care to people of all ages in our communities. Nurses, licensed nursing assistants, physical/occupational/speech therapists, medical social workers, personal care attendants/homemakers travel in any kind of weather to deliver skilled and compassionate health care to patients, many of who cannot leave their homes for care.

WHERE: Our office is in Morrisville, but we make visits to all ten Lamoille County towns.

WHEN: Visits are made at all times of the day and night depending on the needs of the patient. It could be an assessment of congestive heart failure at 10 AM, a mom-to-be teaching session at 4:40 PM, or a

7:30 AM shower for the person with severe arthritis. It might be a 1:00 PM exercise regime for a client just back from hip surgery, a grocery run at 9:00 AM when the store is quiet, or the 2:00 AM visit to the hospice patient.

WHY: Our mission is to support health, independence and dignity through quality care in the home.

WHO: The total of **5,183** visits made to 138 **Hyde Park** residents looks like this:

Nursing ~ 1,956
Physical Therapy ~ 663
Occupational Therapy ~ 327
Speech Therapy ~ 254
Chaplain ~ 56
Hospice Medical Director ~ 6
Licensed Nursing Assistants ~ 931
Medical Social Work ~ 248
Personal Care Attendants ~ 542
Case Management ~ 131
Volunteer ~ 69

After the five "W's", there are also two more important words. **THANK YOU** for your long history of supporting the mission of Lamoille Home Health & Hospice through your dollars, through your words of appreciation and the work of your Hospice volunteers. It really takes all of us to make high quality home care happen.

Lamoille Housing Partnership

LHP collaborates with communities to create and preserve quality, affordable housing opportunities in the town of Hardwick and in Lamoille County. Since 1991, LHP has developed and maintained 350 income eligible, subsidized, and affordable rental apartments for households earning lower and moderate incomes from employment or social security. LHP is the local provider of *Support and Services at Home* (SASH), a free statewide health and wellness program designed to assist aging individuals and individuals with disabilities age safely and independently in their home.

In 2023, LHP completed Village Center and Gordon Lane Apartments in Morrisville, creating 50 new, affordable rental apartments for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The same year, LHP supported more than 325 households with affordable homes including 112 children, 301 adults, 107 older adults, 86 individuals with disabilities, and 104 households who had previously experienced homelessness. In the 2023 and 2024 annual municipal tax cycles, LHP will pay a combined total of $332,315 in property taxes to the Towns of Stowe, Morristown, Cambridge, Johnson, Hardwick, and Hyde Park, which include LHP's current project: Rehabilitating Hyde Park's recently closed residential care center into a 21 bed, year-round homeless shelter is expected to be completed in Spring 2024. This will be LHP's first ever property in Hyde Park.

LHP's affordable housing developments are initiated with charitable donations and Town appropriated funds and completed with federal and state resources. Donations and town appropriations are used towards local housing needs studies, feasibility studies, permitting, site assessments and environmental review. Federal and state resources including Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Vermont Community Development Program, and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds are used towards land acquisition, building materials, and construction.

In October 2023, LHP had 13 vacancies and 629 waitlisted applicant households. Continued compounding pressures on Hardwick and Lamoille County's housing landscape include extremely low housing vacancy rates, homeownership and rental costs that significantly outpace incomes, sluggish housing production rates, population growth, rapid annual conversion of long-term rental apartments to short-term vacation rentals, plus hundreds of homes destroyed by 2023 flooding.

LHP requests $300 in appropriated funds from the Town of Hyde Park to fund future affordable housing development in Hardwick and Lamoille County. Annually, LHP seeks to fundraise $100,000 on a fiscal year timeline.

LHP is a 501c3 registered nonprofit, federal tax identification number: 22-3177209. Learn more, visit www.lamoillehousing.org or contact LHP's office, (802)888-5714.

Lamoille Neighbors

Lamoille Neighbors started serving its members in 2019 and for the past six years, the organization has successfully carried out its mission to support local seniors living in the home of their choice and to help them remain active and engaged in their community.

Lamoille Neighbors' dedicated volunteers have transported members to: medical and other appointments, social and cultural events, grocery stores, the library, the bank, and the post office. The organization has provided: gardening help, light handyman repairs, pet care, and meal deliveries. Lamoille Neighbors' 52 volunteers have completed 1,131 hours of services to 100 members this past year. A large portion of these services are to citizens of Hyde Park as 40% of the members are Hyde Park residents. Transportation is approximately 30% of all services.

To address the social isolation of seniors, the organization has held 182 events such as concerts, on-line lectures, in person discussion groups, birdwatching walks, and garden tours. The board, administrators, and volunteers regularly check up on members by calling on the phone, sending cards, making friendly visits to the more vulnerable seniors, and delivering holiday baskets door to door.

Lamoille Neighbors continues to apply for grants from foundations and businesses to bring new programming to members as well as make sure the cost of membership is not a barrier to participation. All volunteers undergo a criminal background check and, if they volunteer to drive, a DMV records check.

This year Lamoille Neighbors is asking for the same contribution as the past 5 years - $800.00. This support from the Town of Hyde Park helps the organization increase its membership and volunteer base, expand services, and subsidize more low-income members.

Lamoille Restorative Center

Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC) is a non-profit that upholds the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice programs serving youth and adults in the Lamoille Valley. LRC served 35 residents of Hyde Park in 2024.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

- Balanced & Restorative Justice - Supports youth whose behavior could lead to involvement in the legal system.

- Lamoille Valley School Engagement - School referred students receive individualized interventions to support educational success.
- Youth Development - Individualized transition to independent living for youth who are in custody of DCF.

EMPLOYMENT

- Jump on Board for Success - Youth employment focused services ranging from career exploration to employment retention supports.
- Youth Development - See above description.

LEGAL SYSTEM

- Balanced & Restorative Justice - See above description.
- Civil Driving with License Suspended - Helps people regain their driver's license while they pay off their fines and fees.
- Court Diversion - Provides an alternative, restorative response for youth and adults charged with delinquency or facing criminal charges.
- Pretrial Services - Offers support and accountability to adults accessing necessary mental health care, substance misuse treatment, or other community services.
- Reentry Services - Helps adults who are returning to the community from prison restore relationships and access critical resources.
- Reparative - Individuals meet with trained community volunteers to examine the impact of their crime discussing who was affected by their actions, deciding how to repair the harm, and making a plan to prevent future harm.
- Tamarack - An alternative, restorative justice response for those charged with a crime, and who have substance misuse or mental health treatment needs.
- Victim Services - Collaboration with law enforcement, courts, crime victim services center, and those impacted by crime to ensure victim centered responses.
- Youth Substance Awareness Safety - Provides an alternative to the civil court process for youth who violate underage alcohol or marijuana laws.

TRAINING & CONSULTATION

- Restorative Practices - Based on principles of exploring relationships, meaningful engagement, shared decision-making, and active accountability, RP training provides a framework for schools and organizations to build a sense of community and respond to challenging behaviors in school and employment contexts.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County

The mission of Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is to improve health and enhance the quality of life for older members of our community by providing nutritious meals and social interaction. Our daily meal and well-check visit help elders live independently in their homes and communities.

Meals on Wheels is not an income-eligible program. Any person is eligible who is age 60 or older and is unable to obtain or prepare meals on a temporary or permanent basis due to a physical, mental, or cognitive condition that requires assistance to leave home. Caregivers are also eligible regardless of age, and individuals under 60 with a disability who reside with a qualified individual receive meals.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County offers community-style meals at The Hub at 21 Munson Avenue in Morrisville. See our website for more information: www.mowlc.org.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County also contracts with the Vermont Center of Independent Living to provide meals to those under 60 with disabilities living independently in Lamoille County.

Our nine employees and over 65 volunteers are crucial to our success. Volunteers and staff deliver ten routes, traveling over 325 miles daily. Each meal provides 1/3 of the daily Recommended Dietary Allowance and complies with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Our work is only possible because of support from communities like yours. State and Federal funding account for 40% of our budget. We fill the gap by writing grants and campaign letters, fundraising activities, client contributions, and town appropriations.

This fiscal year, October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County has prepared 57,629 meals. 8,476 of those meals were delivered to residents of Hyde Park.

Thank you for your ongoing support. For more information about our services or to become a volunteer, please call (802) 888-5011 ext. 1.

North Central Vermont Recovery Center

North Central Vermont Recovery Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, welcoming, and substance-free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from alcohol and other drugs.

Our programs and services are provided to all citizens regardless of age, race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. All services and programs offered at NCVRC are provided free of charge. Our staff, recovery coaches, volunteers, and the majority of our board of directors are people with lived experience with substance use disorder. This equips us with a unique quality and relatability to provide powerful, effective insights while working with the people we serve.

We support numerous pathways to and in recovery, including offerings such as:

- Recovery Coaching (individual support/goal setting)
- Recovery Coaching for family members
- Al-Anon (for family members/loved ones)
- Substance-free social
- All Recovery
- Employment Resource navigation
- Opiate addiction recovery assistance
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Financial Planning workshops
- Families Anonymous
- Arts and Music gatherings
- Flu and vaccine clinics
- 24/7 Emergency department recovery coaching at Copley Hospital

We continue to distribute harm reduction supplies such as; Harm Reduction Packs (HRPs), Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, Xylazine test strips, and Xylazine wound care kits. We collaborate with our many valued community partners, providing referrals and resource navigation efforts to assist with barriers and challenges connected with substance use disorder, such as housing, healthcare, food, employment, parenting, transportation, inpatient and outpatient treatment, and legal issues.

North Country Animal League

On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers, and animals, thank you for your past financial support. **At this time, North Country Animal League (NCAL) respectfully submits a request for $500 in town**

appropriation funds for the year 2025. These funds help us fulfill our mission of promoting compassionate and responsible relationships between animals and humans through sheltering of homeless animals, pet adoptions, spay/neuter programs, support of cruelty prevention, and humane education.

Through December 27, 2024, NCAL has accepted 38 stray and 7 surrendered animals from Hyde Park into our shelter out of **a total of 63 stray animals taken in by NCAL during 2024**. These strays or surrenders amount to an approximate expense to NCAL of **$34,605** when using a minimum average expense of $769 per animal for care, feeding, and medical needs before adoption. Our adoption fees range between $200 to $450 for dogs and $50 to $225 for cats, which cover only a small amount of the expenses incurred: veterinary exams, spay/neuter, vaccinations, routine testing, deworming, emergency medical needs, microchipping, food, and care. To ensure the adoption of homeless animals, we must keep our adoption fees as affordable as possible. We seek town-wide support for our local stray and unwanted animals and help to provide them with quality care and placement into permanent homes. Daily boarding fees at private kennels average $30 per day. To board animals, with an average stay of 27 days before adoption, your town would have spent a minimum of $14,700 to house these strays, not including medical treatment, adoption services, the overhead of staff and building, etc. NCAL offered the best humane and financial solution for 584 stray and unwanted animals in 2024, over 15,000 since our founding 30 years ago.

Thank you for your consideration, Beth White, Office Manager, North Country Animal League

River Arts

River Arts is proud to share the impact we've made this year, staying true to our mission of enriching and empowering the community through the arts. In 2024, we offered 256 diverse classes, hosted 16 engaging summer camps, created a large-scale public mural along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, and provided $20,000 in tuition assistance. Through these programs, we served over 4,800 individuals across the region. Hyde Park, our 3rd largest township, saw 489 residents participating in our offerings. The continued support and enthusiasm of the community drive our mission, and we're deeply grateful for the connection and creativity we help foster.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to build on these successes. We will continue to offer high-quality, enriching arts programs for all ages both on-site and off-site. In collaboration with the Morristown Centennial Library, we will again host Morristown Free University, offering over 30 free community-led classes throughout April. These initiatives represent our commitment to keeping the arts accessible to everyone.

Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) is a nonprofit corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2024, RCT provided 745 rides, traveling 16,208 miles at a total cost of $18,042.00 to the residents of Hyde Park.

RCT operates with federal and state funding, however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match and therefore are vital to RCT's operation.

Shall the town of Hyde Park vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of $3,350.00 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc to provide services to the residents of the Town of Hyde Park?
We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continued service to the residents of Hyde Park.

Salvation Farms

Over the course of the past four years, Salvation Farms has moved approximately 1,134,250 servings of surplus food from more than 45 local farms into the community, serving upwards of 50 community food programs. In this work, Salvation Farms has engaged volunteers who have contributed more than 3,965 hours collecting and distributing surplus farm food, among other tasks.

All of this work is performed at no cost to farmers or the food programs that receive this food.
Within 2024, Salvation Farms has delivered locally raised food and vegetable starts to the following community food programs in the Lamoille Valley that likely serve residents of Hyde Park:

Food Program Served by Salvation Farms in 2024	Produce Delivered in 2024	
Cambridge Community Food Shelf	1,560	
Johnson Emergency Food Shelf	1,111	
Lamoille Community Food Shelf	2,974	
Lamoille County Mental Health - Food Shelf	1,296	
Lamoille Health Partners	809	
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	1,030	
WIC (Morrisville)	1,114	
Copley House	1,016	
The Manor, Inc.	908	
Morrisville Out & About	863	
Teen Challenge (Johnson)	1,564	
Total:	**14,245**	**pounds**

Vermont Rural Fire Protection

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

The Rural Fire Protection Grant Program offers State grant awards up to $10,000 per project. Additional Federal funding can provide an additional $5,000-$10,000 per project for more expensive special case projects. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, drafting site development, and bridge mounted dry hydrants are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2023 was **$227,662** of which **$105,483** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **13 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of

our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a $200 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received **$9,150** in town appropriations from **90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

235 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.
Jill Arace, Executive Director Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program

Vermont Family Network

Through our Family Support Program, we offer families a variety of services such as individualized assistance through our education and health helplines, workshops, parent matches and sibling support, funding and support at coordinated services plan and school meetings. Our Family Support Consultants are trained and experienced parents of children with disabilities or special health needs, who provide compassionate and knowledgeable peer to peer support to families who walk the same path.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education (PIE), an educational puppetry team that teaches children and school staff about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication.

In FY24 Vermont Family Network Family Support Consultants provided three Hyde Park families with individualized support through five different interactions. To protect the privacy of those we serve, we do not disclose specific details about individual cases or participants. However, we can confirm that all services and programs offered by VFN are fully accessible to families and children in Hyde Park. In addition to the three families we served, our webinars, newsletters and website are accessed by families and individuals at any time but identifying data isn't collected for this.

Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District (LFCUD) - Town Meeting Report

A Pivotal Year. 2024 was a successful and pivotal year for Lamoille FiberNet. In 2024, LFCUD and our partner Consolidated Communications Inc ("CCI) constructed over 500 miles to bring Fidium Fiber to 4,590 Lamoille addresses that previously lacked broadband access. Funded by the Vermont Community Broadband Board ("VCBB") and CCI, the $25 million project was completed on time, on budget, and exceeded expectations by reaching an additional 400 unserved homes. With Phase 1 complete and Phase 2 fully funded, we are on track to achieve universal broadband service across our district by fall of 2025, thus ensuring every on-grid address has access to at least one high-speed broadband provider.

2024 Phase 1 - % Unserved/Underserved Addresses Built	
Belvidere	100%
Cambridge	100%
Eden	100%
Elmore	79%
Hyde Park	93%
Johnson	100%
Morristown	99%
Stowe	88%
Waterville	100%
Wolcott (portion served by LFCUD)	90%
LFCUD Service Area	**95%**

This monumental progress reflects years of grassroots dedication by volunteer board members and widespread support from our ten selectboards, state and federal elected leaders, and organizations like the Lamoille County Planning Commission. We are particularly grateful for the terrific cooperation of Town Highway and Public Works Departments – many, if not all, which were also managing flood restoration and summer construction projects. ***Thank you!***

Extraordinary Costs of Nonstandard Installations. While our Fidium partnership provides one of the most generous installation ("drop") policies in Vermont (up to 500 feet of new conduit free), some residents have extraordinarily long drops, well beyond the 500' limit. Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Johnson, Hyde Park, Waterville and Wolcott donated local ARPA funds so LFCUD could help offset some of these extraordinary costs. LFCUD expects to exhaust these funds early in 2025. We will continue to seek additional resources, such as the VCBB's recently announced drop subsidy program, to help constituents in all our towns connect.

Phase 2 and the Road Ahead. LFCUD has secured funding for Phase 2 which includes the remaining 5% of addresses in East Elmore, Hyde Park, Morristown, Stowe, and Lamoille FiberNet's service area in Wolcott. Construction will begin Q2 2025. Beyond network construction, Lamoille FiberNet is collaborating with Southern VT CUD and Otter Creek CUD, who also partnered with CCI, on governance

and funding strategies to ensure long-term viability, grant compliance and oversight of network performance and service quality.

As we move forward with the final phase, we remain dedicated to addressing the needs of community members and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our fiber network. Together, we are laying the foundation for a connected and empowered future for Lamoille County. Thank you for being part of the journey with us.

For our annual report, details on construction, and the most recent news, visit our website https://lamoillefiber.net.

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Lamoille County Planning Commission
FY24 Municipal Report

FY24 Municipal Assistance
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

LCPC Board Member
Greg Paus
Richard Pearson

Transportation Advisory Committee
Richard Pearson

HYDE PARK TOWN

The Lamoille County Planning Commission is a political subdivision of the state, governed by a board that includes representatives from each Lamoille County municipality. In the absence of County government, the LCPC provides an essential link between local, state, and federal government agencies and local Lamoille County communities. The LCPC is uniquely positioned to provide broad and cost-effective professional planning services to local municipalities.

In Hyde Park these services included:

- Assisting with the Hyde Park Municipal Plan update;
- Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Hyde Park Highway Department;
- Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- Working with the Town to develop options for pedestrian safety improvements in North Hyde Park Village;
- Assisting with VEM funded planning for two road structures in Hyde Park;
- Conducting Gap and Needs analysis regarding public transit services;
- Assisting the Town to manage two "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" grants for engineering to upgrade the Whitcomb Island Bridge and a culvert on Garfield Road;
- Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts specific to the North Hyde Park Pedestrian Safety Study;
- Assisting with updating of Local Emergency Management Plan;
- Assisting with updating town Zoning maps and overlays;
- Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards, including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;

- Providing technical assistance for the Town of Hyde Park's Clean Water Service Provider application to fund preliminary design for the Centerville Brook Dam Removal Project;
- Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- Managing a FY22 Municipal Planning Grant to evaluate and identify opportunities for bylaw modernization in the context of North Hyde Park; Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- Providing technical assistance and coordinating building energy assessments for the Municipal Energy Resilience Program. Assistance preparing for Implementation Grant;
- Assisting the Hyde Park Planning Commission with an update of the Town Plan;
- Securing a Consortia MPG grant with Cambridge and Stowe to support the Town/Village Plan update
- Providing Low Emissions Analysis Platform (LEAP) and renewable generation energy targets.

GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Success on Green Up Day May 4, 2024



Green Up Day saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023 and picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: "The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours." Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a $1,000 scholarship. LRSWMD has a combined payment for all Cities and Towns in the district.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at **www.greenupvermont.org.**

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) is a municipal non-profit organization with the mission of reducing the quantity and toxicity of trash generated and going to the landfill, while maintaining or improving overall environmental quality (air, water, soil), treating customer and employees with respect, and operating within a balanced budget.

The LRSWMD is comprised of 12 towns including Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott, and Worcester. Each town either appoints or elects a representative to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Maurice Brigham represents the town of Hyde Park. The LRSWMD provides outreach and education on materials management in schools and in communities, free use of waste receptacles for community events, and assistance to member communities for compliance with state solid waste regulations. The LRSWMD also sells backyard compost bins at a subsidized cost and hosts annual household hazardous wastes events in the Spring and the Fall.

The LRSWMD operates transfer stations in Stowe, Morrisville, Craftsbury, Worcester, and Johnson, as well as a commercial composting center, Lamoille Soil, in Johnson. Services offered at these facilities are available to both District and non-District residents. A total of 3,174 tons of landfill-bound solid waste was collected across all five transfer stations in FY2024, up less than 1% from last year. Recycling increased by 26% from just over 586 tons in FY2023 to over 739 tons in FY2024. Food scrap collections were comparable to FY2023, with over 240 tons collected and diverted from the landfill. FY2024 started off with severe flooding that affected many district towns. Moving forward, we will be collecting information from coordinators in each town that have been appointed by the Office of Emergency Management to help communities keep recyclables, hazardous waste, and landfill waste separated for optimal and safe handling. The LRSWMD also collects a myriad of other materials such as film plastics, electronics, clothing & textiles, mercury-containing devices, and batteries that are sent for proper reuse, recycling, or safe disposal. The Board of Supervisors approved a budget of $1,832,612 for FY2025. This budget is generated through user fees and hauler surcharges. There is no tax or per capita assessment charged to member towns. To learn more, visit www.lrswmd.org, follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or call (802)888-7317.

LRSWMD Locations	Hours
Administrative Office 29 Sunset Dr. Morrisville (802)888-7317	Monday – Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM
Craftsbury Town Garage, 40 Creek Road	Saturday 9AM-1PM
Johnson 941 Wilson Rd (802)635-9246	Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 8:30AM-3:30PM
Morrisville 832 Cochran Rd	Saturday 8:30AM-1:30PM
Lamoille Soil 941 Wilson Rd	By Appointment Only
Worcester 43 Calais Rd (802)229-2719	Saturday 7:30AM-1:00PM
Stowe 91 Dump Rd (802)253-4059	Wednesday-Monday CLOSED TUESDAY 7:30AM-3:00PM

NOTICE TO VOTERS
For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

BEFORE MEETING DAY:
CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by **FEBRUARY 2, 2025**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.vermont.gov.**

ON MEETING DAY:
If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1(800)439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1(800)439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

NOTICE TO VOTERS – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – BOND VOTE
For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Town Clerk's Office by **FEBRUARY 2, 2025**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by **FEBRUARY 22, 2025**.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the Town Clerk's office or going online to **olvr.vermont.gov.**

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at **mvp.vermont.gov**. The latest you can request ballots for the **TOWN MEETING BOND VOTE** is the close of the Town Clerk's office on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the Town Clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the Town Clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the Town Clerk to have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- If the Town Clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1(800)439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

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- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1(800)439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.
If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.
If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Australian Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each public question listed on the ballot, you will vote either "Yes" or "No"

- To vote "Yes", fill in the oval to the right for "Yes".
- To vote "No", fill in the oval to the right for "No".

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box.
LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

TOWN OF HYDE PARK

MARCH 4, 2025

OFFICIAL VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS FOR MARKING YOUR BALLOT: For Each public question listed on the ballot, you will vote either "Yes" or "No".

- **To vote "Yes", fill in the box to the right for "Yes".**
- **To vote "No", fill in the box to the right for "No".**

Article 1.

Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Hyde Park in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($650,000.00), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid and other financial resources, be issued to finance the construction of additions and improvements to the Town fire station?

YES ☐

NO ☐

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #058A

MARCH 4, 2025

If in FAVOR of the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked YES.

If OPPOSED to the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked NO.

ARTICLE XIV

"Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified School District #058A (PreK-6th grade) approve the school board to expend $17,307,730, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $14,254 per long term weighted average daily membership (LT ADM). This projected spending per LT ADM is .57% lower than spending for the current year. "

☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #058B

MARCH 4, 2025

If in FAVOR of the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked YES.

If OPPOSED to the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked NO.

ARTICLE XV

"Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified School District #058B (7th-12th grade) approve the school board to expend $20,186,786, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $12,275 per long term weighted average daily membership (LT ADM). This projected spending per LT ADM is .87% more than spending for the current year."

☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

ARTICLE XVI

"Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified School District #058B, Green Mountain Technology & Career Center, approve the school board to expend $4,191,823, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?"

☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

SAMPLE BALLOT

RESUME OF TOWN MEETING – March 5, 2024

Article 1: Town Officers were elected by Australian Ballot as listed in front of this Town Report.

Article 2: Town Officers were elected by floor vote as listed in front of this Town Report.

Article 3. Voted to create a reserve fund for town highway road construction, such funds to be used for road resurfacing and roadbed improvements, to be under the control of the Selectboard with funding from a transfer of $100,000.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, donations, fees, grants, interest earned on investments, or gifts, and by any appropriation approved by voters in future years..

Article 4. Voted for a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 of $3,336,900 PLUS $2,550 of which $2,805,100 shall be raised by property taxes and $531,800 by non-property tax revenue.

Article 5. Voted to approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. §4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32V.S.A §1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three month, and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax. Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A. §5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A §4773).

First installment to be paid on or before Friday, August 30, 2024. Second installment to be paid on or before Friday, November 15, 2024. Third installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Fourth installment to be paid on or before Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

Morrisville Local Health Office | 63 Professional Drive, Morrisville, VT
Phone 802.888.7447 | AHS.VDHMorrisville@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Morrisville Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Lamoille, Orleans, Caledonia, and Washington counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2024 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/morrisville

Improving Family and Child Health

Our Woman Infants and Children (WIC) Program supports pregnant people, infants, and kids under 5 with nutritious food and nutrition education. In 2024, we

- Served 690 WIC participants through tele-WIC visits and in-person clinics in Johnson, Cambridge, Morrisville, and Hardwick.
- Worked with Buffalo Mountain Coop to become a new WIC grocer.
- Provided a total of $8,460 in fresh produce through our Farm to Family program.
- With Salvation Farms, provided 1,154 pounds of free seasonal produce.
- Supported 63 prenatal and postpartum families with our dedicated Breastfeeding Peer Counselors
- Through Building Bright Futures resumed Dabble Days with over 90 kids and families attending to play and learn about community resources.

Protect and Promote Community Health

Our team is committed to preventing disease and investigating reports of infectious disease. We provide vaccines to individuals uninsured or facing barriers to access. As of November 2024 , we held 40 clinics in the office and offsite and provided 250 vaccines, including COVID, flu, MMR, Mpox, Hepatitis A & B, TdaP, Shingles, and Pneumococcal vaccines. Our team also responded to Measles cases, providing resources and support, and offering vaccines.

Emergency Preparedness

- We partnered with Lamoille Area Recovery Network (LEARN) to support community members at risk of adverse effects due to flooding and distributed water test kits.
- Our teams collaborated with Critical Access Hospitals, Copley, NWMC, and NCH to establish mutual emergency preparedness goals and share resources.
- We provided personal preparedness information and education at Capstone Community Action, The Community Center, and other events, including Bright at Night Reflector Road Safety resource. We partnered with GMTCC Students to provide Stop the Bleed training in schools and the community.

We also recruit and support Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, who are critical resources to our community during emergencies. We welcome clinical and non-clinical volunteers. Everyone is needed. Contact us for more information.

VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Scan to access the report online

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR freefile

Two out of three Vermont taxpayers qualify for Free File. How about you?

If you qualify for Free File options to electronically file your federal individual income tax return with the IRS, you may also be eligible to file your Vermont return electronically *for free*.

FREE FILE YOUR

- Income Tax
- Homestead Declaration,
- Property Tax Credit, or
- Renter Credit

Go to tax.vermont.gov/free-file to find out if you qualify.

FREE FILE TIPS

- Most tax software vendors have two websites, one for the general public, where you may be charged a fee, and the other for those eligible for Free File.
- To use Free File for your Vermont return, file **both** your federal and Vermont returns through one of the participating providers on our Free File page (tax.vermont.gov).

FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. You may also be eligible for free tax help through the IRS, AARP, or MyFreeTaxes (myfreetaxes.com).

Learn where to find free tax help (tax.vermont.gov).

If you have questions, please email tax.individualincome@vermont.gov or call 802-828-2865. For more information please visit tax.vermont.gov.
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VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF TAXES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Hyde Park Town Clerk and Treasurer: Kimberly J. Moulton (802)888-2300, x301, or option 8
Town Administrator: VACANT, (802)888-2300 option 2,
Planning, Zoning: Stephen McDonald, (802)888-2300 x302, or option 3, Stephen@hydeparkvt.com
Town Listers' Office: (802)888-2300 x303, or option 5, Office Hours: Thursdays 8:00am – 4:00 pm
Animal Control: Ally Judkins (802)730-2292 or Dean Locke, (802)595-5489. Emergency calls to 911
Hyde Park Village Trustees / Utility Billing (Village Electric, Water and Sewer): (802)888-2310
(New Location as of May 2024 – 167 Main Street, Hyde Park)
Hyde Park Highway Garage: (802)888-4625 (You may need to leave a message)
North Hyde Park Water District #1: Roger Audet (802)635-7038
Hyde Park Opera House: (802)888-4507

FIRE, POLICE, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES **Dial 911 in Emergencies**

Non-Emergency Numbers for:
Lamoille County Sheriff: Sheriff Roger Marcoux (802)888-3502
Ambulance: Newport Ambulance Services (NEMS) (802)334-2023
Hyde Park Fire Department: Chief Ryan Nolan (802)279-6955
North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department: Chief Brent Lanpher (802)279-6361

Community Services & General Information
Dial 211
vermont211.org

Road Conditions
Dial 511
newengland511.org

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT - LAMOILLE UNIT

154 Main Street · All mail to: P.O. Box 570 · Hyde Park, VT 05655
Criminal Division: (802)888-3887 Family Division: (802)888-3887
Civil Division: (802)888-3887 Probate Division: (802)888-3887

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Main Office (802)888-7317, Visit www.lrswmd.org for locations and hours
Contact Private Trash Haulers / drop off for residential/commercial needs:
Casella Waste Management (Hyde Park) - (802)888-5423
Town of Wolcott Transfer Station: Gulf Rd - (802)888-2746
Cambridge Transfer Station; VT 104 - (802)644-2251
All Metals Recycling: VT 15 Hardwick - (802)472-5100

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Lamoille-2 Representatives (Belvidere, Hyde Park, Johnson, Wolcott)

Richard Bailey	rbailey@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
Daniel Noyes	dnoyes@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
State Senator – Lamoille District	
Richard Westman	rawestman@gmail.com; (802) 644-2297
Governor Phil Scott	(800) 828-3322; www.governor.vermont.gov
Lt. Governor John Rodgers	(802) 828-2226; www.ltgov.vermont.gov
Secretary of State Sara Copeland Hanzas	(802) 828-2363; www.sos.vermont.gov
U.S. Senator Peter Welch	(800) 642-3193; www.welch.senate.gov
U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders	(800) 339-9834; www.sanders.senate.gov
U.S. Representative Becca Balint	(888) 605-7270; www.balint.house.gov

SCHOOLS

Hyde Park Elementary School: pre-K to 6th Grade; (802)521-5400, www.hpes.lnsd.org; Diane Reilly, Principal
Lamoille Union Middle School: 7th to 8th grades; (802)851-1300, www.lums.lnsd.org; Chris Hennessey, Principal
Lamoille Union High School: 9 to 12th grades; (802)888-4261, www.luhs.lnsd.org; Bethann Pirie, Principal
Green Mountain Technology & Career Center; (802)888-4447, www.gmtcc.lnsd.org; Erik Remmers, Director
Lamoille North Supervisory Union (802)581-1160, www.lnsd.org, Catherine Gallagher, Superintendent

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Rural Community Transportation; Johnson Shopper Route stops in Sterling View Mobile Home Park. (802)748-5275, Toll Free (855)811-6360; www.riderct.org

LIBRARY

Lanpher Memorial Library; (802)888-4628; located at the corner of Church & Main across from the Courthouse
Library Hours: Monday 12-7; Tuesday 10-5; Wednesday 10-5; Friday 10-5; Sat. 10-1
Story Time**:** Mondays 6:00 pm; Wednesdays 10:00 am; E**-**mail**:** hydeparklibrary@yahoo.com

OTHER ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANIES (in addition to Hyde Park Electric)

Morrisville Water and Light Company (MWL); South & East Areas; outage reports (802)888-2162; office (802)888-3348
Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC); North Areas; outage reports (800)832-2667; office (802)635-2331
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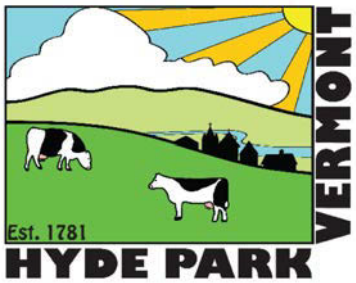

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