

# **Annual Report**

# **Eden, Vermont**

## **2023-2024**



**Eden Youth Sports 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Teams**

**For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**

## Dedication of the Town Report

Every year the town report gets dedicated to a community member that has contributed their time and energy for the betterment of the town. This year the Selectboard would like to honor Linda Young, a longtime resident for her time assisting with elections starting in 2003. Linda was also elected as a Justice of the Peace and served in that role for more than 14 years from February 2009 until August 2023.

A Justice of the Peace can, by law, officiate at a marriage ceremony but in Eden, the responsibilities center more on the election process and Linda said she spent many enjoyable hours as an election official for local as well as national elections. JP's also serve on the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement to hear and decide on tax appeals. Although these meetings do not happen often, JP's play a critical role in town government.



Linda and her husband bought their house on Route 118 or Belvidere Road as it is also known in 1963, just days before their first child was born, a son, Wayne. Quite a way to move in! A daughter, Wendy followed three years later. Linda worked at Vermont Electric Coop in Johnson for 20 years and then did a multitude of shorter stints helping businesses when they needed a fill in person.

Volunteering has been a big part of Linda's time living in the community. She volunteered for the United Way and the Make a Wish Foundation where she participated in making 5 wishes come true for kids that had very big dreams!

Considering the road in front of the house, a State Highway, wasn't even paved until 1973, there have been many changes in the 61+ years Linda has lived in Eden. The town greatly appreciates community members that step forward to participate in the working of the town. Thank you, Linda, for the many hours spent working on elections and serving the community. We really appreciate your contribution to the Town of Eden.

### *On the front cover*

*The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team of Eden Youth Sports gathered at Lamoille Union for a Varsity game. The ECS kids wanted to express their appreciation for the hard work done by the Lamoille Union business class. The business class printed the ECS uniforms, basketball bags and warm-up shirts for all the Eden 5-6 basketball kids. The Eden Central School kids say a big thank you to the LU business class!*

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# TOWN OFFICERS

## Elected by voters at Town Meeting

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

<u>Position</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>March of</u>	<u>Length</u> <u>of Term</u>
<b>Town Moderator</b>	H. Bruce Burnor	2025	1 year
<b>Agent to Convey Real Estate</b>	Monique Morway	2025	1 year
<b>First Constable</b>	Matthew Hill	2025	1 year
<b>Second Constable</b>	Bert Manning	2025	1 year
<b>Grand Juror</b>	David Whitcomb	2025	1 year
<b>Town Agent</b>	Tracey Morin	2025	1 year
<b>Town Clerk &amp; Treasurer</b>	Melissa Whitcomb	2026	3 years
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	Ricky Morin	2026	3 years
<b>Selectboard</b>	<b>Chair</b> Tim Bullard	2025	3 years
	Clayton Whittemore	2026	
	Ricky Morin	2027	3 years
<b>Auditors</b>	Leslie White	2025	3 years
	Tracey Morin	2026	3 years
	Ronald Miller	2027	3 years
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	Adam Degree	2025	5 years
	Faye Cochran	2026	5 years
	<i>Open position</i>	2027	3 years
	<b>President:</b> Jubal Durivage	2028	5 years
	Colleen Durivage	2029	5 years
<b>LNMUUSD Board Members</b>	David Whitcomb	2026	3 years
	Jeffrey Hunsberger	2027	3 years
<b>Trustee of Public Funds</b>	Leslie White	2025	3 years
	Tracey Morin	2026	3 years
	Melissa Whitcomb	2027	3 years

### Recommended by the Selectboard and Appointed by the State

<b>Fire Warden</b>	Marvin Whitcomb	2025	5 year
<b>Health Officer</b>	Faye Cochran	2027	3 year
<b>Town Service Officer</b>	H. Bruce Burnor	2025	1 year



# TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

## Terms of One Year, Appointed after Town Meeting

<b>Dog Officer</b>	Matthew Hill
<b>Emergency Management Director/Coordinator</b>	Jeffrey Hunsberger
<b>Fence Viewer</b>	Michele Cardinal
	Jubal Durivage
	Adam Degree
<b>Inspection of Wood &amp; Timber</b>	H. Bruce Burnor
<b>Tree Warden</b>	H. Bruce Burnor

## Additional Positions

<b>Assessor/Lister</b>	Russ Beaudoin from Appraisal Recource Group Melissa Whitcomb, Assessor's Assistant
<b>Assistant Clerk &amp; Treasurer</b>	<i>Position Open</i>

## Committee Appointments (One year term)

### **Eden Youth Sports Committee**

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

### **Eden Planning Commission**

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

### **Eden Energy Committee**

Craig Kneeland  
Matt Mitchell  
*Open Positions (3)*

### **Lamoille FiberNet**

**Communications District**  
Carey Earle

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

David Whitcomb Expires March 2025

## Justices of the Peace

Elected on November 5, 2024, for a two-year term that starts Feb. 1, 2025, and ends Jan. 31, 2027

H. Bruce Burnor	Molly Morin	Steve Schmelzer
Kathleen (Kelly) Daige	Tracey Morin	Leslie White
Amy Fitzgerald		

## WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Eden are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Eden Central School on Knowles Flat Road, Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 9.00 a.m.

- Article 1:** To determine whether Robert's Rules or other rules of order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of this meeting.
- Article 2:** To elect a moderator.
- Article 3:** To see if the voters will accept the Town Report.  
To present the Bullard Award.
- Article 4:** To elect all Town and School District Officers as required by law:  
Office to take effect after adjournment of Town Meeting.

	Currently holds Office
a) Selectperson for three years	Tim Bullard
b) Auditor for three years	Leslie White
c) Cemetery Commissioner for five years	Adam Degree
d) Cemetery Commissioner for three years	Open Position
e) First Constable for one year	Matthew Hill
f) Second Constable for one year	Bert Manning
g) Grand Juror for one year	David Whitcomb
h) Agent to convey Real Estate for one year	Monique Morway
i) Trustee of Public Funds for three years	Leslie White

The position of Town Agent was eliminated in 2020 by Act 84 pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2646.

- Article 5:** To see what sum of money the Town will raise on its grand list for the Highway Department?
- |                 |               |       |          |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|----------|
| Budget Proposal | \$ 699,615.00 | 6.80% | Increase |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|----------|

- Article 6:** To see what sum of money the Town will raise on its grand list for the Selectboard Fund?
- |   |               |              |                 |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Budget Proposal                                 | \$ 564,300.57 | 4.38%        | Increase        |
| <i>Selectboard and Highway budget combined:</i> |               | <i>5.47%</i> | <i>Increase</i> |

- Article 7:** Shall the town transfer \$10,000.00 from the FY 23-24 unspent Selectboard Funds to the Outside Audit Reserve Fund in anticipation of the independent audit required in 2026 with the balance of the un-spent SB funds of \$ 43,109.71 to be used to reduce taxes?

- Article 8:** Shall the Town appropriate the following sums to be raised on its Grand List for local organizations?
- |  |           |                  |               |
|--|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| a) After School Program                  | \$        | 4,000.00         |               |
| b) Eden Cemetery                         | \$        | 7,500.00         |               |
| c) Eden Historical Society               | \$        | 2,000.00         |               |
| d) Eden Youth Sports                     | \$        | 4,500.00         |               |
| e) Lake Eden Association Greeter Program | \$        | 4,000.00         |               |
| <b>Total Requested Appropriations</b>    | <b>\$</b> | <b>22,000.00</b> | <b>-4.35%</b> |

The Selectboard chose not to include the Swim Program in the above list of appropriations to solicit discussion on the increasing cost of the program and how to fund swim lessons in years ahead.

- Article 9:** Shall the Town pay for the minimum estimated cost of \$9,180.00 for the Teach America to Swim Program from the surplus LERA funds totaling \$16,167.45 with the balance to go towards the purchase of a new Husqvarna TS 354 XD lawn tractor for \$4,899.00, 7 new picnic tables for \$1,799.93 and the remaining funds of \$288.52 to be used for additional spring maintenance?



## ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR FY 25-26

Estimated revenue figures used to offset amount needed to be raised by taxes when setting the tax rate.

<u>Revenue</u>	7/1/22-6/30/23	7/1/23-6/30/24	7/1/24-6/30/25	7/1/25-7/1/26
<b>Selectboard</b>	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Current Tax Interest	\$ 2,661.28	\$ 2,881.06	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,600.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 13,169.09	\$ 12,812.87	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$ 15,799.32	\$ 10,578.20	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ -	\$ 310.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,296.00	\$ 2,402.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
School Reimbursements	\$ 5,412.29	\$ 2,122.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
St. of VT Current Use	\$ 78,538.00	\$ 78,948.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
St. of VT Pilot & F&P	\$ 38,699.19	\$ 38,813.19	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 39,000.00
Judicial Fines/VSP Tickets	\$ -	\$ 442.85	\$ -	
Vault & Recording Fees	\$ 14,530.00	\$ 12,415.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Highway</b>				
Vehicle Permits	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
St. of VT Highway	\$ 72,041.69	\$ 74,187.04	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 77,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 243,606.86</b>	<b>\$ 236,372.21</b>	<b>\$ 230,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 235,890.00</b>



The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department issued 180 moose hunting permits in 2024. Hunting was restricted to northeastern Vermont, Wildlife Management Unit E. Between the October 1-7 archery season and the October 19-24 regular season, 62 moose were harvested. Of the 180 permits available, 174 were issued by lottery with almost 5,800 applications. Fish and Wildlife reserves the first 5 permits for military veterans. Three permits were reserved for persons with life threatening illnesses and three more were auctioned as a conservation fundraiser.

# BUDGET PROPOSAL AND EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

<b>Selectboard</b>	7/1/23-6/30/24	7/1/23-6/30/24	7/1/24-6/30/25	Proposed 7/1/25-6/30/26
	Expenditures	Budget	Budget	Budget
Town Officers	\$ 95,189.19	\$ 121,150.00	\$ 120,950.00	\$ 120,200.00
Office Expenses	\$ 36,036.74	\$ 40,430.00	\$ 37,960.00	\$ 40,460.00
Insurance	\$ 50,686.94	\$ 63,540.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 70,450.00
Payroll (Town Share)	\$ 21,917.12	\$ 27,350.00	\$ 21,900.00	\$ 18,900.00
Utilities	\$ 6,421.95	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,800.00
Fire Department	\$ 39,525.00	\$ 39,525.00	\$ 42,225.00	\$ 44,975.00
Assessors	\$ 26,410.18	\$ 29,400.00	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 27,000.00
Dog Officer	\$ 1,651.07	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 3,745.00	\$ 2,875.00
Health Officer	\$ 1,203.50	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Legal	\$ 9,318.43	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Planning Commission	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,029.29	\$ 1,064.57
Professional Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,463.47	\$ 3,911.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 3,650.00
New Equipment Fund	\$ 129,000.00	\$ 129,000.00	\$ 96,000.00 *	\$ 96,000.00
Assessments/Contracts	\$ 111,541.71	\$ 104,399.00	\$ 108,450.00	\$ 119,726.00
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste	\$ 437.71	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Special Projects/Grants		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Selectboard</b>	<b>\$ 539,803.01</b>	<b>\$ 580,030.00</b>	<b>\$ 540,609.29</b>	<b>\$ 564,300.57</b>

% of increase/decrease over FY 23/24

4.38%

## Separate Articles

Appropriations-Local	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Appropriations-Other	\$ 12,431.99	\$ 12,431.99	\$ 11,587.99	\$ 11,587.99
<b>Total Separate Articles</b>	<b>\$ 50,431.99</b>	<b>\$ 50,431.99</b>	<b>\$ 34,587.99</b>	<b>\$ 33,587.99</b>

% of increase/decrease over FY 23/24

-2.89%

<b>Total SB &amp; Appropriations</b>	<b>\$590,235.00</b>	<b>\$630,461.99</b>	<b>\$575,197.28</b> *	<b>\$597,888.56</b>
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% of increase/decrease over FY 23/24

3.94%

## Highway

Winter Roads	\$ 173,967.53	\$ 162,600.00	\$ 162,600.00	\$ 176,500.00
Summer Roads	\$ 112,978.77	\$ 94,300.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 118,000.00
Summer Construction	\$ 5,054.51	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 39,500.00
Class 3 & 4 Roads	\$ 20,031.27	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,500.00
MRGP (State Mandated Program)	\$ 2,870.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 14,765.00	\$ 14,765.00
Insurance Highway Emp.	\$ 118,402.41	\$ 102,270.00	\$ 113,390.00	\$ 121,700.00
Town Garage	\$ 18,382.86	\$ 21,100.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 27,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 125,189.32	\$ 110,200.00	\$ 116,700.00	\$ 126,650.00
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$ 576,876.67</b>	<b>\$ 563,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 595,055.00</b>	<b>\$ 639,615.00</b>

% of increase/decrease over FY 23/24

7.49%

Paving & Structures Reserve Fund	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Special Projects/Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Grand Total Highway</b>	<b>\$ 636,876.67</b>	<b>\$ 623,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 655,055.00</b>	<b>\$ 699,615.00</b>

% of increase/decrease over FY 23/24

6.80%

<b>Grand Total SB &amp; Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 594,438.02</b>	<b>\$ 630,461.99</b>	<b>\$ 575,197.28</b> *	<b>\$ 597,888.56</b>
<b>Grand Total Highway</b>	<b>\$ 636,876.67</b>	<b>\$ 623,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 655,055.00</b>	<b>\$ 699,615.00</b>
<b>Grand Total Selectboard &amp; Highway</b>	<b>\$ 1,231,314.69</b>	<b>\$ 1,254,431.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,230,252.28</b> *	<b>\$ 1,297,503.56</b>

% of increase/decrease over FY 23/24

5.47%

\* The budget figure for the New Equipment Fund that is on this page for FY 23-24 does not match the budget figure that was voted on and approved at Town Meeting, March 5, 2024. The amount that was approved for the New Equipment Fund was \$129,000. Mistakenly included in the New Equipment Fund for the FY 23-24 budget was an additional \$33,000 for a new fire truck that had already been fully paid for. The \$96,000 budget figure for the New Equipment Fund on this page is the corrected amount. \$129,000 minus \$33,000 = \$96,000. This reduction is then reflected in a reduced total for the Selectboard Fund and a reduced Grand Total. When setting the tax rate, the \$33,000 was subtracted from the amount to be raised by taxes. A notice explaining the mistake and correction went out with every tax bill in the fall of 2024.

# SELECTBOARD REPORT

Although this Town Report reflects the financial summary of the town for the specific period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, this review of the town allows us to not only look back at what has transpired but to look forward as well. The board recently met with the director of the Lamoille County Planning Commission and was asked, “What is your vision for the town?” As we watch development and growth increase and a large number of properties change hands, it is a valid question.

With more laws and mandates built for regions of the state where the population lives in much denser areas, we find ourselves having to follow state regulations that make the running of this little town that much more complicated and costly. Of the 277 towns in Vermont, Eden sits right in the middle at #137 with 1,298 residents as of the 2023 Population Estimated Program. Combining the population of the smaller 138 towns is less than 20% of the total state population. We are not alone in finding it challenging to adhere to the growing list of rules, laws and regulations but it does create additional expenses in time and resources for everyone.

As much as we like to think of ourselves as independent, following the mandates we complain about does have its benefits. When we are in compliance, the town can apply for and receive grants that soften the taxation burden for residents. We have been very successful in securing funding for many projects and equipment needed for the town and fire department.

Planning ahead is crucial. Compiling the budget for the highway and the selectboard for the year ahead to provide the services that residents have come to expect is the first step. We must also plan for the longer time frame looking into the future especially when it comes to the larger, capital improvements the town will need moving forward.

At Town Meeting on March 7, 2006, Article 10 read:

*“Shall the Town vote to establish a Highway fund with left over money to be used in the future at the discretion of the Selectboard and Road Commissioner?”*

The article was amended to read: “...a Highway Reserve Fund...” and the amended article passed. At that time, the town did have a positive revenue balance for the highway that was informally kept separate from the selectboard accounting but it was not officially designated as a Reserve Fund. Although there was no dollar figure attached to the article in 2006, the dollar amount of the new Highway Reserve Fund came from General Ledger in our accounting software. The beginning balance of the new Highway Reserve Fund as of July 1, 2007 was \$12,121.62.

During a flood event in 2011, the bridge over the Gihon River on Whitney Lane was compromised. The Highway crew shored up the structure but FEMA would not accept the fix as permanent and the challenge to build a new bridge was on.

When the proper paperwork was completed, a hydraulic study, the related permits and a grant had been applied for, a request for proposals went out to hire a contractor. With plans now in place, the voters were asked at Town Meeting in 2013, if they would authorize the selectboard to borrow \$200,000 to be financed over 5 years to build the new bridge. The voters agreed to add \$40,000 to the highway budget for 5 years. In order to reduce the cost of the new bridge, the highway department, with a great deal of ingenuity and hard work, chose to act as the general



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contractor instead of hiring out the work and built the new structure at a significant savings to the taxpayer. Total expense was \$450,964.03, the grant awarded was \$175,000 and the Town share was \$275,964.03. With the \$200k from the voters, the balance still owed was \$75,964.03. Here is where the Highway Reserve Fund comes to play. Since 2007 when the Reserve Fund was created until 2013, when the town incurred the expense of the new Whitney Lane Bridge, the Reserve fund grew to \$79,573.23. The new bridge was paid for in full without any additional funds needed from the Eden taxpayer with a little left to spare.

All these numbers are included here to emphasize the importance of the Reserve Funds the Town of Eden is so fortunate to have for the highway as well as other designations.

Since that time, Eden has built themselves, hired a contractor or some combination of the two and 6 additional large structures have been replaced. The Knowles Flat single culvert, the Knowles Flat double culvert, Crooks Road, Paronto Road, Blakeville Road #13 and most recently the Boy Scout Camp Road box culvert. We have had financial assistance from Federal grants, FEMA grants, State grants and G-1 settlement funds (the old asbestos mine owner) but the town has not had to ask for any additional funds from the taxpayer. This really is an outstanding accomplishment! Many times, the town has to pay a large invoice when the work is completed many months (or years) before the grant funding is released. This past year finally brings to a close the impacts of the 2019 flood as well as the 2023 flood. All repair work has finally been completed and the last of the funds that offset a large portion of the expenses for both events was awarded towards the end of 2024, more than 4 years after the actual event. Thankfully, Eden had nowhere near the amount of damage that some other towns experienced just down the road in 2023 or 2024.

With unpredictable weather that seems to be more frequent than in years past comes unexpected expenses. Thankfully, Eden has planned ahead which softens any property tax increase. Both the Selectboard budget and the Highway budget have gone up this year. The main driver is the cost of materials for the highway (the cost of culverts is 4x what they were before the pandemic) and the cost of insurance is also a big contributor. Raising any budget puts a burden on us all but it is vital that we be realistic in the expected expenses so that revenue covers costs.

A capital investment that has been a topic of discussion for about 20 years is an addition to the Town Clerk's Office. The office recognized the need many years ago. Vault space is really the driving factor. Even with the digital age, the town is required to keep paper records for reference and research. The office does have 2 vaults, one right on top of the other but both spaces reached capacity years ago. It is time to expand the space that can securely hold our town records, land records (from 1805), birth and death and marriage records as well as the day-to-day paper trail.

The board started the process more than a year ago by hiring an architect, and just like a bridge, we have to have a detailed design to present to contractors for the bidding process. The planned addition extends the current office space to the north with a large vault across the end of

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the new building. Separating the books and records that the public can access from Town records that are not in the public domain will make it easier for everyone. Also bringing back upstairs some of the records that are jam packed into the downstairs vault for easier access will make research more efficient. It is especially difficult to keep the multitude of paperwork organized when there is barely room to move, especially in the downstairs vault.

With plans and drawings in place, the board advertised for bids on the project. We were hoping to be able to build the new space with the remaining funds that were awarded to us during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of those funds have been used to upgrade and replace some of the computers in the town and assessor's office, contributed to the Lamoille Fiber Network to help residents that were beyond the 500' limit when connecting to Fidium Fiber, helped pay for the new Western Star Dump Truck, paid for the architect plans and now hopefully more vault space. The bids came in higher than expected so the board is now looking at ways to save on construction costs. The funds did have some time constraints that we were not going to be able to accommodate when neither of the bids in the first-round solicitation was chosen. With the deadline to specify how we were going to spend the remaining funds just a few weeks away at the time, the board chose to allocate the money for previous other expenses by signing a resolution as suggested by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. That now frees up the funds to spend on an addition without any lingering time restraints so we can take our time, find ways to save money and tailor the project to the funds we have available.

Just like the Highway Reserve Fund, any surplus funds must go in front of the voters. The board is asking the voters if they will agree to create a Town Clerk's Addition Reserve Fund with the remaining, what was ARPA money. Any funds the municipality has that they want to keep for a specific project must be in a reserve fund. The signing of the resolution is what changed the status of this money.

We want to acknowledge Melissa Whitcomb for keeping us up and running in an organized and efficient manner as Town Clerk. She took on a huge responsibility with only a spattering of help. The board greatly appreciates all the hard work and dedication she has shown the town these past 2 years. Thank you, Melissa!

*Tim Bullard, Chair*

*Ricky Morin*

*Clayton Whittemore*

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

The last few months of the fiscal year for 2023/2024 were a bit challenging. With the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer resigning, we were back to looking for an assistant who would also be responsible for grant work. The search has not yielded the results we had hoped for but luckily Leslie White once again stepped up to help us out and figure out the grants, both current, and the applications needed going forward. She has spent many months organizing the current grants and getting us to where we need to be in order to proceed on our own with some help from Lamoille County Planning Commission. Colleen Brennan from the Lake Eden Association and Ron Rodjenksi through LCPC have been extremely helpful regarding the grants for the prevention of milfoil in Lake Eden including the Greeter Program as well as a long-term management plan.

The Town Office was able to secure a \$5000 grant through the Center for Technology and Civic Life which required no match in funds. This allowed us to purchase technology and supplies to aid in a smoother elections experience for all. We now have a new laptop and iPad which will allow for direct access to the Elections Management System whether polls are at the Town Office or the Eden Central School, a camera system for the Town Office for an added sense of security while voting, a new storage rack and bins to organize and secure all material and supplies necessary for voting, a hand truck for transporting supplies to the school, as well as many other items used during the elections process. We were fortunate to have received funding for these items that would otherwise be considered a luxury.

The Town Office and Selectboard have been working closely on a design for an addition to the Town Office. It is becoming more and more challenging with the limited capacity of vault space as well as the need for a larger meeting space. The goal is to be able to accommodate all those who wish to participate in any of the board/commission meetings, to have adequate space for elections, and appropriate space for those in the office for research.

Working closely with our Assessor, Russ Beadouin, over the last year and a half has allowed us to address requests for property information and documents in a much quicker fashion than in previous years. Having a more comprehensive understanding of the Grand List process, the office can provide most answers and requests almost immediately rather than the short window of time that Russ is in the office.

The Town Office is open Mon, Wed, Thurs 8am-4pm and Tuesdays 8am-6pm.

*Melissa Whitcomb, Town Clerk and Treasurer*

# AUDITOR REPORT

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

Responsibilities consist of reviewing accounts including the town checkbook, cemetery funds and other special accounts that have a separate checkbook. The Auditors usually meet monthly or bi-monthly during the year with additional time in November, December and January to review the more than 500 general ledger revenue and expense accounts that compile the financial pages of the Town Report.

*Ronald Miller*

*Tracey Morin*

*Leslie White*

# EDEN ASSESSOR REPORT

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

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

For the FY 23-24 Grand List, 101 properties were revalued, including Current Use parcels. After notifying all property owners of their CHANGE OF APPRAISALS, the Assessor's Office received 5 grievances to the new assessments. All were settled by the Assessor. There were no appeals to the Board of Civil Authority. There are no State or court appeals pending against the 2024 Grand List assessments.

## **GRAND LIST for 2024-2025**

Total Grand List = \$159,930,315

Total Exemptions = \$15,789,671

Taxable Grand List = \$144,140,644

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

*Russ Beaudoin, Assessor*

# TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## ASSETS

### Beginning Balances (July 1, 2023)

Town Sweep Account FY 22-23 ending balance	\$ 1,129,608.80	
Correction to End Bal Sweep Acct FY22-23		
Selectboard Fund	\$ (96.48)	
Allocated Office Sick Time	\$ (8,941.98)	
Allocated Hwy Sick Time	\$ (2,460.00)	
Accounting Correction Lake Eden Recreation Area Fund	\$ 10,954.90	
		\$ 1,129,065.24
Cemetery Account Working Checkbook		\$ 1,132.78
Cemetery Account Working CB Edward Jones CD		\$ 20,000.00
Delinquent Tax Escrow		\$ 1,051.71
New Equipment Fund		\$ 316,286.30
Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust		\$ 1,613.91
Good Neighbor Fund		\$ 250,936.13
Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD (Wells Fargo)		\$ 230,000.00
Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD (BofA)		\$ -
American Gift Fund		\$ 146,467.41
American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD		\$ 230,000.00
American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD (Schwab)		\$ -
ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)		\$ 345,316.96
Petty Cash		\$ 300.00
		\$ 2,672,170.44
<b>Total Beginning Balances (July 1, 2023)</b>		<b>\$ 2,672,170.44</b>

### Receipts

Town Sweep Account		\$ 4,568,068.90
Cemetery Account Working Checkbook		\$ 11,330.93
Cemetery Account Working CB Edward Jones CD		\$ 20,000.00
Delinquent Tax Escrow:		
Interest	\$ 5.22	
Legal Fees Redeemed	\$ -	
Tax Sale Redemption	\$ 7,834.43	
Total Delinquent Tax Escrow		\$ 7,839.65
New Equipment Fund:		
Appropriation - New Equipment Fund	\$ 46,000.00	
Appropriation - 2019 Fire Truck (thru 23/24)	\$ 33,000.00	
Appropriation - 2023 Fire Truck (thru 27/28)	\$ 35,000.00	
Over payt on Chevy & Sale of 2013 Fire Truck (8/31/23)	\$ 7,012.50	
Sale of 2013 Fire Truck (11/23/23)	\$ 60,750.00	
Interest	\$ 341.36	
Total New Equipment Fund Receipts		\$ 182,103.86
Eden Rec. Field & Athletic Trust Interest		\$ 4.47
Good Neighbor Fund:		
Interest	\$ 290.14	
Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD (BofA)	\$ 230,000.00	
Total Good Neighbor Fund Account		\$ 230,290.14
American Gift Fund		
American Gift Fund-Annual Revenue	\$ 36,166.12	
Interest	\$ 197.40	
American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD (Schwab)	\$ 150,000.00	
Total American Gift Fund Account		\$ 186,363.52
ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 448.94	
Total ARPA Funds		\$ 448.94
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 5,206,450.41</b>

# TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY (cont'd)

## Expenses

Town Sweep Account		\$ 5,222,751.85
Cemetery Account Working Checkbook	\$ 6,158.88	
Cemetery Account transfer to EJ CD	\$ 22,000.00	
Total Cemetery Expenses		\$ 28,158.88
Delinquent Tax Escrow:		
Tax Sale Redemption Payments	\$ -	
Bank Checks	\$ -	
Total Delinquent Tax Escrow Expenses		\$ -
New Equipment Fund:		
Checks ordered	\$ 14.45	
Command Rescue Fire Truck (bal on new truck)	\$ 34,851.50	
Loan Pmt #1 - 2023 Fire Truck mini pumper	\$ 22,000.00	
Loan Pmt #2 - 2019 Fire Truck (final payt)	\$ 22,000.00	
Western Star 47X Dump Truck	\$ 180,542.00	
Total New Equipment Fund Expenses		\$ 259,407.95
Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust		\$ -
Good Neighbor Fund:		
SB Vote (Tire Removal & Dumpster for Green-up Day)	\$ 2,013.00	
Transfer to Edward Jones CD (BofA)	\$ 230,000.00	
Total Good Neighbor Fund Expenses		\$ 232,013.00
American Gift Fund:		
Transfer to EJ CD (Schwab)	\$ 150,000.00	
Total American Gift Fund Expenses		\$ 150,000.00
ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)		\$ -
2024 Western Star 47X dump truck	\$ 100,000.00	
K D Associates	\$ 880.00	
Total ARPA Fund Expenses		\$ 100,880.00

## Total Expenses

**\$ 5,993,211.68**

## Ending Balances (June 30, 2024)

Town Sweep Account	\$ 474,925.85
Cemetery Account Working Checkbook	\$ 4,304.83
Cemetery Account Edward Jones CD	\$ 22,000.00
Delinquent Tax Escrow	\$ 8,891.36
New Equipment Fund	\$ 238,982.21
Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust	\$ 1,618.38
Good Neighbor Fund	\$ 19,213.27
Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD (Wells Fargo)	\$ 230,000.00
Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD (B of A)	\$ 230,000.00
American Gift Fund	\$ 32,830.93
American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD (schwab)	\$ 150,000.00
American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD	\$ 230,000.00
ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)	\$ 244,885.90
Petty Cash	\$ 300.00

## ASSETS Total Ending Balances (June 30, 2024)

**\$ 1,887,952.73**



# TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY (cont'd)

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable			
Electronics Transfer	\$	577.61	
Employee Vision Plan	\$	25.94	
Prepaid Taxes	\$	-	
State of VT Marriage	\$	65.00	
State of VT Dogs	\$	195.00	
Tax Clearing Account	\$	-	
Tax Credit Due Taxpayers	\$	1,482.74	
Vacation Pay Office	\$	4,738.50	
Vacation Pay Highway	\$	332.00	
VMERS Retirement Account	\$	92.41	
Total Accounts Payable			\$ 6,931.59
2023 State of VT Fire Truck Loan Mini Pumper			\$ 88,000.00
2024 State of VT Western Star Truck Loan			\$ 110,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities (June 30, 2022)</b>			<b><u>\$ 204,931.59</u></b>

**TOTAL (ASSETS minus LIABILITIES) \$ 1,683,021.14**

## OTHER ASSETS

Eden Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund			\$ 64,396.90
Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust			\$ 2,500.00
Fire Dept. Permanent Assets			
* E-1 2019 Pumper	\$	168,000.00	
* E-2 2005 Pumper	\$	37,500.00	
* 2009 Tanker	\$	67,500.00	
* 2013 Rescue Truck	\$	85,000.00	
* 2024 Utility Truck	\$	127,783.00	
* 2024 Mini Pumper	\$	179,081.50	
Eden's Share of Fire Department Equipment			\$ 664,864.50
* <i>These numbers represent 50% of the total insured value shared with North Hyde Park</i>			
Town of Eden Permanent Assets			
2024 Western Star Truck	\$	280,542.00	
2018 Freightliner Truck	\$	115,000.00	
2012 Freightliner Truck	\$	65,000.00	
2001 International Truck	\$	10,000.00	
2018 Ford F350 Pick Up Truck	\$	38,000.00	
2007 Grader	\$	75,000.00	
2012 Loader	\$	68,000.00	
Total Town Equipment			\$ 651,542.00
Emergency Generator - ECS	\$	42,713.00	
Emergency Generator - Town Office	\$	12,709.00	
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>			<b><u><u>\$ 1,383,303.40</u></u></b>

# TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY (continued)

## PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EDEN

Corey Pond	9.8 acres North Road	\$ 8,550.00
Dodge Cemetery #1	.65 acres Route 118	\$ 9,670.00
Dodge Cemetery #2	1.19 acres Route 118	\$ 16,490.00
Eden Corners Cemetery	9.8 acres Cemetery Road	\$ 61,720.00
Industrial Site w/well easement EHS	11.5 acres	\$ 42,700.00
Jenny Shover Land	.4 Acres Route 100	\$ 10,080.00
Lake Eden Recreation Area	5054 Route 100	\$ 625,190.00
Landfill Property/Gravel Site	South Pond Road	\$ 36,980.00
Ober Hill School Lot	.25 Acres Tree Farm Road	\$ 300.00
Old Gravel Bank (Land locked with ROW)	1 acre Shover Road	\$ 11,440.00
Old Landfill	3 acres Cemetery Road	\$ 3,600.00
Old Library	.1 acre Route 100	\$ 13,760.00
Right-of-Way beside Belvidere Road	3.7 acres	\$ 4,440.00
Town Clerk's Office	2.7 Acres 71 Old Schoolhouse Road	\$ 179,650.00
Town Garage	10.4 acres 3625 Route 100	<u>\$ 171,200.00</u>
<b>Total assessment of real estate properties owned by the Town</b>		<b>\$ 1,195,770.00</b>

# TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS REPORT

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

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

As of January 2024, the Town has 9 separate CD's with Edward Jones. The cemetery has two, one for the working checkbook and the second for the Perpetual Care Funds. When investing in a CD, the town must take into consideration how much money is in each account as well as the timeline of when funds might be needed for expenses. Funds from the working checkbook that are used to pay for mowing and grounds maintenance have been invested in a 6 month CD during the winter while funds for the Perpetual Care Account have been invested for a longer period of time depending on the available interest rates.

The Town has also invested funds from the following accounts: Good Neighbor, American Gift, Reappraisal and Lister Ed combined, LERA, Rainy Day, Restoration and money the federal government distributed to towns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The interest earned on 5 of these separate CD's stays in the same account. The interest earned from the American Gift Fund and the Good Neighbor Fund however were voted to be used to offset taxes at Town Meeting in 2024. There is an article again in March 2025 asking if the interest earned shall be used to offset taxes, about \$23,000.

The trustees will continue to watch interest rates to make the most of the Town's resources for all.

*Tracey Morin*

*Melissa Whitcomb*

*Leslie White*

# TOWN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

	Within Sweep Account		Invested
<b>Beginning Balance Town General Fund Account (July 1, 2023)</b>	\$ 1,129,608.80	\$	-
Correction to the Beginning Balance for FY 23/24		\$	-
SB Fund Correction	\$ (96.48)		
Accumulated Office Sick Time	\$ (8,941.98)		
Accumulated Hwy Sick Time	\$ (2,460.00)		
Accounting Correction Lake Eden Recreation Area Fund	\$ 10,954.90	\$	-
Town Sweep Account Corrected Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 1,129,065.24</u>		
<b>Beginning Fund Balances</b>			
Accumulated Office Sick Time	\$ (8,941.98)	\$	-
Accumulated Highway Sick Time	\$ (2,460.00)	\$	-
Accumulated Office Vacation Pay	\$ -	\$	-
Accumulated Highway Vacation Pay	\$ -	\$	-
Allocated Funds	\$ -		
Beach Fund (LERA)	\$ 111,433.42		
Accounting Correction	<u>\$ 10,954.90</u>	\$	122,388.32
Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund	\$ 806.48	\$	-
Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 80,616.50	\$	-
Future Improvement Reserve Fund	\$ 155,541.73	\$	-
Highway Fund	\$ (225,744.64)	\$	-
Highway Reserve Fund	\$ 515,363.46	\$	-
Lake Eden Prevention Fund	\$ 5,369.46	\$	-
LERA Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$	-
Outside Audit Reserve Fund	\$ (4,000.00)	\$	-
Paving & Structures Fund	\$ 163,023.17	\$	-
Rainy Day Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$	-
Restoration Fund	\$ 67,917.14	\$	-
ROW Excavation Bond Fund	\$ -	\$	-
Selectboard Fund	\$ 69,103.17		
Correction to the Beginning Bal for FY 23/24	<u>\$ -</u>	\$	69,103.17
State of VT Lister Education Fund	\$ 10,636.41	\$	-
State of VT Reappraisal Fund	\$ 129,169.50	\$	-
Town Meeting Lunch Fund	<u>\$ 373.00</u>	\$	-
<b>Total Beginning Fund Balances with Beach correction</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,129,161.72</u></u>	\$	-
<b>Receipts</b>			
Allocated Office Sick Time	\$ 3,900.50	\$	-
Allocated Highway Sick Time	\$ 720.00	\$	-
Accumulated Office Vacation Pay	\$ 4,738.50	\$	-
Accumulated Highway Vacation Pay	\$ 332.00	\$	-
Allocated Funds	\$ 50,000.00	\$	-
Beach Fund (LERA)	\$ 55,625.50	\$	-

# TOWN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (continued)

## Receipts (Continued)

	Within Sweep Account	Invested
Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Future Improvement Fund (Sweep Account Interest)	\$ -	\$ 23,359.50
Highway Fund	\$ 1,220,665.34	\$ -
Highway Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Lake Eden Prevention Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
LERA Reserve Fund	\$ 61,433.42	\$ 50,000.00
Outside Audit Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Paving & Structures Fund	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -
Rainy Day Fund	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 7,466.34	\$ 65,000.00
ROW Excavation Bond Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Selectboard Fund	\$ 3,065,380.80	\$ -
State of VT Lister Education Fund	\$ 927.00	\$ 5,000.00
State of VT Reappraisal Fund	\$ 7,879.50	\$ 135,000.00
Town Meeting Lunch Fund	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,568,068.90</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 328,359.50</u></b>

## Expenses

Accumulated Office Sick Time	\$ -
Accumulated Highway Sick Time	\$ 1,908.00
Accumulated Office Vacation Pay	\$ -
Accumulated Highway Vacation Pay	\$ -
Allocated Funds	\$ 50,000.00
Beach Fund	\$ 50,412.95
Transfer to LERA Reserve Fund (Voter app'd)	\$ 111,433.42
Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund	\$ -
Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 35,969.50
Future Improvement Fund	\$ -
Highway Fund	\$ 1,187,337.64
Highway Reserve Fund	\$ 225,744.64
Lake Eden Prevention Fund	\$ 4,000.00
LERA Reserve Fund	\$ -
Outside Audit Fund	\$ -
Paving & Structures Fund	\$ 62,590.50
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 65,000.00
ROW Excavation Bond Fund	\$ -

# TOWN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (continued)

Expenses (continued)	Within Sweep Account	Invested
Selectboard Fund		
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 590,235.00	
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$ 2,491,139.26	
Total Selectboard Fund Expenses	\$ 3,081,374.26	
State of VT Lister Education Fund	\$ 5,000.00	
State of VT Reappraisal Fund	\$ 135,000.00	
Town Meeting Lunch Fund (Allocated to EYSC)	\$ 373.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,066,143.91</b>	
<b>Ending Fund Balances</b>		
Accumulated Office Sick Time	\$ (5,041.48)	
Accumulated Highway Sick Time	\$ (3,648.00)	
Accumulated Office Vacation Pay	\$ 4,738.50	
Accumulated Highway Vacation Pay	\$ 332.00	
Allocated Funds	\$ -	
Beach Fund (LERA)	\$ 16,167.45	
Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund	\$ 806.48	
Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 59,647.00	
Future Improvement Fund	\$ 155,541.73	\$ 23,359.50
Highway Fund	\$ (192,416.94)	
Highway Reserve Fund	\$ 289,618.82	
Lake Eden Prevention Fund	\$ 5,369.46	
LERA Reserve Fund	\$ 61,433.42	\$ 50,000.00
Outside Audit Fund	\$ 6,000.00	
Paving & Structures Fund	\$ 160,432.67	
Rainy Day Fund	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 10,383.48	\$ 65,000.00
ROW Excavation Bond Fund	\$ -	
Selectboard Fund	\$ 53,109.71	
State of VT Lister Education Fund	\$ 6,563.41	\$ 5,000.00
State of VT Reappraisal Fund	\$ 2,049.00	\$ 135,000.00
Town Meeting Lunch Fund transferred to EYSC	\$ -	
<b>Total Ending Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 631,086.71</b>	<b>\$ 328,359.50</b>

# OTHER FUNDS HELD WITHIN SWEEP ACCOUNT

## Allocated Office Sick Time

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	(8,941.98)	
Receipts	\$	3,900.50	
Expenses	\$	-	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ (5,041.48)

## Allocated Highway Sick Time

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	(2,460.00)	
Receipts	\$	720.00	
Expenses	\$	1,908.00	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ (3,648.00)

## Accumulated Office Vacation Pay

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	-	
Receipts	\$	4,738.50	
Expenses	\$	-	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ 4,738.50

## Accumulated Highway Vacation Pay

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	-	
Receipts	\$	332.00	
Expenses	\$	-	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ 332.00

## Allocated Funds

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	-	
Receipts	\$	50,000.00	
Expenses	\$	50,000.00	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ -

## Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	80,616.50	
Receipts: (Town Appropriation FY 23/24)	\$	15,000.00	
Expenses	\$	35,969.50	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ 59,647.00

## Lake Eden Prevention Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	5,369.46	
Receipts: (Town Appropriation FY 23/24)	\$	4,000.00	
Expenses	\$	4,000.00	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ 5,369.46

## Milfoil Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	-	
Receipts: (Town Appropriation FY 23/24)	\$	15,000.00	
Expenses (Milfoil Grant)	\$	5,139.81	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ 9,860.19

## Outside Audit Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	(4,000.00)	
Receipts (Annual SB Budget Item)	\$	3,000.00	
Receipts (SB Approved transfer for FY 21/22 & 22/23 exp)	\$	7,000.00	
Expenses	\$	-	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ 6,000.00

## Town Meeting Lunch Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	373.00	
Expenses (Gifted to Eden Youth Sports Committee)	\$	(373.00)	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024 )		-	\$ -

## Vermont Community Foundation Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	806.48	
Receipts	\$	-	
Expenses	\$	-	
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)		-	\$ 806.48



# OTHER FUNDS HELD WITHIN SWEEP ACCOUNT

## and INVESTED at EDWARD JONES

### Future Improvement Reserve Fund

	<u>Within Sweep Account</u>	<u>Invested</u>
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 155,541.73	\$ -
Receipts (Interest Sweep Account and Edward Jones)	\$ -	\$ 23,359.50
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance Sweep Account (June 30, 2024)	<u>\$ 155,541.73</u>	
Ending Balance Edward Jones Money Market		<u>\$ 23,359.50</u>

### Rainy Day Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -
Moved to an Edward Jones CD	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Interest Earned to Remain in Account	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)	<u>\$ -</u>	
Ending Balance Edward Jones CD @ 5.05% (Matures 4/10/25)		<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>

### Restoration Fund

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 67,917.14	\$ -
Receipts	\$ 7,466.34	\$ -
Moved to an Edward Jones CD	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Interest Earned to Remain in Account		
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)	<u>\$ 10,383.48</u>	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>
Ending Balance Edward Jones CD @ 5.05% (Matures 4/11/25)		

### State of VT Lister Education Funds

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 10,636.41	\$ -
Receipts (State Equalization Funds)	\$ 927.00	\$ -
\$5,000 to EJ CD combined with Reappraisal Funds)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Earned to Remain in Account		
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)	<u>\$ 6,563.41</u>	
Ending Balance Edward Jones CD @ 5.05% (Matures 4/11/25)		<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

### State of VT Reappraisal Funds

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 129,169.50	\$ -
Receipts (State of VT Reappraisal Payment)	\$ 7,879.50	\$ -
\$135,000 to EJ CD combined w/ Lister Education Funds)	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
Interest Earned to Remain in Account		\$ -
Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)	<u>\$ 2,049.00</u>	
Ending Balance Edward Jones CD @ 5.05% (Matures 4/11/25)		<u>\$ 135,000.00</u>

# SELECTBOARD FUND REVENUES

## Revenues

### Taxes

Town & School Collected from Taxpayers	\$ 2,822,018.93	
St of VT Prebate (municipal tax assistance)	\$ 23,502.90	
St of VT Cumulative Property Tax School Payments	\$ 307,855.29	
<b>Total Collected with Municipal State Funds</b>		\$ 3,153,377.12
Delinquent Tax Principal Collected		\$ 130,508.47
State of VT Current Use	\$ 78,948.00	
State of VT Fines and Fees	\$ 442.85	
State of VT P.I.L.O.T. Program	\$ 38,813.19	
Total State of Vermont		\$ 118,204.04
Tax Credits Due to Taxpayer		\$ 9,061.60
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 3,411,151.23</b>

### Town Revenue

Certified Copies		\$ 540.00
Copier/Fax		\$ 1,755.45
Current Tax Interest		\$ 2,881.06
Delinquent Tax Interest		\$ 12,812.87
Delinquent Tax Penalty		\$ 10,578.20
ECS Generator Maintenance and Elections		\$ 2,122.00
Interest on Investments		\$ 23,359.50
Licenses & Fees		
Cannabis	\$ 300.00	
Dogs	\$ 3,839.00	
Liquor	\$ 210.00	
Marriage	\$ 390.00	
Total Licenses		\$ 4,739.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 24.04
ARPA Transfer		\$ 880.00
Electronic Transactions		\$ 72,014.61
Property Tax Sale Legal Fees Reimbursement		\$ 4,264.92
Recording Fees		\$ 11,525.00
Vault Time		\$ 350.00
VMERS Retirement Fund overpayment		\$ 0.06
<b>Total Town Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 147,846.71</b>
<b>Subtotal Selectboard Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 3,558,997.94</b>

### Additional Revenue

Employee Contributions to Offset Expenses		
Garnishment	\$ 105.27	
Health Insurance (10%) Town Office only	\$ 3,055.10	
Retirement (Town Office & Highway)	\$ 15,524.56	
Vision Plan (Town Office & Highway) 100%	\$ 561.12	
<b>Total Employee Contributions</b>		<b>\$ 19,246.05</b>
Grant Revenue		
LCBP Milfoil Grant	\$ 25,139.81	
2023 ANC Greeter Grant	\$ 9,455.00	
Lake Eden Prevention Fund Transfer	\$ 4,000.00	
		\$ 38,594.81
<b>Total Additional Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 57,840.86</b>
<b>Grand Total Selectboard Revenue with Highway</b>		<b>\$ 3,616,838.80</b>
Highway Budget Funds moved to Highway Account		\$ (551,458.00)
<b>Final Total Selectboard Fund</b>		<b>\$ 3,065,380.80</b>

## SELECTBOARD FUND BUDGETED EXPENSES

<b>TOWN OFFICERS</b>	<b>7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Expenditures</b>	<b>7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget</b>	<b>7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 7/1/25-6/30/26 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease</b>
Auditors	\$ 2,625.28	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Civil Board Meetings	\$ 116.04	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Constable	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Elections/Town Meeting	\$ 960.44	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Hwy Labor (Town Office)	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
Office Labor w/ vacation time	\$ 87,737.43	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	
Selectboard	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	<i>Pay Rate Set by Auditors</i>
911 Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total Town Officers</b>	<b>\$ 95,189.19</b>	<b>\$ 121,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 120,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 120,200.00</b>	

<b>OFFICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Expenditures</b>	<b>7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget</b>	<b>7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 7/1/25-6/30/26 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease</b>
Advertising/Background checks	\$ 954.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Bank Charges (returned checks)	\$ 54.84	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Bottled Water	\$ 272.45	\$ 330.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	
Building/Site Maintenance (Town Office)	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Cleaning Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
Computer Expenses/Software	\$ 4,378.74	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Computer Upgrades	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Election Expenses	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Generator Maintenance (Town Office)	\$ 485.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	
Mileage	\$ 837.15	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	
Mowing: Town Office	\$ 650.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	<i>Contracted Service</i>
Office Copier Contract	\$ 760.32	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Office Equip/Furniture	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Office Contracts-NEMRC	\$ 8,026.98	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	<i>Cost of Contract</i>
Postage & Delivery	\$ 2,022.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Printing/Postage Town Report	\$ 2,633.50	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Recording Supplies/ACS Contract	\$ 8,004.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	
Restoration of Records	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Seminars & Dues	\$ 484.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Shredding of Documents	\$ 304.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Snow Removal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	<i>Was Contracted-Now done by Hwy</i>
Supplies (all offices)	\$ 2,564.01	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Web Site	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 36,036.74</b>	<b>\$ 40,430.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,460.00</b>	

## SELECTBOARD FUND BUDGETED EXPENSES (cont'd)

	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Expenditures	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget	7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget	Proposed 7/1/25-6/30/26 Budget	Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease
<b>INSURANCE</b>					
Accident Deductible	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co.
Disability & Life	\$ 359.33	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ set by Ins Co. - 2 employees
* Health/Hospitalization	\$ 42,373.48	\$ 52,440.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co. - Emp. contribute 10%
Property & Casualty	\$ 5,566.80	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co.
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 2,010.95	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co. - 2 employees
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 376.38	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ set by Ins Co. - 2 employees
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 50,686.94</b>	<b>\$ 63,540.00</b>	<b>\$ 59,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,450.00</b>	
* Employees contribute 10% as of July 1, 2020.					
<b>PAYROLL (Town Share)</b>					
Medicare	\$ 1,625.08	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	Rate per Tax Requirements
Retirement	\$ 5,643.66	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	Rate per VMERS - 2 employees
Social Security	\$ 6,948.38	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	Rate per Tax Requirements
Vacation Pay	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Sick Pay	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 21,917.12</b>	<b>\$ 27,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,900.00</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>					
Electricity (VT Co-op & Eden 3E LLC)	\$ 1,302.92	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Rate Governed by Vendor
Office Heat : LP Gas	\$ 2,242.61	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Rate Governed by Vendor
Street Lights	\$ 883.94	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	Rate Governed by Vendor
Telephone / Internet Office	\$ 1,992.48	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,500.00	Rate Governed by Vendor
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 6,421.95</b>	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,800.00</b>	
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Fire Department Budget	\$ 39,525.00	\$ 39,525.00	\$ 42,225.00	\$ 44,975.00	Rate Set by Fire Dept 2.33% increase
Forest Fires			\$ -	\$ -	
Fire Warden Supplies			\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Fire Dept. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 39,525.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,525.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,975.00</b>	
<b>ASSESSORS</b>					
Advertising	\$ 108.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Computer Expense	\$ 1,831.98	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
Hired Service	\$ 14,490.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	Outside Firm w/local admin.
Labor Assessor assistant	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Town office staff
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Postage	\$ 140.28	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
Proval Contract (software)	\$ 2,559.17	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	Rate set by vendor
Seminars / Training / Conferences	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Training Required by State
Supplies	\$ 46.34	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Tax / GIS Maps	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	Rate set by vendor
Telephone	\$ 1,992.41	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,500.00	1/2 Cost Total Telephone Town Office
<b>Total Assessors Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,410.18</b>	<b>\$ 29,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,000.00</b>	

## SELECTBOARD FUND BUDGETED EXPENSES (cont'd)

	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Expenditures	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget	7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget	Proposed 7/1/25-6/30/26 Budget	Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease
<b>DOG OFFICER</b>					
Advertising	\$ 61.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Feeding Fees	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Impound Fees	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
Labor	\$ 878.68	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Mileage	\$ 68.75	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	
Misc: (Smartline)	\$ 20.58	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	
Supplies (Magnetic Sign)	\$ 622.06	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	
<b>Total Dog Officer Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,651.07</b>	<b>\$ 3,625.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,745.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,875.00</b>	<b>-23.23%</b>
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>					
Advertising	\$ 238.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Labor	\$ 965.50	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	
Mileage	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
Postage	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Seminars	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Health Officer Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,203.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
25	<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
Advertising	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
Clerk (to take minutes)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
LCPC Consulting	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership Dues/LCPC Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 929.29	\$ 1,014.57	
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	
<b>Total Planning Comm. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,029.29</b>	<b>\$ 1,064.57</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				<b>\$ -</b>	
Adjustment to Taxes	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Adjustment to Taxes (Interest)	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Advertising	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Bank Reconciliation	\$ 2,840.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Condolence	\$ 546.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	
Dues (VLCT)	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,861.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	<i>Rate Set by VLCT</i>
Generator Maintenance (School)	\$ 1,027.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	<i>Any expense reimbursed by school</i>
Green-Up Day	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	
* Leases / Church & School	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	<i>Long Standing Payment Agreement</i>
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Tax Sale Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,463.47</b>	<b>\$ 3,911.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,650.00</b>	

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

## SELECTBOARD FUND BUDGETED EXPENSES (cont'd)

	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Expenditures	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget	7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget	Proposed 7/1/25-6/30/26 Budget	Description Increase/Decrease
<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>					
Animal Control	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 5,554.03	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Health	\$ 30.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
Highway	\$ 2,609.40	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Assessors	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
Town	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Total Legal Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,318.43</b>	<b>\$ 5,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>	
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES</b>					
Outside Audit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	<i>Scheduled in FY 25/26</i>
<b>Total Professional Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>NEW EQUIPMENT FUNDS</b>					
Fire Department Equip. Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	<i>Build Equity in Fire Dept. Equip. Fund</i>
Fire Truck Appr. Annual (18/19 to 23/24)	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	<i>24/25 included by mistake, corrected</i>
Fire Truck Appr. Annual (22/23 to 27/28)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	<i>Approved TM 2022 for 5 years</i>
Town of Eden Equipment Fund	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	<i>Build Equity in Town Equipment Fund</i>
<b>Total New Equipment Fund</b>	<b>\$ 129,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 129,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,000.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>ASSESSMENTS &amp; CONTRACTS</b>					
Ambulance Service	\$ 61,968.08	\$ 57,333.00	\$ 59,635.00	\$ 64,987.00	<i>Contracted Services 3.08% increase</i>
Lamoille County Tax	\$ 15,492.00	\$ 14,543.00	\$ 15,492.00	\$ 17,938.00	<i>Contracted Services</i>
Lamoille Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 31,523.00	\$ 31,523.00	\$ 32,323.00	\$ 33,801.00	<i>Contracted Services</i>
LCSD Emergency Response Coverage	\$ 2,558.63	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	<i>Contracted Services</i>
<b>Total Assess. &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>\$ 111,541.71</b>	<b>\$ 104,399.00</b>	<b>\$ 108,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 119,726.00</b>	
<b>LRSWMD</b>					
Labor	\$ 181.65	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Supervisor's Expense	\$ 256.06	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
<b>Total LRSWMD Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 437.71</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	
<b>Total Selectboard Fund Budgeted Expenses before Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 539,803.01</b>	<b>\$ 580,030.00</b>	<b>\$ 540,609.29</b>	<b>\$ 564,300.57</b>	



## SELECTBOARD FUND BUDGETED EXPENSES (cont'd)

	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 <u>Expenditures</u>	7/1/23 to 6/30/24 <u>Budget</u>	7/1/24 to 6/30/25 <u>Budget</u>	Proposed 7/1/25-6/30/26 <u>Budget</u>	Proposed Budget Increase/Decrease <u>Description</u>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS, LOCAL</b>					
After School Program	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Eden Cemetery Assoc.	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Eden Historical Society	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Eden Youth Sports Committee	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lake Eden-Swim Program	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lake Assoc. Greeter Program	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Eurasian Milfoil Eradication	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<i>App'd TM 2023 for FY23/24</i>
<b>Total Local Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 38,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,000.00</b>	<b>-4.35%</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS, COUNTY/STATE</b>					
American Red Cross	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Central VT Council On Aging & RSVP	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Clarina H. Nichols Center	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille Community Food Share	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille County Planning Commission.	\$ 844.00	\$ 844.00	\$ -	\$ -	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille Co. Special Investigation Unit	\$ 853.99	\$ 853.99	\$ 853.99	\$ 853.99	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille Economic Dev. Corp.	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille Family Center	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,969.00	\$ 3,969.00	\$ 3,969.00	\$ 3,969.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille Housing Partnership	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Lamoille Restorative Ctr. (Court Diversion)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Meals On Wheels of Lamoille County	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
North Country Animal League	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
Rural Comm. Transportation	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
VT Assoc. for the Blind	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
VT Ctr. For Independent Living	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	<i>Appropriation Requested</i>
<b>Total County/State Approp.</b>	<b>\$ 12,431.99</b>	<b>\$ 12,431.99</b>	<b>\$ 11,587.99</b>	<b>\$ 11,587.99</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Grand Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 50,431.99</b>	<b>\$ 35,431.99</b>	<b>\$ 34,587.99</b>	<b>\$ 33,587.99</b>	<b>-2.89%</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 590,235.00</b>	<b>\$ 615,461.99</b>	<b>\$ 575,197.28</b>	<b>\$ 597,888.56</b>	<b>3.94%</b>

## SELECTBOARD FUND NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES

Allocated Funds (Lamoille Fiber Network)		\$	50,000.00		
Acctg Adj Beach fund		\$	10,954.60		
Acctg Adj Gen Fund Ckg		\$	96.48		
Accumulated Sick Pay Town Office FY 22/23	\$	-			
Accumulated Sick Pay Highway FY 22/23	\$	1,188.00			
Total Accumulated Sick Pay				\$	1,188.00
Employee Contributed: Garnishment	\$	105.27			
Employee Contributed: Retirement (Town & Highway)	\$	15,524.56			
Employee Contributed: Vision Plan 100%	\$	559.58			
Total Employee Contributed Expense				\$	16,189.41
Electronic Transactions				\$	71,437.00
Eden Youth Sports (Town Mtg Lunch fund)				\$	373.00
Grants and Non-Budgeted Projects					
LEA Greeter Program					
FY 23/24 ANC 2023 Grant Expenses	\$	16,445.22			
FY 23/24 ANC 2024 Grant Expenses	\$	3,398.35			
LCBP Milfoil Grant Expenses	\$	25,139.81			
LCP Municipal Planning Grant	\$	582.01			
Total Grants and Non-Budgeted Projects				\$	45,565.39
Miscellaneous Adjustment				\$	391.35
Outside Audit fund (SB approved transfer)				\$	7,000.00
Prepaid Taxes				\$	869.73
School Tax Payment	\$	1,984,459.83			
State of VT Cumulative tax payment	\$	307,855.29			
School Tax Payment Adjustment	\$	(14,386.68)			
Actual Final Payment to the School				\$	2,277,928.44
State of Vermont: Marriage Licenses	\$	325.00			
State of Vermont: Dog Rabies Control	\$	1,242.00			
Total State of Vermont				\$	1,567.00
Tax Credit Due Taxpayers				\$	7,578.86
<b>Total Non-Budgeted Expenses</b>					<b>\$ 2,491,139.26</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>					<b>\$ 590,235.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>					<b>\$ 3,081,374.26</b>
<b>Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)</b>					<b>\$ 69,103.17</b>
Revenues				\$	<b>3,065,380.80</b>
Expenditures Budgeted	\$	590,235.00			
Non-Budgeted	\$	2,491,139.26			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>				<b>\$ 3,081,374.26</b>	
<b>Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)</b>					<b>\$ 53,109.71</b>

## SELECTBOARD GRANTS & NON-BUDGETED PROJECTS

### Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) Grant for Milfoil Eradication in Lake Eden

Expenses:			
Labor	\$	233.00	
Medicare	\$	1.62	
Social Security	\$	6.94	
Supplies and Equipment	\$	4,244.45	
Hired Services	\$	20,653.80	
<b>Total Milfoil Grant Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 25,139.81</b>
Income Offsets			
Lake Champlain Basin Program grant funds	\$	20,000.00	
Reserve funds from the Lake Eden Milfoil Fund	\$	5,139.81	
Total Income Offsets			<b>\$ 25,139.81</b>
<b>Cost to the Town for the Milfoil Eradication FY 23/24 (no cost)</b>			<b>\$ -</b>

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

May 2023 through October 2023

#### Working towards Educating Visitors to Lake Eden on Invasive Aquatic Species

Expenses:			
Labor	\$	15,433.75	
Medicare	\$	57.34	
Port-o-let Rental	\$	654.60	
Social Security	\$	245.26	
Administrative expenses	\$	54.27	
<b>Expenses July 1, 2023 through October 2023</b>			<b>\$ 16,445.22</b>
Expenses May 2023 through 6/30/23 (reported in Town Report 22-23)			<b>\$ 4,196.61</b>
<b>Total Cost of the ANC Greeter Grant 2023</b>			<b>\$ 20,641.83</b>
Income Offsets:			
ANC Grant Fund	\$	9,455.00	
Town Appropriation (Town Budget FY 23/24))	\$	4,000.00	
			<b>\$ 13,455.00</b>
<b>Cost to the Town for the 2023 Lake Eden Greeter Program</b>			<b>\$ 7,186.83</b>

### Lake Eden Association (LEA) Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) Greeter Grant 2024

June 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024

#### Working towards Educating Visitors to Lake Eden on Invasive Aquatic Species

Expenses:			
Labor	\$	2,905.50	
Medicare	\$	42.10	
Social Security	\$	180.14	
Supplies	\$	270.61	
<b>Expenses June 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024</b>			<b>\$ 3,398.35</b>

### Lamoille County Planning Commission(LCPC) Municipal Planning Grant

LCPC and the Eden Planning Commission working together to update the Eden Town Plan

Expenses:			
Hired Services LCPC	\$	582.01	
Total Expenses to date in FY 23/24			<b>\$ 582.01</b>

# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

## Paving and Structures Fund

<b>Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)</b>		\$ 163,023.17
Receipts		
FY 23/24 Appropriation	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 60,000.00
Expenses	\$ -	
Cold Planing and Paving East Hill Road (Pike Industries)		<u>\$ 62,590.50</u>
<b>Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)</b>		<b><u>\$ 160,432.67</u></b>

## Revenues

Raised By Taxes (From Selectboard Fund)	\$ 551,458.00	
Revenues not raised by taxes		
Vehicle Permits	\$ 460.00	
ROW Excavation Permits	\$ 700.00	
State of VT - Class 2 & 3 Roads	\$ 74,187.04	
Town Office Snow Removal	\$ 1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	
Health Insurance Employee Share (10%)	<u>\$ 6,821.23</u>	
<i>This number is slightly higher than the 10% share due to corrections made in payroll</i>		
Total Revenue not raised by taxes	<u>\$ 83,668.27</u>	
<b>Highway Fund Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 635,126.27</b>
Highway Reserve Fund Transfer FY 22-23		\$ 225,744.64
Paving & Structures Fund Transfer		\$ -
Grants		
FEMA Funds		
2019 Flood Reimbursement	\$ 317,478.72	
2023 Flood Reimbursement	\$ 28,549.25	
Lamoille County Natural Resources	<u>\$ 13,766.46</u>	
Total Grant Funds Received		<b><u>\$ 359,794.43</u></b>
<b>Total Highway Fund Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 1,220,665.34</b>

# HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES

	<u>7/1/23 to 6/30/24</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>7/1/23 to 6/30/24</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>7/1/24 to 6/30/25</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>7/1/25 to 6/30/26</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Increase/Decrease</u>
<b>WINTER ROADS</b>					
Cold Patch	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Equipment Labor	\$ 9,398.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	5.56%
Gravel/Stone	\$ 9,448.21	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Hired Equipment	\$ 15,515.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Labor	\$ 83,262.25	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	17.65%
* Mileage	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Salt	\$ 6,186.18	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Sand	\$ 50,157.89	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 62,100.00	\$ 62,000.00	-0.16%
<b>Total Winter Roads</b>	<b>\$ 173,967.53</b>	<b>\$ 162,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 162,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 176,500.00</b>	<b>8.55%</b>

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

<b>SUMMER ROADS</b>					
Asphalt/Cold Patch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	
Beaver Trapping	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Chloride	\$ 10,485.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,000.00	
Culverts	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Equipment Labor	\$ 9,764.75	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	6.67%
Gravel/Materials	\$ 16,526.82	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Hired Equipment	\$ 19,503.14	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Labor	\$ 48,449.06	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	6.67%
* Mileage	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Roadside Mowing	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	
<b>Total Summer Roads</b>	<b>\$ 112,978.77</b>	<b>\$ 94,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 110,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 118,000.00</b>	<b>7.27%</b>

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

<b>SUMMER CONSTRUCTION</b>					
Chloride	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Culverts	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Gravel/Materials	\$ 2,056.07	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Hired Equipment	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Labor	\$ 98.44	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Summer Construction</b>	<b>\$ 5,054.51</b>	<b>\$ 39,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,500.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

# HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (cont'd)

	7/1/23 to 6/30/24	7/1/23 to 6/30/24	7/1/24 to 6/30/25	Proposed 7/1/25 to 6/30/26	Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease
<b>CLASS 3 &amp; 4 ROADS</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
Culverts	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Gravel/Materials	\$ 9,296.52	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Hired Equipment	\$ 570.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Labor	\$ 10,164.75	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Total Class 3 &amp; 4 Roads</b>	<b>\$ 20,031.27</b>	<b>\$ 15,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,500.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>MRGP (State Mandated Program)</b>					
Gravel/Materials	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	<i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i>
Hired Equipment	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	<i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i>
Permit	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 3,000.00	<i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i>
Labor	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,765.00	<i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i>
<b>Total MRGP</b>	<b>\$ 2,870.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,765.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,765.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>INSURANCE/PAYROLL Town Share</b>					
Accident Deductible	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co.
Disability and Life Insurance	\$ 506.25	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 750.00	\$ set by Ins Co.
* Health/Hospitalization	\$ 65,451.04	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co. - Employees contribute 10%
Property & Casualty	\$ 10,888.80	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co.
Workers Compensation Ins.	\$ 7,863.06	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ set by Ins Co.
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 223.89	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 350.00	\$ set by Ins Co.
Town Share (TS) Medicare	\$ 2,474.68	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,500.00	Rate per Tax Requirements
Town Share (TS) Retirement	\$ 11,133.38	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	Rate per VMERS
Town Share (TS) Social Security	\$ 10,581.31	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	Rate per Tax Requirements
Vacation Pay	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,300.00	
Sick Pay	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,300.00	
<b>Total Insurance/Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 118,402.41</b>	<b>\$ 102,270.00</b>	<b>\$ 113,390.00</b>	<b>\$ 121,700.00</b>	<b>7.33%</b>
* Employees contribute 10% of health insurance costs as of July 1, 2020, an increase from 5.5% that began Jan 1, 2012.					
<b>TOWN GARAGE</b>					
911 Road Signs	\$ 39.90	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	MUTCD Compliance
Advertising	\$ 686.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Building Maintenance	\$ 6,412.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	
Dry Hydrant	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	
Electricity	\$ 1,939.80	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	Rate Governed by Vendor
Firewood	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Heat ( L.P. Gas )	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Rate Governed by Vendor
Labor	\$ 1,734.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,750.00	17%
Mobile Testing Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

# HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (cont'd)

	7/1/23 to 6/30/24	7/1/23 to 6/30/24	7/1/24 to 6/30/25	Proposed 7/1/25 to 6/30/26	Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease
<b>TOWN GARAGE (continued)</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
Rubbish Removal	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Seminars	\$ 40.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	<i>Mandatory Training</i>
Supplies	\$ 2,640.83	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Telephone	\$ 718.93	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,800.00	<i>Rate Governed by Vendor</i>
Tools	\$ 339.89	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Uniforms	\$ 2,641.26	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,600.00	
<b>Total Town Garage</b>	<b>\$ 18,382.86</b>	<b>\$ 21,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,000.00</b>	<i>19.47%</i>
<b>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>					
2001 International Truck #1	\$ 1,374.35	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	
2012 Freightliner Truck #4	\$ 18,413.05	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	
2018 Freightliner Truck #2	\$ 6,247.87	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	
2018 Ford PU Truck #3	\$ 2,772.53	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	
2024 Westen Star Truck #5	\$ 6,995.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
Acetylene & Oxygen	\$ 240.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Air Compressor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
All Equipment	\$ 5,140.39	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	
Power Tools/Chain Saw	\$ 1,541.47	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Chloride Tank	\$ 344.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Diesel Fuel & Oil	\$ 45,696.89	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Gasoline	\$ 4,564.03	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	
Grader	\$ 8,344.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Grizzly	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Loader	\$ 9,910.80	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
Plows	\$ 6,342.03	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	
Pressure Washer	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
Radios	\$ 1,735.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	
Safety Equipment	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Sweeper	\$ 151.34	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00	
Sanders	\$ 5,373.98	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	
<b>Total Equipment Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 125,189.32</b>	<b>\$ 110,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 116,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 126,650.00</b>	<i>8.53%</i>
<b>Total Highway Fund</b>	<b>\$ 576,876.67</b>	<b>\$ 563,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 595,055.00</b>	<b>\$ 639,615.00</b>	<i>7.49%</i>
<b>Infrastructure Improvement</b>					
<b>Paving &amp; Structures</b>	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	<i>Voted to establish @ TM 2017</i>
<b>Total Infrastructure Improvement</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<i>0.00%</i>
<b>Grand Total Highway</b>	<b>\$ 636,876.67</b>	<b>\$ 623,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 655,055.00</b>	<b>\$ 699,615.00</b>	<i>6.80%</i>

# HIGHWAY FUND SUMMARY

**Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)** \$ (225,744.64)

**Revenues:**

Hwy Reserve Fund Transfer to zero out Hwy Fund FY 22-23	\$ 225,744.64	
Raised by Taxes	\$ 551,458.00	
Revenues not raised by Taxes	\$ 83,668.27	
Grant Revenues	<u>\$ 359,794.43</u>	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 1,220,665.34</b>

**Expenditures:**

Highway Fund	\$ 636,876.67	
Grant Projects	<u>\$ 550,460.97</u>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 1,187,337.64</b>

**Ending Balance Highway (June 30, 2024)** \$ (192,416.94)

## Highway Reserve Fund

**Ending Balance Fiscal Year 2022-2023** \$ 515,363.46

Highway Reserve Fund Transfer to zero out Highway Fund FY 22-23	<u>\$ 225,744.64</u>	
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**Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023)** \$ 289,618.82

Receipts	\$ -	
Expenses	<u>\$ -</u>	

**Ending Balance Highway Reserve Fund (June 30, 2024)** \$ 289,618.82 \*

\* *Grant Funds anticipated for the Highway Reserve Fund*

<i>FEMA funds anticipated</i>	\$ 324,528.90	
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<i>State of Vermont funds anticipated</i>	\$ 1,538.10	
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<i>G-1 Holdings Settlement Funds anticipated</i>	<u>\$ 122,000.00</u>	
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<i>Total Grant Funds Anticipated FY 24/25</i>	<u>\$ 448,067.00</u>	
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<i>Highway Reserve Fund with anticipated Grant Funds Received in FY 24/25</i>	<u>\$ 737,685.82</u>	
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# HIGHWAY GRANTS & NON-BUDGETED PROJECTS

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

**Expenses FY 23/24**

Hired Services	\$ 472,105.96
Labor	\$ 17,187.75
Materials	\$ 19,656.71
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,796.80

**Total expenditures FY 23/24** **\$ 510,747.22**

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

**Expenses**

FY 23/24	\$ 510,747.22
FY 22/23 (Includes \$156,674.50 of Highway Reserve Funds)	\$ 763,196.21
FY 21/22	\$ 69,534.28
FY 20/21	\$ 18,729.04
FY 19/20	\$ 77,817.66

**Total expenditures to date October 2019 Flood** **\$ 1,440,024.41**

**Income Offsets**

FEMA Reimbursement FY 23/24	\$ 317,478.72
State of VT Funds FY 22/23	\$ 13,699.93
FEMA Reimbursement FY 22/23	\$ 533,492.43
Highway Reserve Funds (used FY 21/22 until grant \$ was received, then credited)	\$ 156,674.50
Grant Funds Received FY 21/22	\$ 48,605.74
Grant Funds Received FY 20/21	\$ 38,735.53

**Total Income Offsets (Grants and Highway Reserve Funds)** **\$ 1,108,686.85**

**Actual Cost to Town to Date**

FEMA funds received in FY 24/25	\$ 315,417.27
FEMA funds anticipated in FY 24/25	\$ 9,111.63
State funds anticipated in FY 24/25	\$ 1,538.10
<i>Total anticipated funds</i>	<u>\$ 326,067.00</u>

\* Actual cost to the town not including employee fringe benefits and the cost of highway equipment use. \$ 5,270.56

**July 2023 Flood--FEMA DR-4720 Multiple Locations in Eden**

**Expenses**

Materials, Hired Equipment and labor	\$ 35,829.00
Administration labor	\$ 764.75

**Total expenditures 2023 Flood** **\$ 36,593.75**

**Income Offsets**

FEMA Reimbursement PW #91	\$ 13,168.25
FEMA Reimbursement PW #98	\$ 15,381.00

**Total Income Offsets to Date** **\$ 28,549.25**

**Actual Cost to Town to Date**

State funds anticipated PW #91	\$ 1,316.83
State funds anticipated PW #98	\$ 1,538.10
State funds anticipated (Administration)	\$ 777.51

**Total Income Offsets Anticipated** \$ 3,632.44

*Actual cost to the Town when all grant funds received* \$ 4,412.06

**VTrans AOT Structures Grant BC #2184 Boy Scout Camp Road**

**Expenses FY 22/23**

Advertising	\$ 140.00
Hired Services	\$ 3,000.00

**Total Expenditures FY 22/23** **\$ 3,140.00**

**Income Offsets**

**Total expenditures Boy Scout Road Structures** \$ -

**Total expenditures Boy Scout Road Structures** \$ 3,140.00

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

## Summary of Grants & Non-Budgeted Highway Expenditures FY 23/24

**Expenses FY 23/24 (without grant funds)**

October 2019 Flood -- FEMA DR-4474 VT Blakeville Bridge #13	\$ 510,747.22	
July 2023 Flood -- FEMA DR-4720 multiple roads	\$ 36,573.75	
VTrans AOT Structures Grant BC #2184 Boy Scout Camp Road	\$ 3,140.00	
<b>Total Expenses FY23/24</b>		<b>\$ 550,460.97</b>

**Actual Cost to Town to Date with income offsets received FY 23/24**

October 2019 Flood -- FEMA DR-4474 VT	\$ 331,337.56	
July 2023 Flood -- FEMA DR-4720 multiple roads	\$ 8,044.50	
VTrans AOT Structures Grant BC #2184 Boy Scout Camp Road	\$ 3,140.00	
<b>Total Cost to the Town w/ Income Offsets to Date</b>		<b>\$ 342,522.06</b>

**Additional Income Offsets received not in FY 23/24**

October 2019 Flood -- FEMA DR-4474 VT	\$ 326,067.00	
July 2023 Flood -- FEMA DR-4720 multiple roads	\$ 3,632.44	
<i>Total additional income offsets not in FY 23/24</i>	<i>\$ 329,699.44</i>	

**\* Cost to the Town when all grant funds that have been applied for, have been received. \* \$ 12,822.62**

*\* Note: Expenses accrued by the town for these non-budgeted projects do not include payroll fringe benefits or the cost of Town equipment. When submitting payroll expenses to any grant, the cost per hour per employee includes their hourly wage, the Town's share of Social Security and Medicare, Unemployment and Workers Compensation costs, the Town share of retirement benefits and 90% of health care expenditures. Eden Town Highway labor expenses shown on the above grants is the hourly wage alone without benefits included.*

*Equipment rates that are charged to a grant may vary depending on the Agency of reimbursement. FEMA has a schedule of rates and the State of Vermont also has a set of rates that must be used to calculate equipment costs when submitting for grant reimbursement.*



The new box culvert on the Boy Scout Camp Road with a dry hydrant was completed in November 2024. This structure was made possible with a grant for the engineering and a Vtrans Structures Grant for \$200,000.00



## STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)

**Under Vermont Law, you may be fined up to \$1000 for transporting any aquatic plant or plant fragment, zebra mussels or quagga mussels.**

(pursuant to 10 V.S.A. 1454, 23 V.S.A. 3317, 6 V.S.A. 1034, 1037 & 1038)

### Lake Eden Greeter Program

2024 was our 16<sup>th</sup> year participating in the Vermont Greeter Program. The purpose of this program is to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive species in and out of Lake Eden. Greeters this year performed over 1,200 watercraft inspections, decontaminated over 20 boats for questionable plant debris and removed Eurasian Watermilfoil on 4 verified occasions. The program costs roughly \$18,000 to run each season from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day Weekend. It employs 7-9 part time paid Greeters and is managed by a volunteer member of the Lake Association. This past season we were given priority as a lake with a new infestation and awarded a \$20,000 grant from the State of VT. Awards from the DEC have been only \$9K-10K in the past. This extra money was used to purchase equipment to facilitate the efforts of our volunteer Invasive Patrollers (VIP'S) and our volunteer hand harvest team.

For the first 13 years, this program helped to keep Invasive species out of Lake Eden. Sadly, Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) was identified in the lake in 2022. While the Lake Association is aggressively mitigating this infestation, it remains prudent that we continue the Greeter Program to prevent re-infestations of EWM and its spread to other VT waterbodies. The program is also necessary to prevent the introduction of a variety of other aquatic invasive species that would be as detrimental to the Lake's overall health and recreational value. There are over 50 known invasive species in VT lakes. Not having this program would seriously compromise our ability to obtain grants for the mitigation of EWM as Spread & Prevention Programs are considered a prerequisite to any mitigation plan.

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

The Lake Eden Association/Town is again applying for a grant through the VT DEC for the 2025 season. While we are always grateful when awarded these funds, they are not a given and the costs of monitoring the lake go beyond the award amount. Therefore, we ask that the Town again appropriate \$4,000 to help offset these additional costs and to insure we continue to receive grants for the mitigation of EWM.

We are very appreciative of Eden residents and the VT DEC for their support.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Lake Eden Association

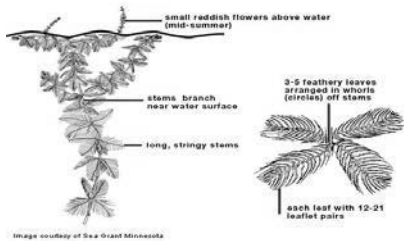
### Clean Boats Clean Waters

#### Before Launching AND Before Leaving

Clean off any mud, plants, and animals from boats, trailers, and equipment.      Drain your boat and equipment away from the water.      Dry anything that comes into contact with the water.

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water





## LAKE EDEN EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL UPDATE SUMMER of 2024

We would like to thank you for voting in the 15k, at last year’s annual meeting, to assist in treating the Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) infestation in Lake Eden. That money, in combination with a 25K grant and over 500 volunteer hours, was used to accomplish the following this past year:

- GPS surveys of lake to map EWM sights and help guide treatment efforts
- Volunteer survey team marked EWM with orange buoys weekly
- Volunteer Hand harvest team worked weekly to remove plants
- X3 DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) treatments over 12 days
- Equipment to assist volunteer Hand Harvest Team (e.g. wet suits, snuba devices, collection bags, buoys, etc.)
- Benthic Blankets positioned
- Development of Long-term mitigation plan with consultation from Arrowwood Environmental & Solitude Lake Management.

Despite these very aggressive efforts over the last 3 seasons and at a cost of over \$69,000, EWM continues to aggressively spread and can now be seen throughout the lake’s littoral zone (areas of 15 feet and less). EWM has been seen to grow in water as deep as 30 feet. The lake’s average depth is just 15 feet and so allows for nearly complete coverage by EWM. Of great concern is the Northwest end of the lake (just east of boat launch) as this area is too shallow and too mucky to access for DASH, benthic blankets and hand pullers. In other words, it is not accessible for any approved non-herbicide treatment methods in VT. Therefore, this high traffic area continues to spread out of control and continually re-infests the lake by fragmentation.

In consultation with aquatic biologists, numerous other lake associations, and the DEC, it has become apparent that herbicides are necessary if we are to effectively control EWM in Lake Eden. ProcettaCOR is currently being used across the country and in roughly 12 VT lakes (e.g. Lake Iroquois, Lake ST. Catherine, Lake Dumore, Lake Morey, Salem Lake) with great success. It has been proven not to affect fish. It has a temporary negative effect on a few select native aquatic plants which Lake Eden does not have. It is used only as a spot treatment and is applied directly to the plant. A maximum of only 40% of the lakes littoral zone can be treated in a year per VT permit guidelines. ProcettaCOR uses 100X-1000x less active ingredient dosage amounts than herbicides of the past. It’s not traceable in the water column 48 hrs. after treatment and there are no health risks to humans using the water as per the US Department of Health.

The Lake Eden Association plans to apply for an herbicide permit in 2025. The proposed dosage for use is just 12% (3 PDU’s) of what the EPA’s has approved (25 PDU’s) for safe use. Based on what we are seeing in Lake Eden and the experience of other lakes across the country, this seems to be the most effective plan and use of money long term if we are to protect the recreational use of the lake and the native aquatic flora and fauna. This year we are not asking for any financial contribution from the town for this or for any of the non-herbicide treatments we will continue with. We have secured grants to cover these costs for the next year.

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

Sincerely,  
Friends of Lake Eden

**FOR MORE INFO on the use of Procetta COR vs. non herbicide treatments**, read this article by The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP) which includes case studies of 3 VT lakes:  
<https://vermontlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/FOVLAP-The-Case-For-ProcettaCOR.pdf>



October 17, 2024

To the Town of Eden, Vermont,

The ECS Connections (Afterschool/Summer program) would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Our Site Coordinator who oversees the operation of the program is Jessica Rauch. She has been with us since the summer. In a short time, she was able to learn all about our students and the activities being offered. The relationships being fostered in the afterschool program is so beneficial to the students.

We would like to thank Judy Langlois for her many years of faithful service. She will be missed in this role. Our new Assistant Site Coordinator is Jenell King. Jenell works as a paraeducator during the day and is very familiar with our students. Her relationships with them are a great asset she brings to the afterschool program.

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

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

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

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

*Robin*

Robin Genetti  
Afterschool/Summer School Program Director

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# EDEN CEMETERY ACCOUNT

## Perpetual Care Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds met with the Cemetery Commissioners and agreed to combine the six existing Perpetual Care (PC) funds into one account. All of the funds had the same spending restrictions: the principal can only be used for capital improvements.

Interest earned from these accounts is transferred into the working checkbook to be used for annual maintenance expenses.

### Beginning Balance Perpetual Care Cemetery Account (July 1, 2023)

Community Bank (CB) Money Market (MM) Account		\$	5,212.55
Perpetual Care Savings Account		\$	184.35
Lot Sales	\$		-
Interest Earned			
Perpetual Care MM Account	\$		5.72
Edward Jones CD (Matured 1/25/24)	\$		2,707.16
Total Interest Earned			\$ 2,712.88
Transfer all Interest to Checking Account			\$ (2,712.88)
Balance of CB PC MM Account			\$ 5,396.90
Edward Jones CD Principal (CD Matures 1/24/25 @ 4.7%)			\$ 59,000.00
<b>Total Perpetual Care Fund (June 30, 2024)</b>			<b>\$ 64,396.90</b>

### Eden Cemetery Working Checkbook

**Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023) \$ 1,132.78**

#### Receipts

Corner Markers		\$	-
Donation		\$	455.00
Edward Jones CD (Matured 1/12/24)		\$	20,000.00
Lot Sales		\$	-
Interest			
Interest earned on Working Checkbook	\$		11.95
Interest earned on 20K EJ CD (Matured 1/12/24)	\$		651.10
Interest earned on 22K EJ CD (Matured 6/21/24)			
Received 7/8/24, will show in FY 24-25 (\$1477.49)	\$		-
Interest transferred from PC account to checkbook	\$		2,712.88
<b>Total Interest on Investments</b>			\$ 3,375.93
Town of Eden Appropriation			\$ 7,500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>\$ 31,330.93</b>
Beginning Balance with Receipts added Includes \$22,000 EJ CD)			<b>\$ 32,463.71</b>

#### Expenses

Advertising		\$	-
Corner Markers		\$	-
Flowers		\$	17.91
Flags & Markers		\$	-
Miscellaneous (bank fee)		\$	80.00
Mowing: Spaulding Property Maintenance		\$	6,000.00
Rubbish Removal		\$	40.00
Supplies		\$	20.97
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 6,158.88</b>
<b>Ending Balance Cemetery Working Checkbook</b>			<b>\$ 26,304.83</b>

### Fiscal Year 24-25

<i>Edward Jones 22K CD (Matured 6/21/24), redeposited 7/8/24. Will show in TR FY 24/25</i>	<b>\$ (22,000.00)</b>
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# EDEN CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

The commissioners met in April of 2024 to plan for the ensuing year. All decisions on expenditure of funds related to the cemeteries are made by the Cemetery Commissioners. The commissioners meet on an as needed basis during the summer after the required warning of the meeting, at least 48 hours prior. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town Clerk and Treasurer is responsible for making any payments out of the cemetery accounts (the working checkbook and the perpetual care fund) and ensures that the proper paperwork for all cemetery lots and deeds is recorded.

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

In the spring of 2025, we will do a walk-through of the cemetery to clean up from winter and place flags for veterans. We will also be replacing the large American flag in the cemetery. We are planning to brush hog the new part of the cemetery.

**We are asking for an appropriation of \$7,500 for mowing and maintenance of the Eden Corners Cemetery and the Dodge Cemetery.**

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

Eden Cemetery Commissioners:

*Jubal Durivage*, President

*Adam Degree*, Vice President

*Faye Cochran*, Treasurer

*Colleen Durivage*, Secretary

*One open position*



# EDEN CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

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

**Revised April 5, 2022**

**Thank you for your cooperation**



# Eden Historical Society, Inc. Annual Report

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Cash on Hand: (Includes Money Tree Income)	\$	<b>3,389.02</b>
Income		
Appropriation from theTown of Eden	\$	2,000.00
Books	\$	160.00
Eden Historical Society Mugs	\$	206.00
Refund	\$	77.14
Craft Fair	\$	510.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,953.14</b>
Total Cash on Hand	\$	6,342.16
Expenses		
Vermont Electric Coop	\$	724.39
Cooperative Insurance	\$	963.25
Postage/ USPS Box Rent	\$	58.30
Suburban Propane (Heat)	\$	1,337.77
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,083.71</b>
<b>Check Book Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,258.45</b>

## Eden Day Account

Beginning Balance	\$	<b>1,414.91</b>
Income (Eden Historical Society Account)	\$	25.00
Beginning Balance with Income	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,439.91</b>
Expenses		
Maintenance	\$	75.00
Ending Balance	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,364.91</b>

# Eden Historical Society Inc.

In 1992 Eden Historical Society Inc. had at least 16 Charter Members.

1996 We published the Eden History Book which is called:

## *A Walk Through the Garden of Eden*

Alice McKay who had moved into town had offered to put the book together if the members would bring her pictures and any information that we could find about Eden. She spent many hours composing the book for us which we have been very grateful. At this time, we have sold out of the books and are in hopes to get it reprinted.

At one time Eden Historical Society Inc. had 36 members. We had monthly meetings and were very active. We would like to become active again and continue to finish some of our unfinished projects.

1. For years we had Eden Day Celebration and it was very successful.
2. We also had Craft Fairs which were also successful.
3. We had a yearly Tree Lighting Ceremony near Christmas. We took donations to put blue and white bulbs on the tree in memory of our loved ones.
4. Poet Federico Garcia visited Eden in 1929. One summer we had a two-day ceremony about this and it was very informative.

Fred Lentz's family gave us the building and it was moved from Eden Mills to the present site which is what the Eden Historical Society now owns with a one-acre lot which the Town deeded to us. Many volunteers and businesses were instrumental in getting our building to the new location.

Over the years we have tried to do one project a year while we continue to keep our organization going. We have a drilled well and septic tank. We have a gas furnace and new lighting on two of the floors. There is also a meeting room downstairs. Over the years we have had many volunteers help us that we are very grateful to! There are too many people to name.

We would like to have people join and help us get things up and running. We are very proud of what we have done so far and would like to continue.

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

# EDEN YOUTH SPORTS COMMITTEE

<b>Beginning Balance (July 1, 2023) Town Report</b>	<b>\$ 18,109.33</b>	
Adjustment to the Account	\$ (15.00)	
	<b>\$ 18,094.33</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance Adjusted</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Fundraisers	\$ -	
Grants	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 12.58	
Miscellaneous		
Voided check, rebate	\$ 40.00	
Town Meeting Lunch Fund	\$ 373.00	
	\$ 413.00	
Registration Fees	\$ 1,565.00	
Team Photo Fees	\$ -	
Town Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 6,490.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising	\$ -	
Bank Charges	\$ 14.45	
Equipment/Uniforms	\$ 4,344.28	
Insurance	\$ 495.00	
Referees	\$ -	
Refunds (Registration fee returned)	\$ 50.00	
Rentals (Port-a-potty)	\$ 435.00	
Supplies	\$ -	
Trophies/Medals/Team Photos	\$ 97.50	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,436.23</b>	
<b>Ending Balance (June 30, 2024)</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 19,148.68</u></u></b>

Eden Youth Sports is a five member committee that is appointed by the Selectboard for a term of one year. We have come a long way in a year. Last season there were only 3 teams with roughly 20 athletes. This year we had 7 teams compete throughout Lamoille County with roughly 70 athletes combined in baseball, soccer and basketball. We look forward to growing even more and continue to support our young athletes the best we can with the support we have. Volunteers are always needed from working on our baseball fields, refereeing/umping home games, running score clocks, coaching and running sessions. Please reach out to edenyouthsportscommittee@gmail for more information. Residents interested in being on the committee should submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.



**EDEN 2023-2024  
BASKETBALL**





# Town of Eden Swim Program Overview

All receipts (appropriation and lessons income) have been included in the LERA accounting.

	Non-Residents Appropriation	Income	Combined Income	Expense	Actual Cost Swim Program
FY 00-01	\$ 500.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,231.65	\$ (451.65)
FY 01-02	\$ 500.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 1,925.00	\$ (655.00)
FY 02-03	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (50.00)
FY 03-04	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 1,855.00	\$ (260.00)
FY 04-05	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 5,519.06	\$ (3,784.06)
FY 05-06	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 2,595.00	\$ 5,525.26	\$ (2,930.26)
FY 06-07	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 765.00	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 3,068.18	\$ (1,303.18)
FY 07-08	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 3,870.28	\$ (1,910.28)
FY 08-09	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (500.00)
FY 09-10	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 355.00
FY 10-11	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 670.00
FY 11-12	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 460.00
FY 12-13	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 732.50	\$ 667.50
FY 13-14	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 665.00
FY 14-15	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00		\$ -
In FY 14/15 the \$1,000 appropriation was approved at TM but there was no swim program.					
FY 15-16	\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 462.50	\$ 142.50
FY 16-17	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)
FY 17-18	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
FY 18-19	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
FY 19-20	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,420.00	\$ (2,420.00)
FY 20-21	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ (3,400.00)
FY 21-22	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,125.00	\$ (4,125.00)
FY 22-23	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,075.00	\$ (5,075.00)
FY 23-24	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ (6,400.00)
FY 24-25	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ (8,500.00)

*Summer of 2025 estimated costs for the swim program*

The Swim Program Contract is signed in January. A \$4,000 non-refundable deposit has been paid.

The final cost of the program depends on how many Eden kids participate. The Town is obligated to pay for a minimum of 35 Eden kids @ \$124.00 per kid per week + \$500 in travel expenses.

In 2021, residents filled 50 slots and non-residents filled 19 slots in the swim program.

In 2022, residents filled 57 slots and non-residents filled 18 slots in the swim program.

In 2023, residents filled 62 slots and non-residents filled 24 slots in the swim program.

# OVERVIEW OF TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

**After School Program.....\$4,000.00**

The After School program has an average of 50 students enrolled per session. Each program session offers many enrichment classes including Arts & Crafts, Sports, Cooking & Baking, STEM activities and outdoor adventures. The students play an active roll in the planning process to ensure a high level of interest. Field trips, more in the summer may visit State Parks and Lakes, movie theaters and more. We are in the third year of a five-year grant from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center that provides approximately 20% of the funding needed to run this program. We greatly appreciate the support of the community that began in 2006.

**Eden Cemetery .....\$7,500.00**

The Cemetery Commissioners are responsible for the maintenance of both cemeteries in town, the Dodge Cemetery on Route 118 and the Eden Corners Cemetery on Cemetery Road just north of the Eden General Store. The appropriation requested helps fund the annual maintenance including mowing and trimming. The Perpetual Care Funds are used for capital improvements. Additional Acreage was purchased and cleared and the care of the monuments are examples of expenditures.

**Eden Historical Society, Inc. ....\$2,000.00**

The Historical Society is a independent non-profit organization. The Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history and heritage of the town and its surrounding areas. Founded in 1982, the Society collects and preserves artifacts, documents, and photographs that are significant to the town's history.

**Eden Youth Sports .....\$4,500.00**

A committee of 5 Eden residents appointed by the Selectboard after Town Meeting annually for a one-year term. Committee members act as a independent group, not directed by the Selectboard or the school, who are focused on providing, maintaining and improving the sports programs and equipment to benefit all youth. The decisions on soliciting sponsorships or spending the assets of the committee is solely a decision of the committee members. Invoices are presented to the Eden Town Clerk and bills are paid out of a separate checkbook that remains at the Town Office.

**Lake Eden Association Greeter Program .....\$4,000.00**

The Lake Eden Association established the greeter program for monitoring the health of Lake Eden to prevent Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) from contaminating the lake. The LEA anticipated the potential problem and have been proactive in educating boaters at the fishing access on the importance of cleanliness to prevent the spread of invasive species. With EWM detected in the lake in the past few years, continuing to educate those using the lake remains an important part of EWM management.

# OVERVIEW OF OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

**American Red Cross .....\$250.00**

The mission at the Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. In the 2024, the American Red Cross made 626 homes safer by installing 1,907 smoke detectors and educating 730 families about fire safety. Training was provided to 39,492 people in first aid, CPR and water safety skills. More than 131,800 units of blood were collected and more than 3,400 service members, veterans and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

**Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.....\$500.00**

This organization has provided free adult education and literacy instruction for Vermonters aged 16 to 90 for 58 years. Last year, 9 Eden residents enrolled in CVABE's free programs at our Morrisville Learning Center on Portland Street. CVABE provided free instruction to 454 people in the Washington, Orange and Lamoille County service area. Over 70 community volunteers along with professional staff instruct students on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. The support of the towns we serve is a vital component to the mission and we greatly appreciate the support.

# OVERVIEW OF OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

- Central Vermont Council on Aging..... \$800.00**  
 CVCOA is the primary agency serving Vermonters age 60+, their families and caregivers in the 54 towns in the central portion of the state. We help assist older adults and those with disabilities to remain independent as long as possible, all at no charge. CVCOA provided an array of services to 46 Eden residents. 247 volunteers provided service to 4,531 clients in FY 23-24.
- Clarina Howard Nichols Center ..... \$400.00**  
 The Clarina Howard Nichols Center has provided services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County for 43 years. Services include, a 24 hour hot-line, emergency shelter that is pet friendly, legal advocacy, outreach and education and children’s services. This past year Clarina provided services to 25 individuals from Eden as well as shelter for 47 individuals shelter totaling 2153 nights. The center responded to 1,257 hotline calls.
- Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc..... \$250.00**  
 The mission of the Lamoille Community Food Share is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. 2020 has been a very challenging year, but with hardworking employees and volunteers as well as the support of our generous community, we have managed to keep up with the ever-increasing need for food assistance. We are currently seeing a 40% rise in the number of families we are serving. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open 6 mornings a week for those in need.
- Lamoille County Mental Health Services.....\$750.00**  
 LCMH strives to provide the highest quality services and support to the community to enhance independence and quality of life. Over the past year, we provided services to 95 individuals from Eden. Although our main source of funding comes from Medicaid, it often does not cover 100% of the actual costs of providing mental health services to the community. The town’s appropriation helps us serve the greater community in their times of need.
- Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit/Child Advocacy Center..... \$853.99**  
 The LCSIU/CIU is a partnership between the Lamoille County State's Attorney Office, Vermont State Police, Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, Morristown Police Department, Stowe Police Department, Morrisville Probation and Parole, Lamoille County Mental Health, the Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Copley Hospital, and the Department for Children and Families, as well as various medical and therapeutic organizations. They respond to reports of child sexual abuse, conduct criminal investigations, prosecute substantiated crimes, provide services and referrals to victims, and respond to other related concerns, such as the sex offender registry and child pornography. In FY 2024, the LCSIU was involved in 123 incidents throughout Lamoille County.
- Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC)..... \$150.00**  
 LEDC's mission is to strengthen the county's economy through the creation and expansion of jobs and businesses and investing for the prosperity of Lamoille County communities. Initiatives in workforce development, financial planning, small business counseling and business recruitment will benefit Eden's local economy and workforce. LEDC oversees the Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund and services are available free to existing businesses looking to expand, start-ups, and businesses looking to relocate in the area.
- Lamoille Family Center.....\$500.00**  
 Since 1976, the Lamoille Family Center provides the residents of Eden and the Lamoille Valley with services for parents and children designed to promote healthy, safe, and resilient families including home visits, parenting education, playgroups, resource and referral, substance misuse prevention, emergency assistance, and early care and education services. The Children’s Integrated Services team made more than 240 home and virtual visits to 47 Eden families with rent assistance funding, groceries, fuel and household items. 57 families received childcare support with financial assistance and program referrals. The Holiday Project supplied toys and scholarships were awarded to attend summer camp.



# OVERVIEW OF OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

- Lamoille Home Health & Hospice (LHH&H) .....\$3,969.00**  
 Since 1971, LHH&H has provided care to hundreds of Lamoille County residents and their families. With programs such as prenatal care, home care, rehabilitation therapy, long-term care and hospice care, their services span a lifetime. Last fiscal year, LHH&H staff made 2,640 home visits to 63 Eden residents. These visits included nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, personal care attendants, speech therapy, medical social worker, licensed nursing assistants, case managers, chaplain and hospice volunteers.
- Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) .....\$200.00**  
 Developed in 1991, LHP develops, rehabilitates and maintains safe, decent, affordable housing through rental, home ownership, or other means to low- and moderate-income individuals and families living within Hardwick and Lamoille County. The need for affordable housing is greater than ever with low housing vacancy rates, homeownership and rental costs that outpace incomes, slow housing production rates, population growth, the rapid annual conversion of long-term rentals to short term vacation rentals plus the destruction of hundreds of homes by the '23 and '24 flooding.
- Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC).....\$250.00**  
 The LRC, formally known as the Lamoille Court Diversion Program, was established in 1979. The mission is to uphold the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice principles and programs. In Eden, 37 children, youth and adults were served by one or more of the 15 programs offered.
- Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County..... \$500.00**  
 Meals on Wheels provides home-delivered and community meals to vulnerable elders and individuals with disabilities throughout Lamoille County. This past year, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County prepared 57,629 meals. Eden residents were the recipients of 4,524 meals.
- North Country Animal League (NCAL)..... \$500.00**  
 The mission of the NCAL is to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between animals and humans through education and adoptions, spay/neuter programs, support of cruelty prevention, and the sheltering of homeless animals. Their community outreach program includes visits to schools, nursing homes, and community groups to teach humane and kind treatment of animals. This past year, NCAL accepted 1 stray and 5 surrendered animals into their adoption/shelter program from Eden. We offer monthly Low-Cost Wellness Clinics at NCAL for income eligible families to provide access to health care for animals in need.
- Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)..... \$1,350.00**  
 RCT provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2024, RCT provided 215 rides to Eden residents travelling 8,580 miles at a total cost of \$8,358. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required 20% to 50% monetary match to qualify for federal and state funding programs.
- Vermont Association for the Blind..... \$100.00**  
 An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As our population ages, that number is expected to rise to at least 25,000 by 2030. This year, the agency provided services to 1,048 Vermont residents including 2 adults and 2 students in Eden as a part of the 17 adults and 10 students in Lamoille County.
- Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) ..... \$165.00**  
 For the past 45 years, VCIL has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities and helping them achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy, and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life. During FY 23/24, 5 residents from Eden were provided support from the Home Access Program, Meals on Wheels and the Information, Referral and Assistance Program.
- Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (RFP).....\$100.00**  
 The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program, formally the Dry Hydrant Program, helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing the fire suppression infrastructure. Eden's dry hydrants are located at the Town Garage on Route 100, Eden Mills, East Hill Road, Crooks Road, White Road, Boy Scout Road, North Road (at the asbestos mine shared with the Town of Lowell), Blakeville Road, Knowles Flat Road and Warren Road.

## DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS as of June 30, 2024

Property tax bills are printed and mailed annually in the fall for payments that will be due on the dates in November and the following February and May as specified in the Town Meeting Warning.

When a property is sold before April 1st of any year, the new owner will see their name on the tax bill. Any new owner that purchased property after April 1st of any year will still receive a tax bill, however, the name on the paperwork may be of the previous owner. Taxpayers that have sold their property could be listed below if the property taxes were not pro-rated or were recorded improperly in the sale transaction.

\* *The asterick next to a name below indicates those taxpayers that have paid **SOME OR ALL** of their delinquent taxes after the end of FY 23/24 (June 30, 2024), as of **January 1, 2025** or are adhering to a payment agreement plan with the Delinquent Tax Collector.*

**TAXES DUE for FY'S 11-12, 12-13, 13-14,**

**Principal due: \$1,128.83**

**14-15, 15-16, 16-17, 17-18, 18-19, 19-20**

Foster, Anita

**TAXES DUE for FY 2020-2021**

**Principal due: \$148.35**

Foster, Brittany

**TAXES DUE for FY 2021-2022**

**Principal due: \$2,144.62**

Foster, Brittany

Machia, Stanley H. II

North, Nelson

**TAXES DUE for FY 2022-2023**

**Principal due: \$7,455.92**

\* DeRose, Andrea

\* Gates, Julie & Daniel

\* Mack, James R. & Patricia

\* Deslandes, Christopher

\* Hepburn, Brandon W. & Robert D.

Marino, Ralph & Mary Anne

& Diane Saunders Delandes

Hoag, Inga

Millard, Elizabeth Trustee

\* Donahue, Christopher

\* Ketcham, Jeannie

North, Nelson

\* Evans, Jeff

\* Jones, Noi

O'Hear, Patrick

\* Flood, Rudolph

Machia, Stanley H. II

\* Prosser, Jason

Foster, Brittany

**TAXES DUE for FY 2023-2024**

**Principal due: \$42,833.87**

\* Billado, Michael

\* Grant, Thomas

Marsh, Gary & Dorothy

\* Blaisdell, Andrea

Griggs, Trudy

\* Masi, Nathan

Daniel & Timothy Sargent

\* Gutzman, Lillian & Walter

\* Maskell, Sierra

Boutin, Chip & Sheri

\* Gutzman, Walter & Lori

\* Maskell, Stephen & Julie

\* Chabot, Christopher

\* Hepburn, Brandon W. & Robert D.

Merchant, Carol

\* Coon, Julie

Hoag, Inga

Millard, Elizabeth Trustee

Demar, Peyton & Lawrence

\* Jones, Lewis

\* Miller, Rashad & Ariel

Allison Perkett

\* Jones, Noi

\* Molleur, Benjamin

\* DeRose, Andria

\* Ketcham, Jeannie

\* Morin, Ronald

Deslandes, Christopher

\* Lague, Tina

North, Nelson

& Diane Saunders Delandes

\* Lanpher, Stacy

O'Hear, Patrick

\* Domina, Ken

Lathe, David & Becky

\* Osborne, John & Linda

\* Donahue, Christopher

\* Lilly, Jared

Prosser, Jason

\* Dowling, Kevin & Libby

\* Machia, Florence

\* Riskin, Kristopher

Erickson, Eric

Machia, Stanley H. II

\* Rodriguez, Anthony

\* Evans, Jeff

\* Mack, James R. & Patricia

Spaulding, Edward

\* Flood, Rudolph

Mad River Equities

\* Uffer, David

\* Foster, Alfonse & Sonya

\* Manosh, Edward

Wells, Lonny & Wendy

Foster, Brittany

Marino, Ralph

\* Young, Christopher &

\* Gates, Julie & Daniel

\* Gilbert, Edmund

\* Gillespie, Tyler

\* Gonyaw, Rodney

**Total Principal due: \$53,609.33**

**Total Interest due: \$7,364.69**

**Total Penalty due: \$3,794.59**

**TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES DUE: \$64,768.61**

**Totals due above are as of January 1, 2025**

# FAQ on Vermont Property Taxes

## **Is Eden a “sending” town or a “receiving” town for state education money?**

All Vermont towns are receiving towns. There are no Vermont towns that can pay for their education spending through the revenue generated from their homestead grand list alone. All towns depend on the other sources of revenue to the Education Fund to pay for the school budgets they approve. The other major sources are (for FY25) all the Sales and Use tax (about 26% of the Education Fund) and the non-homestead property tax (about 39% of the education fund). Both of these revenue sources are considered statewide resources and not town-specific ones, even though some towns may have more non-homestead property or more businesses remitting sales tax than other towns.

## **Eden has contracted to complete a town wide re-appraisal by 2026. What will happen to my tax bill?**

The effects of a reappraisal on an individual property owner will differ based on how their property value changes compared to the town average. Owners of properties that increase more than the town average (on a percentage basis) will pay more, owners of properties increasing less than the average will pay less, and if the change is in line with the town average, then taxes will be the same as they otherwise would have been. In the current market, a large increase in property value does not necessarily mean a bigger bill because the town’s education property tax rate and municipal rate will go down.

## **Are some education taxes based on income rather than the value of property?**

A Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, must be filed each year by any Vermont resident who owns their property and will occupy it as their domicile in the coming year. Once the residence is declared as a homestead, it is taxed at the homestead education tax rate (rather than the non-homestead tax rate). Resident households with 2024 income under \$115,000 may be eligible for a property tax credit and should complete section B of the HS-122 and the HI-144, Household Income Schedule, to claim a property tax credit.

The property tax credit claim compares education property taxes for FY24 against the town’s household income percentage which is calculated from its per pupil spending. If education property taxes exceeded that percentage of income, the difference (with some limitations) will be applied as a credit to the FY25 property tax bill, reducing the total amount due. About two-thirds of all resident homeowners in Vermont receive an income-based property tax credit each year.

Households with income less than \$47,000 are also eligible for a municipal property tax credit which compares their municipal property taxes paid to fixed statutory percentages of income. Eden residents received **\$23,502.90** in municipal tax assistance in FY 23-24.

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

You may file your Homestead Declaration and, if eligible, your Property Tax Credit online at [myvtax.vermont.gov](http://myvtax.vermont.gov).

# PROPERTY TAXES

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

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

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

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

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

# COMPENSATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES

	Hourly Rate	Compensation	Total
<b>Auditors</b>			
Miller, Ronald	\$ 17.30	\$ 164.35	
Morin, Tracey	\$ 17.30	\$ 648.75	
White, Leslie	\$ 17.30	\$ 1,812.18	
		\$ 2,625.28	
<b>Civil Board</b>			
Burnor, H. Bruce	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.34	
Godin, Deborah	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.34	
Morin, Ricky	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.34	
Morin, Tracey	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.34	
White, Leslie	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.34	
Whittemore, Clayton	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.34	
<b>Total</b>		\$ 116.04	
<b>Dog Officer/Animal Control</b>			
Hill, Matt	\$ 17.30	\$ 229.23	
Luebkehan, Inga	\$ 17.00	\$ 603.50	
White, Leslie	\$ 17.30	\$ 45.95	
<b>Total</b>		\$ 878.68	
<b>Elections</b>			
Bullard, Tim	\$ 17.63	\$ 70.52	
Daige, Kathleen	\$ 13.67	\$ 102.53	
Morin, Ricky	\$ 17.63	\$ 132.23	
Morin, Tracey	\$ 13.67	\$ 54.68	
Whitcomb, Melissa	\$ 26.00	\$ 299.00	
White, Leslie	\$ 17.30	\$ 198.95	
Whittemore, Clayton	\$ 17.63	\$ 102.53	
<b>Total</b>		\$ 960.44	
<b>Health Officer</b>			
Bullard, Tim (\$107.16/month)		\$ 857.28	
Donahue, Christopher (\$108.22/month)		\$ 108.22	
<b>Total</b>		\$ 965.50	
<b>Highway (includes in-kind grant hours)</b>			
Burns, Rodney	\$ 21.50	\$ 13,115.00	
Earle, Harold	\$ 18.75	\$ 4,129.69	
Morin, Ricky	\$ 28.00	\$ 82,523.00	
Morin, Ryan	\$ 25.00	\$ 69,575.00	
Morse, Harold	\$ 17.76	\$ 106.56	
Parkhurst, James	\$ 23.00	\$ 11,488.50	
<b>Page #1 Total</b>		\$ 180,937.75	

## COMPENSATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES (cont'd)

<b>Lake Eden Assoc. Meeter Greeter Program</b>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brannagan, Sawyer	\$ 14.00	\$ 749.00	
Chaleff, George	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,253.75	
Durivage-Gonyaw, Lauren	\$ 14.00	\$ 1,134.00	
Eldred, Gordon	\$ 14.00	\$ 4,686.50	
Koch, Jeffery	\$ 14.00	\$ 763.00	
Nelson, Kaitlin	\$ 14.00	\$ 2,481.50	
Stygles, Shari	\$ 16.00	\$ 2,412.00	
Uhlendorff, Hunter	\$ 14.00	\$ 1,291.50	
Wood, Jada	\$ 14.00	\$ 241.50	
Zeolial, Alicia	\$ 14.00	\$ 1,788.50	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 17,801.25</b>
<b>Lake Eden Recreation Area (LERA)</b>			
Cutler, Joslyn      Lifeguard	\$ 16.00	\$ 2,481.15	
Rounds, Craig      Manager (2023)    weekly	\$ 443.48	\$ 7,095.68	
Webb, Erica      Manager (2024)    weekly	\$ 443.48	\$ 3,104.36	
Uhlendorff, Pamela    Manager Helper    weekly	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Uhlendorff, Johnna    Manager Helper	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 15,081.19</b>
<b>Assessor Assistant</b>			
Whitcomb, Melissa	\$ 26.00	\$ 1,716.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,716.00</b>
<b>Selectboard</b>			
Bullard, Tim		\$ 1,350.00	
Morin, Ricky		\$ 1,200.00	
Whittemore, Clayton		\$ 1,200.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management Representative</b>			
Whitcomb, David Supervisor Expense/ Mtg.	\$ 25.95	\$ 437.71	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 437.71</b>
<b>911 Coordinator</b>			
Whitcomb, Marvin	\$ 19.00	\$ -	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Town Office (includes in-kind grant hours)</b>			
Creighton, Darlene    Assist. TC/Treasurer	\$ 21.00	\$ 2,168.25	
Morin, Tracey      Office Help	\$ 20.00	\$ 140.00	
Pastore, Teleia      Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 22.00	\$ 31,773.50	
Whitcomb, Melissa    Town Clerk & Treasurer	\$ 26.00	\$ 51,415.00	
White, Leslie      Office Help	\$ 20.00	\$ 6,469.70	
<b>Page #2 Total</b>			<b>\$ 91,966.45</b>
<b>Total Compensation to All Town Employees</b>			<b>\$ 317,236.29</b>

# COMPENSATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES (cont'd)

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

**Health Insurance:**

**Employees contribute 10%**

Ricky Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
Ryan Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
James Parkhurst	<i>Highway Report</i>
Teleia Pastore	<i>Selectboard Report</i>
Melissa Whitcomb	<i>Selectboard Report</i>

**Life & Disability Insurance:**

Ricky Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
Ryan Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
James Parkhurst	<i>Highway Report</i>
Teleia Pastore	<i>Selectboard Report</i>
Melissa Whitcomb	<i>Selectboard Report</i>

**Retirement:**

Ricky Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
Ryan Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
James Parkhurst	<i>Highway Report</i>
Teleia Pastore	<i>Selectboard Report</i>
Melissa Whitcomb	<i>Selectboard Report</i>

**Vision Plan: (Employees pay 100%)**

Ricky Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
Ryan Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
James Parkhurst	<i>Highway Report</i>
Teleia Pastore	<i>Selectboard Report</i>
Melissa Whitcomb	<i>Selectboard Report</i>

**Uniforms:**

Ricky Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
Ryan Morin	<i>Highway Report</i>
James Parkhurst	<i>Highway Report</i>



**The new 2024 Western Star 47X truck already on the job!**

## DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

State Law 20 VSA §3581 requires that all dogs and wolf-hybrids six (6) months or older must be licensed by April 1st annually. Dogs older than 6 months that are acquired after the April 1st deadline should be registered as soon as possible. Puppies should be licensed when they reach the age of 6 months. Late fees only apply to animals that have been in the owners' possession before the April 1st deadline. Proof of up-to-date vaccination is required for licensing. A census of the town takes place in the spring. Per the Town of Eden Dog Ordinance, the Animal Control Officer can issue fines starting at \$100 for each unregistered dog.

Registration fees have increased by \$2 per dog as mandated by the State starting January 1, 2025

### **Dog/Wolf-Hybrid License Fees**

Spayed or neutered and registered	\$ 4 Town + \$ 2 Surcharge + \$ 7 State = \$13.00 per dog
<b>Not</b> spayed or neutered and registered	\$ 8 Town + \$ 2 Surcharge + \$ 7 State = \$17.00 per dog

### **Before April 1**

### **After April 1**

Spayed or neutered and registered	\$ 4 Town + \$ 2 Late Fee + \$ 2 Surcharge + \$ 7 State = \$15
<b>Not</b> spayed or neutered and registered	\$ 8 Town + \$ 4 Late Fee + \$ 2 Surcharge + \$ 7 State = \$21

### **Before April 1**

<b>Breeder License</b>	\$30 Town + \$ 3 State = \$33 (Up to 10 dogs. Additional dogs are \$ 3 each)
<b>Pet Dealer</b>	\$25 + Breeder License + per dog fee if more than 10 animals <i>A Pet Dealer is anyone buying or selling animals</i>

### **After April 1**

<b>Breeder License</b>	\$30 Town + \$ 15 Late Fee = \$45 (Up to 10 dogs. Additional dogs are \$ 4.50 each plus \$3 for the State of VT)
<b>Pet Dealer</b>	\$25 + Breeder License + \$ 12.50 Late Fee + per dog fee if more than 10 animals

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

**The annual Rabies Clinic held at the Town Garage is scheduled for March 29, 2025 from 9:45 to 10:45 am. The clinic can vaccinate your dog, wolf hybrid and/or cat. Rabies and all other vaccines will be available.**

### **VT Spay/Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIIP)**

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

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

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

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

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



# Eden Congregational Church

The Eden Congregational Church has been open for worship services every Sunday this year, apart from a couple of bad-weather Sundays. We are so grateful for the leadership of Pastor Ernest Machia and his wife, Charlene, for making this possible. We are also thankful for so many people in this community who give their time and talent to do the many tasks required to keep this beautiful, historic church open and operating. Some neighbors mow the lawn and tend the flower garden in the summer. In the winter, others plow the parking lots and shovel snow from the front steps and handicap ramp. Inside the church, there are those who help with cleaning, decorating, preparing meals, bookkeeping, and tending to necessary repairs. We appreciate every one of you and thank you for your generosity!



It was decided at our annual business meeting last year that we would seek to hire an excavation service to dig along the driveway side of the church basement wall, seal the concrete, and install a perimeter drain around the base of the wall to keep water from seeping into the basement in the Spring and during heavy rains. Auger Heights Excavating was the successful bidder for the job and completed the work in August of 2024. So far, we have not had any water seeping through that basement wall. Praise the Lord!

We held one very successful fundraising dinner at the church on Saturday, September 28th. We served just over a hundred chicken and biscuit dinners and enjoyed music provided by Danny Granstaff after dinner. Sharing food, music, and fellowship with so many of our neighbors was such a joy.

We have been blessed to see some new faces join us for worship services on Sunday, and we pray that many more will join us this year. Each Sunday, we begin our worship services at 11:00 a.m. and enjoy a potluck luncheon and fellowship afterward. We are a non-denominational, Bible-based church where everyone is welcome! Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28 NIV).

# LAKE EDEN RECREATION AREA (LERA)

<b>LERA Fund Beginning Balances (July 1, 2023)</b>	<b>\$ 111,433.42</b>
* Accounting correction for the LERA Account (See next page)	\$ 10,954.90
<b>Beginning Balance with correction</b>	<b><u>\$ 122,388.32</u></b>

## Receipts

Ticket Sales	\$ 7,492.50	
Non-resident passes	\$ 1,435.00	
Camping Daily	\$ 9,947.00	
Weekly	\$ 3,390.00	
Monthly	\$ -	
Seasonal	\$ 27,800.00	
Donations	\$ 33.50	
Reservation Fees	\$ 122.50	
Shelter Rental	\$ 4,405.00	
Swim Lessons Town Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>\$ 55,625.50</u>	

## Expenses

Labor		
Beach Manager, Craig Rounds & Erica Webb	\$ 10,200.04	
Manager's Helper		
Uhlendorff, Johnna	\$ 900.00	
Uhlendorff, Pamela	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	
Total Manager's Helpers	\$ 2,400.00	
Lifeguards	\$ 2,481.15	
Swim Program - Teach America To Swim	\$ 7,400.00	
<b>Total Labor</b>	<u>\$ 22,481.19</u>	
Insurance & Payroll		
Medicare	\$ 218.67	
Social Security	\$ 935.14	
Workers Compensation	\$ 905.74	
Unemployment	\$ 102.73	
Property & Casualty	<u>\$ 1,158.65</u>	
<b>Total Insurance &amp; Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 3,320.93</b>	
Equipment		
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 977.25	
Oil & Gas	<u>\$ 224.61</u>	
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 1,201.86</b>	

# LAKE EDEN RECREATION AREA (cont'd)

**Expenses, continued**

Site Maintenance

Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 906.74	
Labor	\$ 663.50	
Materials	\$ 258.58	
Septic Maintenance	\$ -	
<b>Total Site Maintenance</b>		<b>\$ 1,828.82</b>

Utilities

Electric (VT Electric Co-op, Eden 3E LLC)	\$ 7,220.61	
Propane Gas	\$ 995.23	
Telephone / Internet	\$ 1,671.87	
Rubbish Removal	\$ 1,910.00	
<b>Total Utilities</b>		<b>\$ 11,797.71</b>

Miscellaneous

Advertising	\$ 798.00	
Bank Charges (Wire Refund)	\$ 25.00	
Computer/Supplies	\$ 436.00	
Fingerprinting	\$ 60.00	
Lifeguard Supplies	\$ -	
Mileage	\$ 360.80	
Postage	\$ -	
Supplies	\$ 4,182.64	
Tools	\$ -	
Water Testing System Maintenance	\$ 3,920.00	
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>		<b>\$ 9,782.44</b>

**Total Expenses** \$ 50,412.95

**Net Profit to Town (Income minus Expenses)** \$ 5,212.55

**Ending Balance LERA Fund with correction** **\$ 127,600.87**

\* With suggestions provided by a CPA and the NEMRC municipal software consultants, the office has been able to check the financial accounts with the General Ledger balances. The LERA Fund ending balance reported in the FY 22-23 Town Report was not accurate. An additional \$10,954.90 should have been added to the LERA account balance.

**Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

*The Auditor's chose to include this information from FY 24-25 to show that the warned article to create a reserve fund that was voted on at Town Meeting March 5, 2024 has been established and funded.*

Beginning Balance LERA Fund as of July 1, 2024	\$ 127,600.87
LERA Funds transferred to the LERA Reserve Fund	\$ (111,433.42)
Ending Balance LERA Fund	\$ 16,167.45
<b>LERA Reserve Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 111,433.42
Expenses: Lake Eden Milfoil Appropriation	\$ (15,000.00)
Running Balance LERA Reserve Fund	\$ 96,433.42
<i>(\$50,000 is in an Edward Jones CD earning 5.05% interest)</i>	

# FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

**Eden Fire Warden: Marvin Whitcomb**

**(802) 635-7515**

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

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



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

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

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

**Before lighting a match, call for a permit!**

# The Lamoille County Budget

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

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

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

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

## Lamoille County Court Budget FY 25-26 With the Equalized 2024 Municipal Grand List

Town	**2024**	Percentage of Budget	Prior	Cost Per	Increase/ -Decrease
	Grand List Dollars (1% value)		Year 7/01/24-6/30/25	Town 7/01/25-6/30/26	
Belvidere	\$ 608,460	0.691826%	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,730	\$ 310
Cambridge	\$ 8,201,000	9.324631%	\$ 57,218	\$ 63,747	\$ 6,529
Eden	\$ 2,307,750	2.623938%	\$ 15,492	\$ 17,938	\$ 2,446
Elmore	\$ 2,885,740	3.281119%	\$ 20,844	\$ 22,431	\$ 1,587
Hyde Park	\$ 5,021,030	5.708969%	\$ 35,807	\$ 39,029	\$ 3,222
Johnson	\$ 3,549,170	4.035447%	\$ 26,559	\$ 27,588	\$ 1,029
Morristown	\$ 11,840,170	13.462409%	\$ 87,536	\$ 92,035	\$ 4,499
Stowe	\$ 50,053,940	56.911904%	\$ 344,446	\$ 389,073	\$ 44,627
Waterville	\$ 981,490	1.115965%	\$ 7,046	\$ 7,629	\$ 583
Wolcott	\$ 2,501,110	2.843791%	\$ 16,856	\$ 19,441	\$ 2,585
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 87,949,860</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>	<b>\$ 616,224</b>	<b>\$ 683,641</b>	<b>\$ 67,417</b>
Tax Rate	0.00777308				

NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
A DIVISION ON 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 1655 calls. This was a decrease of 91 calls from the 1746 calls responded to in 2023.

Of these 1655 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

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Expenses Continued</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
4000 · Town Appropriations	\$375,219.00	\$393,685.00	\$414,148.00	5018.10 · Misc. Amb R&M	\$400.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
4006 interest income	\$25.00	0	200	5023 Grounds	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
4005 · Donations	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	5018.10 · Misc Amb R&M	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
4007 covid testing	\$20,000.00	0		5020 · IT Support	\$2,340.00	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00
4009 · Service Ambulance Runs	\$989,632.00	\$1,178,431.00	\$1,228,374.00	5021.01 · Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
4012 · Intercept Income	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	5021.03 · Med. Supplies/Equip.	\$18,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$19,000.00
4018 · Ambulance Coverage Time	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	5021.04 · General Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,389,776.00</b>	<b>\$1,576,766.00</b>	<b>\$1,647,722.00</b>	5021.05 · Equipment Batteries	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Expense</b>				5024 · Oxygen Expense	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
5000.01 · Collection Fees	\$350.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	5025 · Employee Recognition	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
5001.01 ·02.03.04.17 Payroll	\$51,480.00	\$51,000.00	\$52,700.00	5027 · Paging Expense	\$1,015.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5001.05 Nas 11 R&M	\$780.00	\$680.00	\$680.00	5028.03 · Internet Service	\$1,620.00	\$2,104.00	\$2,520.00
5001.6 Nas 11 Fuel	\$500.00	\$510.00	\$680.00	5029 · Electricity Expense	\$3,200.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
5001.08 · CPA	\$390.00	\$680.00	\$680.00	5030 · Heating Expense	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
5001.10 · Office Supplies	\$150.00	\$68.00	\$68.00	5032 · Comp Exp Non Capitalize	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
5001.11 · Telephone	\$1,775.00	\$1,714.00	\$1,714.00	5033 furniture	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
5001.12 · Cell Phones	\$1,497.00	\$1,306.00	\$1,306.00	5034 · Radio Exp Non Capitalized	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
5001.13 · Dues	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	5040 · Squad Uniforms	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
5001.14 · Health Insurance	\$2,354.00	\$4,144.00	\$3,085.00	5041. Equipment Repairs	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$50.00
5001.15 · Pension	\$4,520.00	\$4,522.00	\$4,760.00	5043 · Public Relations	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
5001.17 board of directors	\$8,190.00	\$7,140.00	\$7,140.00	5044 time clock	\$0.00	\$748.00	\$918.00
5001.20 Software Subscriptions	\$585.00	\$796.00	\$1,125.00	5045 · Equiq. t Replacement Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00	5046 · Amb. Replacement	\$15,000.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00
5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense	\$32,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$32,000.00	5049 property tax	\$0.00	\$7,803.00	\$8,911.00
5008.01 · Insurance Package	\$16,500.00	\$18,020.00	\$20,094.00	5047 Billing Contract	\$22,558.00	\$22,558.00	\$42,675.00
5008.03 · Health Insurance Exp	\$84,000.00	\$83,120.00	\$72,576.00	5053 gps units	\$0.00	\$3,183.00	\$3,183.00
5008.05 · Workers Comp. Ins Exp	\$60,675.00	\$56,780.00	\$59,320.00	NEMS 1	\$17,763.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5009 · Bank Charges/ Fees Exp.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	Zoll lease	\$5,414.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5010 · Interest Expense	\$4,374.00	\$15,468.00	\$16,140.00	Provider Tax	\$25,564.00	\$32,941.00	\$32,569.00
5011 · Staff & Squad Training	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,700.00	trucks / equipment loans	\$0.00	\$66,729.00	\$90,054.00
5012 · Payroll Expenses	\$912,053.00	\$994,000.00	\$1,070,000.00	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,389,776.00</b>	<b>\$1,576,766.00</b>	<b>\$1,647,722.00</b>
5013 · Postage/Delivery Expense	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Income</b>	<b>\$1,389,776.00</b>	<b>\$1,576,766.00</b>	<b>\$1,647,722.00</b>
5016.01 · Meals Expense	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$1,389,776.00</b>	<b>\$1,576,766.00</b>	<b>\$1,647,722.00</b>
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 Agree/Equip. PMI	\$5,209.00	\$3,752.00	\$2,204.00				

This is a non audited report.

# North Hyde Park/Eden 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	



NHPE Fire Department and its members would like to express gratitude and appreciation to



**2024 Ford F 550 Alexis Mini Pumper**

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 on his 35<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted  
Chief Brent Lanpher



# North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department, Inc.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Position/ *FF1 Certified</u>
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	Budget	Current	Proposed
	Jul 23 - Jun 24	Jul 23 - Jun 24	Jul 24- Jun 25	Jul 25 - Jun 26
<b>INCOME</b>				
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			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$95,966.00</b>	<b>\$79,050.00</b>	<b>\$84,450.00</b>	<b>\$89,950.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>sale of 2013 int'l (R1)</b>	\$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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$95,798.63</b>	<b>\$77,250.00</b>	<b>\$84,450.00</b>	<b>89,950.00</b>
Income 2021/2022				
Beginning Balance (7-1-23)	\$1,025.27			
Endinging Balance (6-30-24)	\$1,192.64			
Balance Money Market (6-30-24)	\$29,896.07			

## MARRIAGES

DATE	APPLICANT A	RESIDENCE	APPLICANT B	RESIDENCE
07/08/2023	Mariah Paige Earle	Eden, VT	Shane Michael Lafountain	Waterville, VT
07/12/2023	Brittany Marie Peake	Eden, VT	Michael Bruce Shepard- Parrott	Eden, VT
08/26/2023	Makayla Lynn Minor	Hyde Park, VT	Michael Raymond Griggs Jr.	Hyde Park, VT
08/28/2023	Michelle Susan Severance	Eden Mills, VT	Rikki Idella Brunell	Eden Mills, VT
09/16/2023	Kathryn Helen Jones	Eden, VT	Takoda Lee Whitcomb	Eden, VT
09/30/2023	Joshua Alan Lockwood	Eden, VT	Kate Emily Martin	Eden, VT
12/06/2023	Samuel Michael Rathbun	Eden, VT	Alyssa Kerri Kennett	Eden, VT
02/29/2024	Samuel Crosbie Rogers	Eden, VT	Anne Louise Grantham	Eden, VT
06/26/2024	Jeremy Fraize	Eden, VT	Ayla Landry	Eden, VT

## BIRTHS

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	PARENT (maiden name)	PARENT
07/02/2023	Thea Rose Perry	Erin Elizabeth Norman	Dylan Jason Ernest Perry
07/12/2023	Hudson Kendall Richard Hoadley	Taylor Dobish Kelly	Kyle Richard Hoadley
08/04/2023	Meadow Ann Limlaw	Jessica-Jean Morin	Joshua Todd Limlaw
08/19/2023	Willamina Faith Matthews	Kaitlynn Hope Lakus	Tyler William Matthews
09/12/2023	Emma James Hoadley	Holly Lynn Fields	Eric Robert Hoadley
09/14/2023	Kolton Michael Thompson	Mackenzie Rose Daigle	Andrew Michael Thompson
09/24/2023	Nolan Gordon James Rich	Jessica Florence Dickson	Matthew James Rich
11/06/2023	Oscar Michael Ferland	Bonnie Jean Boardman	
11/13/2023	Linus Paine Ballard	Samantha Paine	Dylan Michael Ballard
11/16/2023	Vida Porter Pensinger	Devan Rae Pensinger	Benjamin Aaron Porter
12/14/2023	Hudson Sky Cochran	Mabyl-Jo Denlinger	Dylan Christopher Porter Cochran
05/14/2024	Declan Ray Hill	Karissa Rae Glodgett	Cyle John Hill
05/26/2024	Cedar Forest Chidiac	Lindsey Parker	Alexander Roland Chidiac
06/01/2024	Abel Thomas Reagan	Hillary Leah Miller	Riley Thomas Reagan
06/18/2024	Barrett Timothy Dolan	Keisha Marie Bell	Austin Edward Dolan

## DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE
09/09/2023	Philip Edward Miles	62	Eden, VT
09/10/2023	Elizabeth Ann Noah	92	Eden, VT
09/25/2023	Guy Roy Morin	95	Eden, VT
11/06/2023	Anders A. Rasmussen	76	Eden, VT
11/20/2023	Timothy Joseph Brown	67	Eden Mills, VT
01/04/2024	Deborah Godin	69	Eden Mills, VT
01/11/2024	Jerry Dean White Sr.	86	Eden, VT
04/24/2024	Wyonetta L. Jones	77	Eden, VT
06/13/2024	Elmer Neil Durivage Jr.	56	Eden, VT



To: Lamoille County Selectboards and Town Clerks  
 From: Lisa Nolen Birmingham  
 Cc: Lamoille FiberNet Governing Board  
 Re: 2024 Annual CUD Report to Towns, Proposed 2025 Budget and Request for Comment, Summary for Town Meeting  
 Date: October 21, 2024

On behalf the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District, I am pleased to share our Annual Report and Proposed 2025 Budget (PDF attached). I am also enclosing below a condensed summary (< 500 words) which we hope you will include in your Town Meeting materials.

LFCUD welcomes your comments and questions. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. 3075, LFCUD will host a hybrid public meeting on November 13 to receive comments; I will forward the agenda this week. You may also email your comments to me ahead of the meeting.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need details about your community, please contact me or your town representative(s).

Thank you for your continued support.

Best,

*Lisa Nolen Birmingham*

Lisa Nolen Birmingham  
 Executive Director

**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 access across our district by fall of 2025, ensuring that every on-grid address will have 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%
<b>LFCUD Service Area</b>	<b>95%</b>



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>.**

## The Bullard Award

Each year, usually at a December meeting, the Selectboard opens the sealed box at the Town Clerk’s Office to see who the community has suggested to receive the Bullard Award. Started in 1990, the award is to honor an individual who has contributed unselfishly to the Community. This year the award goes to Colleen Brennan who has tirelessly worked to ensure the health and pristine qualities of Lake Eden. For many years, the greeter program worked diligently to inform visitors on the importance of keeping Eurasian Water Milfoil and other invasive species from entering the lake. When EWM was detected in 2022, a new focus challenged the Lake Eden Association and Colleen, along with many others, have worked tirelessly applying for grants and coordinating the work that has kept the invasive species under control. Thank you, Colleen, for your contribution to the health of Lake Eden so it can continue to be a place we can all enjoy.

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN THE TOWN REPORT

- Agent to Convey Real Estate.** An elected official who assists in real estate transactions on behalf of the Town.
- Allocated Funds.** The town received money from the Federal Government in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The funds have all been “allocated” meaning that they have been obligated for specific purposes.
- American Gift Fund.** A reserve fund established from monies gifted to the town by a generous Eden resident. Money has been received annually since 2013. These funds are to be used at the Selectboard’s discretion for community improvement projects. These funds are in a separate account earning interest.
- Auditors.** Three officials elected at Town Meeting to review and audit all accounts for the Town. The town contracts with an independent firm for an outside audit every five years. The last outside audit was in 2020.
- Board of Abatement.** This Board is comprised of the Selectboard, Town Clerk, Justices of the Peace, and the Listers (or Independent Assessor in Eden) meeting as needed to consider tax abatement requests.
- Board of Civil Authority.** This Board is comprised of the Selectboard, the Town Clerk, and the Justices of the Peace. The role of this Board is to maintain the voter checklist, count ballots in an election and at Town Meeting, and to hear grievances regarding property appraisals.
- Bullard Award.** This award was created in 1990 by the Selectboard as a tribute to Haven “Bud” Bullard who served the Eden community for many years. The award is to honor an individual who has contributed unselfishly to the community. A sealed box is available for nominations during Town Meeting and at the Town Clerk’s Office. In January, the recipient is chosen by the Selectboard, and the award is then presented at Town Meeting in March. A short, descriptive statement on the merits of the nominee is welcome. Candidates must reside in the Town of Eden. A large wooden plaque with Bud Bullard’s likeness, carved by C. Brown in 1991 is at the Town Clerk’s Office and recipients are honored with a brass nameplate added annually.
- Cemetery Commissioners.** Officials elected to this Commission are responsible for the care and management of the Town’s cemeteries. If no Cemetery Commissioners are elected, the Selectboard fulfills this role.
- Cemetery Funds.** The Cemetery now has 2 accounts, one is the Perpetual Care Account where only the interest earned on the principal can be used for annual maintenance. Perpetual Care funds can be used for capital improvements. In 1997, funds from this account were used to purchase 5.07 acres of land that adjoined the existing Eden Corners Cemetery. Perpetual Care funds were also used to clear the new property in 2020. In 2022, the Trustees of Public Funds and the Cemetery Commissioners agreed to combine the 6 individual Perpetual Care accounts to reduce the amount of auditing time and allow a larger lump sum to be invested independently at a higher interest rate. The 2 Community Bank accounts and the 4 individual gift accounts from Ed Shattuck (1974), Manona Miller (1986), Dorothy Collins (1989) and Mildred Earle (1997) now comprise the Perpetual Care Account. When a lot is sold, \$75 of the total \$300 is also added to the Perpetual Care Account. The second account is the working checkbook that is where the annual maintenance costs are paid out of. The working checkbook receives \$225 from the sale of each lot for annual expenses.
- Constables.** These 2 elected positions have limited duties. They are: to serve civil or criminal process, euthanize animals when required by law, euthanize injured deer in accordance with law, assist the Health Officer in the exercise of his/her duties, serve as district court officer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, collect taxes if no tax collector is elected under 24 V.S.A. § 1936a(b), and provide assistance to the Dog Officer(s) in the discharge of their duties per Eden’s Dog Ordinance. Eden’s Constables shall not perform any law enforcement duties.
- Current Tax Collector.** Collects the school and property taxes for the Town. In Eden, this function is performed by the Town Clerk and Treasurer.
- Current Tax Interest.** Interest collected on property taxes that are late (the first two payments) but not yet delinquent (taxes paid after the final payment due date).
- Dedication.** The Town Report is dedicated every year to an individual or group to honor and recognize their exceptional community service contribution. Nominations can be made by the Selectboard or by any Town voter under other business at Town Meeting or at a Selectboard meeting.
- Delinquent Tax.** Any property tax shall be deemed delinquent if the tax is not paid in full on the final payment due date as set forth at Town Meeting of that same year. Payment of taxes after the established due date shall be remitted to the Delinquent Tax Collector. A delinquent tax bill consists of three parts: (a) initial tax; (b) interest of one percent (1%) per month starting the day the taxes become delinquent as was voted at Town Meeting March 2, 1982; and (c) penalty of not more than eight percent (8%) of the amount of the tax per State Statute 32 V.S.A. §1674 (2). Any partial payment received shall first be applied to the penalty portion of the bill. Additional payments, after the penalty is paid in full, shall be applied to the interest portion until fully paid, with the remaining payment applied to the principal due.
- Delinquent Tax Collector.** Appointed by the Selectboard after Town Meeting every year. Collects taxes for the Town after the final tax payment date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund.** A fund established by vote at Town Meeting March 7, 2017 with money appropriated by the Town to help offset the cost of new equipment as needed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Highway Reserve Fund.** A Fund approved by the voters at Town Meeting in 2006 with money appropriated by the taxpayers but not spent from the Highway Account from previous years. These funds are to be used for highway expenses only and can be carried over from year to year.

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

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

**Justices of the Peace.** Elected by the voters every two (2) years, Justices of the Peace may perform marriage ceremonies, act as an ex-officio notary public, and serve on the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Abatement. The next elections will take place in November of 2026. Terms are from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Outside Audit Fund.** This fund was created starting in FY 14-15 with \$3,000 added annually to the Selectboard Fund budget to prepare for the cost of an outside audits the town is required to contract every 5 years.

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

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

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



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

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

**Regional Planning Commission Representative.** A resident recommended and appointed by the Selectboard. This representative attends Lamoille County Planning Commission meetings in Morrisville to help develop a regional plan, assess municipal land use issues and connect with surrounding towns.

**Restoration Fund.** This is a fund established for the preservation and restoration of Town records. Recording fees of \$15.00 per page are charged, with \$5.00 going to the Fund and \$10.00 to the Town as revenue.

**Sheriff's Department Contract.** The money budgeted in this assessment goes to the operation and maintenance of the dispatch for 911 and other emergencies. The Sheriff's Department is located in Hyde Park, next to the Lamoille County Courthouse.

### **State of Vermont**

**Current Use.** A State program to appraise agricultural, forest, and conservation land, as well as farm buildings, on use value to keep agricultural and forest land in production. The State sends the Town money based on the reduction in the tax base. The amount the State pays is budgeted by the legislature and is seldom fully funded.

**Digitization Grant** At the beginning of the pandemic with Town Offices closed, the State of Vermont made funds available to the towns so land records and maps could be accessed online for research purposes. Eden contracted with an outside firm and was able to make all land records from 1980 through 2012 available by computer with the \$18,945.64 it received.

**Forest and Parks** State-owned land, such as the Green River Reservoir, the Lake Eden fishing access, and the Babcock Nature Preserve.

**Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.O.T.)** Money received from the State in lieu of a property tax payment. The amount of compensation is determined by the legislature annually and is only a partial reimbursement to Eden for land the State of Vermont owns within Eden's Town boundaries.

**State Property.** State-owned buildings, such as the State Highway Garage on Route 118 and the fishing access at the north end of Lake Eden.

**State of Vermont Lister Education Fund.** The State of Vermont sends the Town of Eden funds on a sliding scale to be used by the Assessor in our town for costs associated with Property Valuation & Review (PVR) and sponsored assessment education courses.

**State of Vermont Reappraisal Fund.** The State of Vermont sends the Town of Eden an amount of money per parcel of property annually. These funds are used to offset the expenses in a reappraisal year. The money can be used to defray the cost of an equalization study or go into the Reappraisal Fund. Money from this fund cannot be used for the regular day to day costs of the assessor.

**Street Lights.** The security lights illuminating the beach, the Town Clerk's Office and the street lights along Route 100 in Eden Mills and Eden Corners.

**Sweep Account.** The Sweep Account is a checking account designed to make the most efficient use of the Town's money, with funds transferred daily to or from the subsidiary investment accounts as needed. Excess available balances are invested overnight in Government agencies. This type of account is necessary when the amount of funds in an account exceeds the FDIC, \$250,000 limit.

**Town Service Officer.** The position was eliminated in 2020 by Act 84 pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2646.

**Tree Warden.** A position appointed by the Selectboard dating back to 1906. The post was designed as a means of protecting the trees that border the public highways of the State, and so gave the Tree Warden the responsibility of planting, trimming, and maintaining the health of trees in the public right-of-way. Another historical position with limited relevance in today's world.

**Trustee of Public Funds.** A three-member Board which has charge of all Town property and funds from which income may be realized. Manages, invests, and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the Town. This includes cemetery trust funds.

**Vault and Recording.** There are many documents that are officially recorded at the Town Clerk's Office for which a fee is charged. Vital statistics (births, deaths, and marriages) are recorded as well as land transactions (mortgages, land purchases and sales, deeds, attachments, and foreclosures). Recording fees are \$15.00 per page, with \$5.00 going into the Restoration Fund and \$10.00 to the Town. There is a \$1.00 charge per page for the copying of any recorded documents, and \$4.00 per hour is charged for the use of the vault and for time researching. All fees going to the Town.

**VLCT.** The Vermont League of Cities and Towns is an organization based in Montpelier that supports municipal government by providing information, legal guidance, answers questions, and holds educational seminars. VLCT also provides municipal insurance and is Eden's insurance carrier.

# CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Selectboard Present:

Ricky Morin  
Clayton Whittemore  
Tim Bullard

Board of Civil Authority Present:

H. Bruce Burnor  
Kelly Daige  
Leslie White

Town Clerk and Treasurer: Melissa Whitcomb

**There are 976 registered voters in the Town of Eden. 83 voters attended Town Meeting.**

Moderator H. Bruce Burnor opened the meeting at 9AM.

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

George Sheldrick motioned to use Robert's Rules of Order for the meeting seconded by Tim Bullard. Approved. Mark Higley, Eden's State Representative spoke to the voters about school funding, low housing inventory and the backlog of cases pending in the court system.

**Article 2: To elect a moderator.**

Ricky Morin nominated H. Bruce Burnor. Leslie White seconded. Ricky motioned for the clerk to cast one unanimous ballot for H. Bruce Burnor as moderator. Approved by voice vote.

**Article 3: Presentation of the Bullard Award.**

Tim Bullard announced that the Bullard Award goes to Deborah Godin in honor of her many years of dedication, service to the community and contribution to the town as a business owner for many years. Deb's daughters, Kris and Elsie accepted the brass plaque with Deborah Godin, Bullard Award, 2024 engraved on it. Deb's daughters asked that any award be a gift to the Lake Eden Association. Tim presented a check to Kris and Elsie for \$200 made out to the Lake Eden Association.

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

Eric Hammond motion to accept the report as written, Bruce Shields seconded. Leslie White stated that there was a correction in Article 13. The date should be FY 24/25. Approved by voice vote with the correction.

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

Motion by Leslie White to approve, Faye Cochran seconded. Approved by voice vote.

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

**a) Selectperson for three years**

One unanimous ballot was cast for Ricky Morin.

**b) Auditor for three years**

One unanimous ballot for Ronald Miller.

**c) Cemetery Commissioner for five years**

One unanimous ballot for Colleen Durivage.

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**d) Cemetery Commissioner for three years**

One unanimous ballot for Matt Mitchell.

**e) First Constable for one year**

One unanimous ballot for Matt Hill.

**f) Second Constable for one year**

One unanimous ballot for Bert Manning.

**g) Grand Juror for one year**

One unanimous ballot for David Whitcomb.

**h) Town Agent for one year**

One unanimous ballot for Tracey Morin.

**i) Agent to convey Real Estate for one year**

One unanimous ballot for Monique Morway.

**j) LNMUUSD Board Member for three years**

One unanimous ballot for Jeff Hunsberger.

**k) Trustee of Public Funds for three years**

One unanimous ballot for Melissa Whitcomb.

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

Ron McLean motioned to approve; Eric Hammond seconded. Approved by voice vote.

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

Eric Hammond made the motion to approve the budget as written. Matt Mitchell seconded. Ed Debor commented that he was impressed that the budget went down. Approved by voice vote.

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

It was explained that the funds had accumulated over a period of years and had been kept separate from the Selectboard Funds as there had been many years when the LERA did not pay for itself. There was discussion on how these funds might be spent and who would have the authority to spend the money after it had been designated as a Reserve Fund. Warren Whitcomb and Bruce Shields commented on the benefits of such a reserve fund. Eric Hammond spoke of using some of the funds for the related articles to follow. It was stated that before we can designate how this money is to be spent, we need to create the Reserve Fund first. Approved by voice vote.

**Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000 for the control of Eurasian Milfoil in Lake Eden?**

Representatives of the Lake Eden Association summarizes the work at the Lake on Eurasian Water Milfoil control that was detected in 2022. In 2023 the work included diver assisted suctioning, placement of 27 smothering mats and 500 hours of volunteer time hand pulling 1-2x/week, June thru October. The goal is to keep the milfoil identified in isolated locations. The greeter program is helpful in informing

## CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING continued

boaters where the milfoil is so they can avoid those areas in the lake and prevent further spread. Matt Mitchell asked about a washing station. It has been considered but the space at the fishing access is very limited. Wendy Lane asked how the harvested plant material is disposed of. It is composted at the Boy Scout Camp property. Rueben Finkel asked about clam farming as an option but there is no plan to introduce a non-native species into the lake. Ed Debor compared the milfoil infestation in Belvidere Pond to the way it used to be and stressed the importance of managing the milfoil in Lake Eden now as without attention, the milfoil will completely cover the surface of the Lake. Ed Debor moved the question as written; Wendy Lane seconded. Eric Hammond asked to amend the motion to have the

\$15,000 come out of the newly established Lake Eden Recreation Area reserve Fund. A paper ballot was called for after the voice vote was inconclusive. Results of the paper ballot voting on whether to accept the amended motion were; 63 votes cast, needed for majority, 32, yes-49, no- 15, blank-1. Amendment to the motion passed.

### **Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$23,000 to be raised on its grand list for local organizations?**

David Whitcomb motioned to approve all as one, Juli Morin seconded. Eric Hammond asked to amend the motion to remove 11e and 11f. Amended motion did not pass by voice vote. Motion returns to the original list of appropriations, a- f. Motion passed.

### **Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums totaling \$11,587.99, to be raised on its grand list for other organizations?**

Michelle Cardinal motioned to approve all as one, Leslie White seconded. So voted.

### **Article 13: Shall the interest earned on the Sweep Account, the American Gift Fund and the Good Neighbor Fund be used to offset taxes in the FY 24-25? \$24,629.16**

Leslie White motioned to approve as written, Clayton Whittemore seconded. Tim Bullard thanked the Trustees of Public Funds for their attention to investing funds. Article passed by voice vote.

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

Ron McLean motioned to approve; Michelle Cardinal seconded. Approved.

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

- a) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the community.
- b) Michelle Cardinal asked why the sheriff was at the meeting. It was explained that due to some conflicts in town, it was determined by the Selectboard that it would be a safety feature for all.
- c) Faye Cochran asked about throwing up a road that has been the source of some issues. Tim explained that everyone on the road would need to agree to the change. A question on hiring a manager for the Lake Eden Recreation Area was posed. Interviews will be in the fall for the 2025 summer.
- d) A resident of Cooper Hill asked if the road could be widened. Ricky said that the only maintenance the town is required to do on class 4 roads is the maintenance of the bridges and culverts and that there is no plan to widen Cooper Hill Road.

## **TRASH & RECYCLING and GREEN-UP DAY**

### **Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD)**

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

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

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

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

*Lamoille Soil compost is available in Johnson seasonally.*

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

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

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days**

Residents and businesses\* of LRSWMD District Towns:

*Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morrisville, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott & Worcester*

may dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW)

at **special HHW collection events:**

**Sat., May 3, 2025 & Sat., September 20, 2025**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Lamoille Union High School**

**736 VT Route 15 W, Hyde Park**

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

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

Registration for businesses closes one week before the event. All businesses must register by calling 802-888-7317. Business waste accepted 8:00 am - 9:00 am only.

**2025 GREEN UP DAY is the first Saturday in May on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Pick up your Green Up trash bags at the Town Clerk's Office and get out in your community on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. As a volunteer, you make a huge difference!

## A Little Historical Vermont Perspective

It all started with a very wet fall season. Some locations in Vermont receiving more than 150% of their normal rainfall for that time of year. Then on November 2, 1927, it started to rain and stopped for only an hour within a 42-hour period. Seven to nine inches of rain dumped on many parts of the state with the worst damage and loss of life in the Winooski valley.

With the ground already saturated, the rainfall overwhelmed the rivers and broke the Bolton Dam causing a huge loss. By one count, 187 houses, 200 barns, and 257 outbuildings were completely swept away in the raging current. An additional 1300 homes were badly damaged. Eighty-four people perished along with chickens, cattle, pigs and sheep.



A WRECKED HOME IN FLOOD STRICKEN WATERBURY, VT. NOV. 4TH, 1927

Recovery was compromised by the destruction of so many roads and the 1,258 bridges that were severely damaged or gone altogether. Food stores were the first to open but goods were rationed for fear there might be shortages with travel so difficult. One item that was in urgent need at the time was serum to treat typhoid that might be contracted from drinking contaminated water. The boil water notice was followed and no outbreak occurred. An additional item in great demand was yeast as most people were still making bread at home.

Towns that had not been affected so devastatingly came to the aid of their neighbors. Hyde Park helped Johnson and the residents of Morrisville and Stowe made food deliveries to Waterbury.

Damages were estimated around \$35 million dollars, more than \$630 million dollars today when corrected for inflation. Relief came from Congress with \$2.7 million in flood relief to repair roads. The Red Cross was there helping to the tune of \$600,000. In late November, not even a month past, the Vermont State legislature held a special session and approved an additional \$8.5 million that was to be repaid through a flood tax. The “pay as you go” philosophy no longer worked and some longer-term fixes were needed. The Civilian Conservation Corps built the dams in Barre, Waterbury and Wrightsville for flood control in the 1930’s but as we all well know, the waters will still find their way home.

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

Melissa Whitcomb      Town Clerk & Treasurer      email: melissa@edenvt.org  
Position open      Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer      email: clerk@edenvt.org

Office hours: Mon/Wed/Thurs from 8 am-4 pm, Tues from 8 am to 6 pm.

Land Records, Vital Statistics, Marriage Licenses, Green Mountain Passports (to State Parks),  
Payment of Current and Delinquent Taxes, Animal Licenses, Voter Registration, 911 Addressing

**Dog Officer**      **•Matt Hill•**      **(603) 276-0967**

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

The Cemetery Commissioners meet as needed during the summer at warned meetings.

Jubal Durivage      Adam Degree/Treasurer      Faye Cochran      Colleen Durivage      1 Open seat

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

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

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

email: [jhunsberger.townofedenvtemd@gmail.com](mailto:jhunsberger.townofedenvtemd@gmail.com)

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

Meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Town Office.

Kristina Brown      Kristy Bowen      Jonathan Purcell      Dan Lathrop      1 Open Seat

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

Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6PM at the Town Office.      email: clerk@edenvt.org

Clayton Whittemore      (802) 635-9095      Ricky Morin      (802) 635-2849

Tim Bullard, chair      (802) 635-2867

**Eden Youth Sports Committee**      email: [edenyouthsportscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:edenyouthsportscommittee@gmail.com)

Warned meetings as needed @ TC Office

Facebook: Eden Youth Sports

Nick Tetreault      Kristina Brown      Dan Lathrop      Trevor Bidwell      1 Open Seat

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

**Health Officer**      **•Faye Cochran•**      **(802) 635-7959**

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

LERA Manager: Pamela Uhlendorff      LERA Assistant Manager: Joanna Uhlendorff

Camping, picnicking, and swimming from May 15th to October 15th.

Swimming lessons for youth of all ages. Camper sites and shelters available by reservation.

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

**•Catherine Gallagher, Superintendent•**

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

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

Assessor: Russ Beaudoin from Appraisal Resource Group

Melissa Whitcomb, Assistant

Mondays 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment.

**North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department**      **DIAL 911**

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

**Post Office**      **29 Nancy Lane**      **Eden VT 05652**      **(802) 635-7818**

Lobby open 24 hours every day. Window open from 8 am to 11 am & Noon to 3 pm Monday -Friday.

Saturdays: Window open 9 am to 11 am, closed Sundays and major holidays.

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

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**  
**LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF**

**VT STATE POLICE (802) 635-7036**  
**• Roger Marcoux • (802) 888-3502**

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71 Old Schoolhouse Road  
Eden Mills, VT 05653**

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING**