Town of Westmore

2024 Annual Report

January 1st, 2024 - December 31st, 2024

Westmore's Path Forward

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AT TOWN MEETING

MARCH 4, 2025

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TOWN OF WESTMORE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Position	Name	Term	Expires
Moderator	Andrew Berley	1 yr.	2025
Town Clerk	Elaine Cashin	2 yr.	2025
Treasurer	John Zimmer	2yr.	2025
Trustee of Public Funds	John Zimmer	1yr	2025
Delinquent Tax Collector	Annette Parenteau	1 yr.	2025
Selectboard	Peter Hyslop	3 yrs.	2026
	David Stevens	3 yrs.	2027
	Miriam Simonds	3 yrs.	2025
	William Perkins	2yrs.	2026
	Russell Curtis	1 yr.	2025
Listers	John Zimmer	3 yrs.	2026
	Susan Blackstone	2 yrs	2025
	Maree Bushey	3 yrs.	2025
Cemetery Commisioners	Miriam Simonds	3yrs.	2026
	Stephen Davenport	3 yrs.	2027
	William Perkins	3 yrs.	2025
Justices of the Peace	Joanna Burgess	2 yrs.	2027
	Linda Michniewicz	2 yrs.	2027
	Alison Valley	2 yrs.	2027
	Kathy Holmes	2 yrs.	2027
	Christine Evans	2 yrs.	2027

SCHOOL BOARDS

Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District			
	Megan Valley	3 yrs.	2027
	Kalli Lefebvre	3 yrs.	2026
Lake Region Union High School District			
	Linda Michniewicz	3 yrs.	2026

TOWN BOARDS

Board of Civil Authority	Selectboard
	Town Clerk
	Justices of the Peace

PLANNING COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectboard)

Chair	Robert Kennedy
Clerk	Pam Kennedy
Zoning Administrator	Andrew Berley
Assistant Zoning Admin	Maree Bushey

APPOINTED OFFICERS & STAFF

Position	Name
By Town Clerk	
Ass't Town Clerk	Kalli Lefebvre
By Treasurer	
Ass't Treasurer	Kalli Lefebvre
Ass't Treasurer	Elaine Cashin
By Selectboard	
Director of Public Works	Dan Sicard
Highway Worker/Transfer	Riley Blair
Highway Worker/Transfer	Robert Burdick
Highway Worker/Transfer	Darcy Libby - PT
Transfer	Jeff Leland-PT
Supervisor for NEKWMD	Miriam Simonds
Animal Control Officer	Renee Falconer
Fence Viewer	Miriam Simonds
Tree Warden	Erik Townsend
Deputy Registrar	William Perkins
By State	
Health Officer	Glenn Harter

Board of Abatement	Selectboard
	Listers
	Town Clerk
	Justices of the Peace

Members	
Robert Kennedy	Randy Knaggs
Jeff Moore	Alan Cole
Greg Gallagher	Andrew Zebrowski
Ethan Swift	

Selectboard Annual Report 2024

The mission of the Westmore Selectboard is to address local issues and provide public services to promote a sustainable community, the goal is what's best for the Town. Increasingly, this is accomplished through greater community engagement and collaborative partnerships.

Primary activities that took place in 2024 include increasing the membership of the Board, as was approved by vote at the March Town Meeting, from 3 to 5 individuals. Also in March, the Town participated in the development of the Lake Willoughby Action Plan, a State initiative. In April, the Town hosted the once in a lifetime Solar Eclipse event. Summer and Fall were flooded with funding sources, primarily Federal and State grant opportunities (ARPA and MERP) that allowed for the implementation of selected Town projects to proceed. Planning is underway to strengthen the structural integrity of our historic Municipal Office building; improve traffic congestion and public safety at the North Beach; and replace the Town Garage roof. Town municipal records have been digitized and are available online. The Town Cottage (formerly the Old Town Clerk Office) has been dedicated for use as a community center and will also see improvements afforded by MERP funding. ARPA funds too have been directed for the repair and rehabilitation of Town forest and walking trails.

The Selectboard herewith acknowledges the outstanding support given to all by our Town Clerk and municipal office staff. Recognition of the work given to the operation of the Transfer Station is also awarded to those Town employees, as is the job, well done, provided by the Town Road Foreman and crew.

2024 was the second consecutive year of major flooding events in the NEK. Westmore escaped significant damage and Selectboard members assisted our road crew with repair of several minor Town wash outs. Flooding events also prompted a review, organized by multiple Town Officers, of the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan. Management of the Town budget is carried out by the Selectboard, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer, always a balancing act between revenues and expenses. This year the Municipal tax increased by 1.1% over 2023 while the State Educational tax for 2024 was set at a shocking 18%.

The success of all of these activities and accomplishments was achieved because of the significant involvement of community members.

Challenges remain: The revision of the State Educational tax rate for 2024, summer tourism, use of the Fellowship hall, a town petition to return to a 3 member Selectboard, and the outcome of the Westmore Association petition to ban wake sports on Lake Willoughby. What direction is the Town headed? A balance between traditional values and those of recreation and economic development? Lessons learned this year show that the resolution of local issues best succeeds with the significant involvement of the Town population in participatory democracy. Westmore Path Forward, the name says it all.

Westmore Selectboard

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

ELECTIONS

We have had a busy year in the Town Clerk's office administering three elections as well as overseeing the voting at our Annual Town Meeting and the School District voting for the High School and Elementary School Annual Meetings in March. The November 5, 2024 General Election brought a record number of 237 voters of our 300 voters casting their votes with 163 ballots being returned by Absentee Ballot. Using the Vermont Election Management system, we have been able to streamline voter registration and better track Absentee Ballot participation as well as in person voting. We secured a grant award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to be used towards planning and operating reliable and secure elections in our town offices, enabling us to buy new signage and administrative equipment.A special thank you to our dedicated Election Officials who continuously perform Election Day duties with integrity.

LAND RECORDS

We continued to work toward the goal of providing online access for our land records. Over the past year, with the help of allocated ARPA funds, Carol Casey was able to continue digitization efforts completing the task of entering land records back to 1994, finishing entering Book 29. This initiative involved a tremendous amount of work as it entailed recording each document into our digital program. Carol completed 1788 documents totalling 3526 pages. A key component to this digitization effort is to preserve and keep safe our important historical records and documents in a form still accessible to the public but safeguarded from continuous handling. We are proud to say that we reached this goal and are working with NEMRC, our digital program, to fine tune online access. Our day to day recordings, taken care of by our Assistant Town Clerk Kalli Lefebvre, totalled 288 documents with 756 pages completed. We continue to strengthen our policies for better management of our records and hope to organize and categorize the maps in the vault to prepare for scanning and digitizing these for online access also.

VITAL RECORDS

We had no births registered in town, 2 deaths registered and issued 5 Marriage Licenses.

DOG LICENSES

We licensed 44 dogs in town this year. State law requires a dog to be licensed (registered) by six months of age at the town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Licensing lets people know that your dog has been vaccinated and the vaccination keeps dogs healthy and people safe. Please come in and register your dog before the deadline of April 1.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Providing administrative support to help facilitate efficient government operations is an additional responsibility. Most items on the agenda have passed through the Town Clerk's office in some manner, whether it be concerns from the public, department heads, or state mandated requirements. This involves a continual coordination of activities with other elected officials, employees, state agencies and the public. Those that serve on boards and committees are essentially volunteers and their dedication to the community is to be commended. I would also like to thank the town employees for all their talents and skills working in our mutual effort to better our town.

COMMUNITY

Community has many definitions, one of which is a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. I like to think of Westmore as that Community. I thank the residents of Westmore for their support, confidence and for the opportunity to serve the Town.

Respectfully Submitted Elaine Cashin

2024 ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

This year was a challenge with being down a road crew member from October 2023 until July 2024, trying to keep up with the everyday road maintenance, storms, beach cleanup, lawn mowing, along with trash and recycling pick up every week. With the trash pickup on Tuesdays and recycling on Thursdays, it left two days a week to get road work in along with lawn mowing, weed whacking, raking the beach and picking garbage at the beach. It was a struggle to try and fit everything in. With the storms and being short handed we ended up not being able to complete two grants this year from VT Grants in Aid Program. With not completing these two grants we lost $14,000 to $16,000 and that much further behind on the MRGP permit that we have to complete. We did finish a $20,000 grant on Perkins Lane for the Better Back Road Grant.

In 2025 we will have a Grants in Aid grant to complete. We are applying for a $20,000 grant to help fund the 8 culverts that need to be changed this summer on Route 16 from the town garage to Peene Hill so they can repave it in the summer of 2026, which was supposed to be done this summer, but the grant got pushed off for a year. It will help getting the culvert work done and letting the culverts settle for a year before paving next summer. The town got the go ahead to start getting bids on the Long Pond outlet project for this summer which the state is giving a grant for. We are also hoping that we can get a grant this summer to change out the culvert on Big Valley Road, but it depends on what the water study comes back with of the replacement size if the state will have the funding to give us a grant this year. If not this year, hopefully next year.

On July 11th this year we had that big flood that hit the town and affected many roads in town. The two roads that got hit the worst were Perkins Lane and Long Pond Road. We have been working with FEMA to get reimbursed for that along with the other roads that were affected.

On July 11th Robert Burdick started for the town to fill the vacant road crew position and also help picking trash and recycling along with helping at the transfer station filling in if needed.

Thank you for all the support. Please don’t hesitate to call with any questions or concerns. Town cell number is (802)624-6424

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sicard, Westmore Road Foreman

2024 Transfer Station/Recycling Center Report

2024 was a good year at the transfer station. This year we started taking the trash on Tuesdays after picking up straight to Casella instead of taking it to the transfer station and unloading it. It has saved a bunch of money by not handling it again and having to pay for Myers to haul it to the dump.

This year the recycling has really picked up. The town ended up having to get two more ten-yard dumpsters to handle the amount of recycling that is going to the transfer station in July and August. That made sixty yards a week going out of the transfer station of recycling a week, not including what Waste Management takes to Lyndonville.

This year the transfer station had many weeks that they couldn't take electronics because they were full and Waste Management couldn't pick them up. During the busy season during June, July, and August it might be worth asking Jeff or Darcy the weekend before or calling down to make sure they are not full before loading them up and then find out they can't take them. Lots of times Waste Management is full on tires and refrigerators but we got lots of room to store them so most often we are able to store them until they have room for us to take a load of them down.

Big thanks to Jeff and Darcy for all they do at the transfer station. They give up every Saturday so that the transfer station stays open and they do an amazing job with everything that has to happen. This year the transfer station will be open again on Wednesdays in July and August with hopes it might lighten up the traffic on Saturdays and lots of people in town wanted it open again, as long as we have the staffing to do so.

You can buy trash bags at the WHITE CAPS CAMPGROUND down at the south end of the lake, The Town Clerks office along with the transfer station.

If you have any questions or concerns you can always ask one of the guys on the trash route or at the transfer station. You can always reach out to myself Daniel Sicard, road Foreman. Town cell (802) 624-6424. Thank you for all your help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sicard, Westmore Road Foreman

2024 WESTMORE BOARD OF LISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL

The State of Vermont Property Valuation and Review (PV&R) will request the town of Westmore to start a municipal-wide reappraisal of all real property in 2025. The actual reappraisal will take place in 2 or 3 years from the request in July, 2025.

A span between reappraisals creates more opportunity for inequities to grow and usually leads to much larger and unpredictable changes to property values. As the inequities increase, the tax burden on individual property owners becomes unfair. Remember that the tax value used for 2024 is the appraised value from the last reappraisal in 2015, or based on any changes since 2015 due to permits, grievances, etc. Over the past 10 years, some property values have gone up or down significantly.

ATTENTION: Residents If you wish for a **reduction in your tax rate,** please make sure you are filing the proper forms with the State in a timely manner.

Homestead Exemption: By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April filing deadline. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned, and occupied by the qualifying resident. You qualify for the reduced homestead tax rate if you are a Vermont resident and you own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1 of the current tax year. Late filers will still get a reduction in the tax rate, however, may undergo a penalty. In 2024, the Homestead Educational tax rate was $1.5757 compared to the non-Homestead tax rate of $1.7847. https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration

Veterans Exemption: The veteran's exemption is a reduction of $40,000 in the assessed value of your homestead. Disabled veterans who own their homes may be eligible for a property tax exemption. You must apply at the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs website or by calling (802) 828-3379 or (888) 666-9844.

Current Use: The Use Value Appraisal of Agricultural, Forest, Conservation and Farm Buildings Property now known as "Current Use" allows the valuation and taxation of farm and forest land based on having it remain in agricultural, or forest use instead of its value in the marketplace. The primary objectives of the program are to keep Vermont's agricultural and forest land in production, help slow the development of these lands and achieve greater equity in property taxation on undeveloped land. Benefits for land enrolled in the program give a significant reduction in appraised value.

You can find forms and instructions for filing Homestead, Veterans Declarations, and Current Use on the town's website: Westmoreonline.org.

- **Property cards** are now **digitized** and can be accessed during Municipal Office hours. You can also email our office for a copy. We anticipate access to the town's website this year.
- **Email** us with any contact information updates, mailing address, phone numbers, etc.
- **Listers office hours** are seasonal and published on the town's website. Email anytime for fast service at **WSTRListers@gmail.com or call 802-525-3235.**

Westmore Board of Listers, Maree Bushey, John Zimmer, Susan Blackstone

Planning Committee Report

The Planning Commission holds its regular monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Westmore Municipal Building. Please check with Town Clerk's office of exact time and date before attending a meeting. Times and dates can change. Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings follow the Planning Commission meetings as needed. Current members of the Commission are: Alan Cole, Greg Galagher, Bob Kennedy, Randy Knaggs, Jeff Moore, Ethan Swift and Andrew Zebrowski. Pam Kennedy serves as clerk. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and minutes are on file in the Town Clerk's Office. A recording of the meeting will be available for 30 days after the minutes are reviewed.

The Planning Commission continues to be involved in the development of the Sentinel State Park, the development of South Beach recreation use and the PUC communication tower project. Sentinel Park development has received a boost from the Path Forward project with great ideas and plans. The PUC has extended the considerations for the communication tower project to allow "Due Process" well into 2025.

The Planning Commission recently lost to retirement two longstanding members, Evelina Busby and Louisa Dotoli. Louisa was Chair of the Commission for decades and Evelina was a member for many years, their knowledge, experience and wisdom will be missed.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, which functions as a quasi-judicial board, holds hearings for appeal, variance requests, non-conforming building rebuilds and expansions and conditional use permits. All public hearings are warned according to state statute which requires posting of time, date, place and purpose of the hearing at three public locations in town, a warning in "The Chronicle" and a sign on the property, as well as notices to adjoining property owners. Minutes of the hearings and written decisions are on file at the Town Clerk's Office. Recordings of the hearing will also be available for a limited time after the hearing.

Cemetery 2024 Annual Report

This summer was a better year to get grass to grow at the Town cemetery. We over seeded places and let the old part of the cemetery grow longer between mowings to allow it to naturally seed. The old part looked pretty wild for a while but in the long run it helped to get more grass growing. With the sandy soil, the key to keeping good grass is in nature's hand. Timely rain keeps it green. According to a New York times article there are a lot of cemeteries around the country that are letting their lawns go wild to help deal with the effects of climate change. I guess we are trendsetters without even knowing we were.

We sold six lots for a total of $5,200. We planted wildflowers on the steep NW part. Some came up this year. We have hopes that next year it will fill in more.

We had our first green burial at the cemetery. We allowed the body to be buried in a casket without the embalming process.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

The Selectboard contracted with Pace & Hawley, LLC out of Montpelier to perform the audit for the year ending December 31, 2023. The full audit report is available at the Municipal office. The 2024 audit is scheduled for this summer. Once completed it too will be available at the Municipal office for public inspection.

2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

The town is proposing a 2025 municipal tax expense with an increase of 2.2% from 2024.

In 2024 the town leveraged new grant funding that will benefit the town in 2025. This includes a $11.4K grant to update the required State Hazard Mitigation Plan and $448.8K from the Vermont Municipal Energy Resilience Program for upgrades in our energy conservation efforts within Municipal Hall, the "new" Town Cottage and Highway Garage. Additional funding from AARP ($3.2K) for the Town Cottage and $3K grant for election system upgrades also came through this year. These grants came through the efforts of a broader range of people here in town which was encouraging to see.

This said, it is becoming harder to manage costs as the Town continues to attract more tourists and day-trippers. The town is accelerating in its status as a tourist destination and appears regularly in national periodicals and blogs as such. There are more corporations buying homes in town for income producing activities and short-term rental properties are increasing. All this puts a strain on efforts to maintain the health of the lake, beaches, trails, parking, roads, local safety and the Town's effort to manage and support all this. Tourism is the single largest "industry" in town; the Town of Westmore receives little benefit from this attention and continues to bear all the costs of supporting it.

Not unlike last year there is a renewed focus on increasing fees for activities that require additional efforts (i.e., costs) within the town offices and committees. This includes revised fees for zoning permits, curb cuts, subdivisions, and events. We also increased our use of short-to-mid-term bank CDs to secure higher interest funds.

Town appropriation requests, submitted by various organizations to the town, are in the proposed budget as a placeholder. Registered voters approve/disapprove each request at the town meeting each year. There was one new requestor this year; all other proposed organizations in 2024 have previously received funds from the town.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS….

Please remember to file your HS-122 Homestead Declaration **every** year **before** the April State tax filing deadline. This averts having a penalty assessed on your tax bill. THERE IS NO EXTENSION FOR THE HS-122 so you need to still file this form regardless of when you file your income tax return. The form can be found at ***https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration***.

We accept both credit cards and electronic checks. You can pay your taxes and other items online through the town website homepage at ***https://www.westmoreonline.org/***. Credit card purchases are subject to a processing fee. Electronic checks incur a flat $1.50 fee for each transaction. Both credit card and e-check fees are charged to the payor.

John L. Zimmer
Town Treasurer
TreasurerWestmoreVT@gmail.com
(802-525-3007)

Year-to-Year Schedule of Taxes Raised Comparison

	2024			2023			Yr/Yr Δ %
Municipal Grand List			$ 1,583,623			$ 1,571,493	0.8%
Education Grand List							
Homestead			$ 363,097			$ 369,926	-1.8%
Non-Residential			$ 1,220,526			$ 1,201,567	1.6%
TOTAL Education Grand List			$ 1,583,623			$ 1,571,493	
Tax Rates							
Westmore Municipal			$ 0.5469			$ 0.5427	0.8%
Education-Homestead			$ 1.5757			$ 1.3802	14.2%
Education-Non residential			$ 1.7847			$ 1.5794	13.0%
Local Agreement			$ 0.0019			$ 0.0016	18.8%
TOTAL Homestead Tax Rate			$ 2.1245			$ 1.9245	10.4%
TOTAL Non-resident Tax Rate			$ 2.3335			$ 2.1237	9.9%
	Grand List Value	Tax Rate	Assessed Taxes	Grand List Value	Tax Rate	Assessed Taxes	
Taxes Billed							
Municipal	$ 1,583,623	$ 0.5469	$ 866,083	$ 1,571,493	$ 0.5427	$ 852,849	
Education-Homestead	$ 363,097	$ 1.5757	$ 572,132	$ 369,926	$ 1.3802	$ 510,572	
Education-Non residential	$ 1,220,526	$ 1.7847	$ 2,178,273	$ 1,201,567	$ 1.5794	$ 1,897,755	
Local Agreement	$ 1,583,623	$ 0.0019	$ 3,009	$ 1,571,493	$ 0.0016	$ 2,514	
Late Homestead/Penalty			$ 401			$ 1,380	
			$ 3,619,898			$ 3,265,070	10.9%

January 2025

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

To: The Property Owners of Westmore, VT.
Many hours are spent in collecting all outstanding delinquent taxes. I offer a payment plan that fits the taxpayer's budget. One of the barriers that continues to be a problem in collecting delinquent taxes is the wrong addresses, especially after transfers of real estate properties. Inputting the new address in the NEMRC system can only be updated once a year in April. If there are any address changes, please notify our Town Listers.

We had numerous taxpayers complaining about the slow mail, which is totally out of our control. I sympathize with them as they state they mailed it in on time. Our tax bill states the town must receive the tax payment by 4:00 pm on October 20th of every year. Non-negotiable. Taxpayers can pay on line in the Westmore web site.

Delinquent taxes for the town of Westmore are collected in the following manner:
Unpaid taxes become delinquent at 4:01pm October 20, 2025. A delinquent tax notice is mailed to the address on record on a monthly basis. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to notify the Westmore Town Clerk of any change of address and does not relieve the delinquent taxpayer of penalties due to non-notification. The delinquent account will be submitted to an Attorney only after all means of collection are exhausted.

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10:40 am Delinquent Tax Report tclerk
In Tax Years 2018-19 to 2024 SUMMARY REPORT ONLY

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
2018-19	2062.11	2134.17	164.97	0.00	4,361.25
2021	331.08	9.94	26.49	0.00	367.51
2022	2616.63	955.07	209.33	0.00	3,781.03
2023	12867.75	2891.66	1028.86	0.00	16,788.27
2024	63769.57	2920.41	6762.33	0.00	73,452.31
TOTALS	81647.14	8911.25	8191.98	0.00	98,750.37

Warning- Annual Town Meeting March 4, 2025
Town of Westmore

The legal voters of the Town of Westmore, VT. are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Fellowship Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business from the floor.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. Shall the town vote on reducing the Westmore Selectboard from five to three elected officials at the annual town meeting on March 4, 2025?

Article 3. To elect Town Officers as required by law.
To elect a Town Clerk for a term of 3 years
To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of 3 years
To elect a Select Board member, by paper ballot, for the term of 3 years.
To elect a Select Board member by paper ballot for the term of 2 years. (if Article 2 is defeated)
To elect a Lister, by paper ballot, for the term of 3 years
To elect a Lister, by paper ballot, for the term of 2 years
To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 3 years.
To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the term of 1 year
To elect a Trustee of Public Funds for a term of 3 years

Article 4. Shall the town vote to authorize the payment of property taxes due on or before Monday, October 20, 2025 at 4 PM by physical or mail/delivery to the town office or by online payments via credit card or electronic check?

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to use a portion of unspent General Fund surpluses, as needed, to help offset the 2025 Municipal Tax Rate?

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to use a portion of the unspent General Fund surpluses, as needed, to cover any deficit amounts?

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to accept the proposed 2025 General Fund tax expense of $244,350

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to accept the proposed 2025 Highway Fund tax expense of $332,256.

Town Meeting March 4, 2025

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to establish a reserve fund to be called the "Emergency Reserve Fund" to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay nonrecurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses, in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804(a)?

Article 10. Shall the town transfer up to $56,000 from the Landfill Fund to fund the Emergency Reserve Fund?

Article 11. Shall the Town vote to add $50,000 to the Paving Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year?

Article 12. Shall the Town vote to add up to $56,000 to the Gravel/Sand Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year?

Article 13 . Shall the Town vote to add up to $50,000 to the Capital Infrastructure Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year?

Article 14 . Shall the Town vote to add up to $120,000 to the Town Equipment Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year?

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to add up to $5,000 to the Cemetery Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year?

Article 16. Shall the Town vote to add up to $14,917 to the Milfoil Program Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year?

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate the total sum of $11,500 to the following social service Agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §2691?

a. $2000 Barton Library
b. $100 VT Rural Fire Protection
c. $50 Green Up
d. $350 Rural Comm Transportation
e. $500 OCCA (ConnectABILITIES)
f. $1000 NEK Learning Services
g. $900 O-E VNA & Hospice
h. $500 Pope Memorial Animal Shelter
i. $1000 Old Stonehouse Museum
j. $250 Umbrella
k. $2500 Jones Memorial Library
l. $400 NEK Council on Aging
m. $700 NEK Human Services
n. $250 American Red Cross
o. $750 Northwoods Stewardship
p. $250 VT Family Network

Town Meeting March 4, 2025

Article 18 : Shall the Town of Westmore appropriate the sum of $500 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to provide food access and nutrition education programs for the town's residents and their children?

Article 19. Shall the town vote to assess a one percent meals and alcoholic beverage tax pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138(b)(2)?

Discussion of other non binding business.

DATED IN WESTMORE, VERMONT THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY 2025

Approved: David Stevens, Chair

William Perkins

Peter Hyslop

Miriam Simonds

Russell Curtis

Attest: Elaine Cashin

Town Meeting March 4, 2025

TOWN OF WESTMORE
TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH REPORT FY 2024

Bank Account	BALANCE as of 12/31/2023 [1]	INFLOWS [2]	OUTFLOWS [3]	NEMRC BALANCE as of 12/31/2024 [4]
Municipal Cash Account	$ 295,725	$ 5,389,557	$ 5,362,195	$ 323,087
Municipal Certificate of Deposit	$ 1,003,911	$ 1,274,327	$ 1,023,916	$ 1,254,322
Reserve Cash Account	$ 330,084	$ 406,855	$ 491,127	$ 245,812
Reserve Certificate of Deposit	$ -	$ 200,692	$ -	$ 200,692
Landfill Closure Cash Account	$ 54,795	$ 353	$ 52,632	$ 2,517
Landfill Certificate of Deposit	$ -	$ 52,809		$ 52,809
Perpetual Care Cash Account	$ 44,594	$ 791	$ 42,876	$ 2,508
Perpetual Care Certificate of Deposit	$ -	$ 43,021		$ 43,021
ARPA Cash Account	$ 88,725	$ -	$ 88,725	$ -
CASH TOTALS	**$ 1,817,835**	**$ 7,368,405**	**$ 7,061,472**	**$ 2,124,768**

FUND BALANCE REPORT FY 2024

	Balance as of 12/31/2023 [1]	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Balance as of 12/31/2024 [4]
GENERAL FUND	**$ 465,544**	**$ 465,641**	**$ 336,823**	**$ 594,362**
HIGHWAY FUND	**$ 39,814**	**$ 398,157**	**$ 393,727**	**$ 44,244**
COMMITTED FUNDS				
SLRF/ARPA	$ 88,725		$ 88,725	$ -
Highway Paving	$ 55,079	$ 50,675	$ -	$ 105,753
Highway Gravel/Sand	$ 14,013	$ 40,139	$ 40,886	$ 13,266
Capital Infrastructure	$ 30,214	$ 20,370	$ 1,809	$ 48,775
Town Equipment	$ 67,402	$ 230,825	$ 183,589	$ 114,639
Cemetery	$ 31,559	$ 8,391	$ 4,726	$ 35,224
TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS	**$ 286,992**	**$ 350,400**	**$ 319,735**	**$ 317,658**
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Landfill Closure	$ 54,795	$ 530	$ -	$ 55,326
Perpetual Care	$ 45,194	$ 1,535	$ 1,175	$ 45,554
Appraisal & Mapping	$ 76,842	$ 7,648	$ -	$ 84,490
Deed/Vault Restoration	$ 16,910	$ 2,921	$ 1,534	$ 18,296
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**$ 193,741**	**$ 12,634**	**$ 2,709**	**$ 203,666**
RESTRICTED FUND GRANTS	**$ 10,705**	**$ 87,794**	**$ 82,587**	**$ 15,913**
COMMUNITY APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 29,750**	**$ 42,080**	**$ 12,080**	**$ 59,750**
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	**$ 1,026,547**	**$ 1,356,707**	**$ 1,147,661**	**$ 1,235,593**

[1] Audited figures
[2] Inflows - deposits, adjusting entries, bank interest, adjusting entries, reclasses, transfers, etc.
[3] Outflows -withdrawals, bills, adjusting entries, reclasses, transfers, etc.
[4] Unaudited figures

Town of Westmore

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

FUND NAME/DEPT	BUDGET	P. &T. 2024 FUND BALANCE*	ESTIMATED INCOME	2025 TAX EXPENSE	2025/2024 Δ%
GENERAL FUND					
Town Clerk's Office	$ 86,650		$ 10,650	$ 76,000	
Treasurer	$ 13,000		$ -	$ 13,000	
SelectBoard	$ 14,000		$ -	$ 14,000	
Planning & Zoning	$ 10,200		$ 6,000	$ 4,200	
Listers	$ 27,125		$ -	$ 27,125	
911 Coordinator	$ 1,800		$ -	$ 1,800	
Delinquent Tax Collector	$ 10,800		$ 10,000	$ 800	
General Expenses	$ 147,675		$ -	$ 147,675	
Municipal Bldg. Maint.	$ 11,600		$ -	$ 11,600	
Lake Expenses	$ 12,500		$ -	$ 12,500	
Transfer Station	$ 100,300		$ 43,000	$ 57,300	
Police & Security	$ 29,000		$ 400	$ 28,600	
Municipal Funds/Expenses	$ 750		$ 151,000	$ (150,250)	
SUBTOTAL	**$ 465,400**	**$ -**	**$ 221,050**	**$ 244,350**	**-7.8%**
COMMUNITY APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 71,750**	$ 59,750		**$ 12,000**	**-71.5%**
RESTRICTED GRANT FUNDS					
Milfoil Program/Greeters **	$ 51,000	$ 783	$ 35,300	$ 14,917	
	$ -	$ -			
SUBTOTAL	**$ 51,000**	**$ 783**	**$ 35,300**	**$ 14,917**	**1.0%**
HIGHWAY FUND					
Highway - Operating	$ 401,500	$ 7,849	$ 25,000	$ 368,652	
FEMA 4163	$ -	$ 18,863		$ (18,863)	
FEMA 4178	$ -	$ 17,533		$ (17,533)	
SUBTOTAL	**$ 401,500**	**$ 44,244**	**$ 25,000**	**$ 332,256**	**-4.6%**
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Landfill Closure	$ 57,539	$ 55,326	$ 2,213	$ -	
Perpetual Care	$ 47,244	$ 45,445	$ 1,799	$ -	
Lister Reappraisal & Mapping	$ 91,690	$ 84,490	$ 7,200	$ -	
Deed/Vault Restoration	$ 18,446	$ 18,296	$ 150	$ -	
SUBTOTAL	**$ 214,920**	**$ 203,557**	**$ 11,363**	**$ -**	**0.0%**
COMMITTED FUNDS					
Highway - Paving	$ 156,353	$ 105,753	$ 600	$ 50,000	
Highway - Gravel/Sand	$ 69,566	$ 13,266	$ 300	$ 56,000	
Capital Infrastructure	$ 98,925	$ 48,775	$ 150	$ 50,000	
Town Equipment	$ 235,387	$ 114,637	$ 750	$ 120,000	
Cemetery	$ 40,524	$ 35,224	$ 300	$ 5,000	
SUBTOTAL	**$ 600,756**	**$ 317,656**	**$ 2,100**	**$ 281,000**	**43.4%**
GRAND TOTAL	**$ 1,805,326**	**$ 625,990**	**$ 294,813**	**$ 884,523**	**2.2%**
Estimated Local Agreement $				**$ 3,100**	
			TOTAL PROPOSED MUNICIPAL TAX EXPENSE	**$ 887,623**	**2.2%**

**** All 2024 figures are preliminary and tentative pending external audit***

FUND/ DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 AUDITED FINANCIALS	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	25/24 Budget Change %
GENERAL FUND						
TAX REVENUES						
	Revenues					
	Current Property Taxes	$ 311,548	$ 331,193	$ 265,000	$ 244,350	
	PTAC-Municipal Portion	$ 13,074	$ 7,500	$ 13,000	$ 10,000	
	Revenue Interest	$ -	$ 2,000	$ -	$ -	
	Delinq Tax Income	$ -	$ 1,600	$ -	$ -	
	Delinq Interest Income	$ 5,133	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	
	Bank Interest-General	$ 12,641	$ 4,300	$ 23,000	$ 40,000	
	Current Use	$ 55,477	$ 48,000	$ 56,000	$ 58,000	
	PILOT	$ 26,932	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	$ 27,000	
	SLFRF/ARPA Money	$ -	$ -	$ 6,000	$ -	
	Local Option Tax				$ 10,000	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 424,804**	**$ 427,593**	**$ 396,000**	**$ 395,350**	**0%**
	Expenses		$ -	$ -		
	Interest Exp-Line of Cred	$ 44	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Licensing Fees				$ 250	
	Tax prep - misc exp	$ 406	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 450**	**$ 500**	**$ 500**	**$ 750**	**50%**
TOWN CLERK		$ -		$ -		
	Revenues	$ -	$ -			
	Recording Fees	$ 6,439	$ 7,000	$ 6,000	$ 7,500	
	Dog Licenses	$ 210	$ 300	$ 400	$ 250	
	Marriage License Fees	$ 105	$ 50	$ 100	$ 100	
	Liquor License Fees	$ 485	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	Copier Fees	$ 1,072	$ 1,100	$ 1,000	$ 1,500	
	Certified Copies	$ 160	$ 200	$ 150	$ 200	
	Use of Records Fee	$ 280	$ 350	$ 300	$ 350	
	Posting Land	$ 14	$ 50	$ -	$ -	
	Overload Permits	$ 205	$ 200	$ 225	$ 250	
	Postage Fees	$ 4	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Cannabis Local Fees & Rec	$ -	$ 150	$ 130	$ -	
	Misc Income	$ 3	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Miscellaneous	$ 136	$ 500	$ -	$ -	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 9,112**	**$ 10,400**	**$ 8,805**	**$ 10,650**	**21%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -			
	Salaries-Town Clerk	$ 41,198	$ 41,200	$ 42,600	$ 42,550	
	Salaries-Asst Town Clerk	$ 14,692	$ 13,800	$ 19,400	$ 19,250	
	Salaries-Ballot Clerks	$ 124	$ 600	$ 2,000	$ 300	
	Health Insur-Town Clerk	$ 10,312	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 10,000	
	Life/Disability-TownClerk	$ 344	$ 360	$ 360	$ 375	
	FICA/Medi-Town Clerk	$ 3,152	$ 3,200	$ 3,900	$ 3,300	
	FICA/Medi-Asst Town Clerk	$ 1,124	$ 1,050	$ 1,200	$ 1,500	
	FICA/Medi-Ballot Clerks	$ 9	$ 50	$ 200	$ 25	
	Retirement-Town Clerk	$ 2,135	$ 2,220	$ 2,500	$ 3,750	
	Training & Support-TC	$ 504	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	Telephone-TC Office	$ 1,308	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,000	
	Postage-TC Office	$ 1,144	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,500	
	State Payment-Dog	$ 185	$ 275	$ 275	$ 300	
	State Payment-Marriage	$ 425	$ 250	$ 250	$ 300	
	Mileage-TC Office	$ 169	$ 300	$ 150	$ 500	
	Supplies-TC Office	$ 2,245	$ 1,500	$ 1,100	$ 1,000	
	Miscellaneous Expense	$ 159	$ -	$ -	$ 500	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 79,228**	**$ 79,705**	**$ 88,835**	**$ 86,650**	**-2%**
TREASURER			$ -	$ -		
	Expenses	$ -		$ -		
	Salaries-Treasurer	$ 11,948	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	
	FICA/Medi-Treasurer	$ 914	$ 918	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
	Mileage-Treasurer	$ 86	$ -	$ 100	$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 12,948**	**$ 12,918**	**$ 13,100**	**$ 13,000**	**-1%**

FUND/ DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 AUDITED FINANCIALS	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	25/24 Budget Change %
SELECTBOARD		$ -		$ -		
	Expenses	$ -	$ -			
	Salaries-Selectboard	$ 6,882	$ 7,000	$ 7,200	$ 12,100	
	FICA/Medi-Selectboard	$ 526	$ 535	$ 600	$ 1,000	
	Training-Selectboard	$ -	$ 300	$ 300	$ 200	
	Postage-Selectboard	$ -	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	
	Mileage-Selectboard	$ -	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	
	Supplies-Selectboard	$ 195	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 7,603**	**$ 8,535**	**$ 8,800**	**$ 14,000**	**59%**
PLANNING & ZONING		$ -		$ -		
	Revenues		$ -	$ -		
	Zoning Fees	$ 3,025	$ 3,500	$ 3,000	$ 6,000	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 3,025**	**$ 3,500**	**$ 3,000**	**$ 6,000**	**100%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -			
	Salaries-Plan & Zoning	$ 2,399	$ 2,800	$ 2,800	$ 2,800	
	FICA/Medi-Plan & Zoning	$ 184	$ 225	$ 230	$ 200	
	Training-Plan & Zoning	$ 148	$ 200	$ 200	$ 200	
	Legal-Plan & Zoning	$ -	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	
	Postage-Plan & Zoning	$ 46	$ 300	$ 300	$ 300	
	Zoning Advertising				$ 500	
	Supplies-Plan & Zoning	$ -	$ 200	$ 200	$ 200	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 2,777**	**$ 9,725**	**$ 9,730**	**$ 10,200**	**5%**
LISTERS		$ -		$ -		
	Expenses		$ -	$ -		
	Salaries-Lister	$ 21,665	$ 34,000	$ 20,800	$ 22,450	
	FICA/Medi-Lister	$ 1,657	$ 2,600	$ 1,700	$ 1,800	
	Training & Support-Lister	$ 836	$ 500	$ 1,200	$ 600	
	Contract Services	$ -	$ 3,500	$ 1,000	$ -	
	Telephone-Listers	$ 767	$ 700	$ 100	$ 50	
	Postage-Listers	$ 126	$ 250	$ 200	$ 250	
	Mileage-Listers	$ 359	$ 250	$ 350	$ 350	
	Supplies-Listers	$ 130	$ 500	$ 300	$ 300	
	Computer Software	$ 729	$ 1,200	$ 900	$ 1,325	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 26,269**	**$ 43,500**	**$ 26,550**	**$ 27,125**	**2%**
911 COORDINATOR		$ -		$ -		
	Expenses	$ -	$ -			
	Salaries-911 Coordinator	$ 360	$ 2,100	$ 1,900	$ 1,650	
	FICA/Medi- 911 Coordinator	$ 28	$ 200	$ 200	$ 150	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 388**	**$ 2,300**	**$ 2,100**	**$ 1,800**	**-14%**
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		$ -		$ -		
	Revenues		$ -	$ -		
	Del. Tax Collector Fees	$ 9,808	$ 12,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 9,808**	**$ 12,000**	**$ 10,000**	**$ 10,000**	**0%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -			
	Salaries-Del TaxCollector	$ 9,811	$ 12,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	
	FICA/Medi-Del Tax Collect	$ 751	$ 918	$ 800	$ 800	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 10,562**	**$ 12,918**	**$ 10,800**	**$ 10,800**	**0%**
GENERAL EXPENSES		$ -		$ -		
	Expenses	$ -	$ -			
	Unemployment-VLCT	$ 418	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	
	Health Officer				$ 300	
	Animal Control Officer	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	
	Surveying/Contract Serv	$ -	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 2,000	
	Fica/Medi Expense	$ 92	$ 100	$ 100	$ 150	
	Water Testing-Mun Bldgs	$ 333	$ 150	$ 335	$ 400	
	Legal Expense-Consult	$ 2,776	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 6,000	
	Legal Expense-Action	$ -	$ 1,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
	Computer Consultant	$ 208	$ 600	$ 600	$ 500	
	Server Backup & Support	$ 7,156	$ 9,500	$ 10,000	$ 9,000	
	Copy Machine Lease	$ 1,746	$ 1,350	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
	Audit Services	$ 11,290	$ 12,000	$ 7,500	$ 8,500	
	Insurance-VLCT PACIF	$ 39,049	$ 38,012	$ 44,790	$ 46,500	
	Internet	$ 3,166	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
	Postage-Water Testing	$ 268	$ -	$ 100	$ -	
	WEB Site	$ 1,052	$ 700	$ 1,000	$ 2,000	
	Florist & Food	$ 82	$ 150	$ 150	$ 150	
	Advertising	$ 1,267	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	

GENERAL FUND

FUND/ DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 AUDITED FINANCIALS	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	25/24 Budget Change %
	Town Report/Elections	$ 1,485	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,000	
	Town Report/Elections-Pos	$ -	$ 600	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
	Membership-VLCT	$ 1,566	$ 1,600	$ 1,616	$ 1,700	
	Membership-NVDA	$ 565	$ 600	$ 600	$ 600	
	MRGP Permit Fee	$ 1,057	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 500	
	Ambulance Services	$ 18,469	$ 18,500	$ 18,800	$ 19,700	
	Supplies-Grant Expense	$ -	$ 100	$ 100	$ -	
	GreenUp Day Expense	$ -	$ 75	$ 75	$ 75	
	Street Lights	$ 4,246	$ 4,200	$ 4,200	$ 4,200	
	Computer Software	$ 278	$ 500	$ 800	$ 1,200	
	Computer Supplies	$ 70	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000	
	County Tax	$ 24,680	$ 23,000	$ 25,000	$ 31,000	
	Grant Matches	$ -	$ 20,000	$ -	$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 122,517**	**$ 154,437**	**$ 142,466**	**$ 147,675**	**4%**
LAKE OPERATIONS			$ -	$ -		
	Expenses	$ -		$ -		
	Salaries-Beach	$ 661	$ 2,650	$ 2,800	$ 2,900	
	Beach-Overtime	$ 215	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	FICA/Medi-Beach	$ 45	$ 200	$ 220	$ 250	
	Water Testing-Beach	$ 300	$ 150	$ 300	$ 600	
	Septic-Beach	$ 7,390	$ 13,000	$ 8,000	$ 7,000	
	Supplies-Beach	$ 103	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	Signs	$ -	$ 700	$ 700	$ 500	
	Electric-Beach	$ 155	$ 200	$ 200	$ 750	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 8,868**	**$ 17,400**	**$ 12,720**	**$ 12,500**	**-2%**
BLDG MAINT/UTILITIES			$ -	$ -		
	Expenses	$ -		$ -		
	Salaries-MunBldg	$ 1,780	$ 1,500	$ 1,000	$ 2,300	
	FICA/Medi-MunBldg	$ 136	$ -	$ 100	$ 200	
	Lawn Care-MunBldgs	$ 595	$ 1,100	$ 750	$ 750	
	Bldg Maint-MunBldg	$ 2,936	$ 1,650	$ 3,000	$ 1,000	
	Electric-MunBldg	$ 1,489	$ 1,700	$ 1,700	$ 1,700	
	Fuel Oil-MunBldg	$ 2,634	$ 2,700	$ 2,700	$ 2,700	
	Bldg Maint-Old Bldg	$ 2,027	$ 200	$ 200	$ 2,000	
	Electric-Old Bldg	$ 172	$ 150	$ 150	$ 200	
	Propane-Old Bldg	$ 625	$ 400	$ 750	$ 750	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 12,394**	**$ 9,400**	**$ 10,350**	**$ 11,600**	**12%**
TRANSFER STATION		$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Revenues		$ -	$ -		
	Tipping Fees	$ 13,202	$ 10,500	$ 16,000	$ 18,000	
	Bags-Recycling	$ 58	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Bags-Trash (W)	$ 13,991	$ 18,000	$ 20,000	$ 25,000	
	Bottle Redemption	$ 376	$ 1,000	$ 250	$ -	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 27,626**	**$ 29,500**	**$ 36,250**	**$ 43,000**	**19%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Salaries-Xfer Station	$ 30,510	$ 36,700	$ 34,600	$ 31,300	
	Health Insurance - Xfer	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 1,400	$ -	
	FICA/Medi-Xfer Station	$ 2,305	$ 2,800	$ 2,800	$ 2,500	
	Xfer Retirement	$ 2,472	$ 1,400	$ 1,000	$ -	
	Contract Services-Xfer St	$ 541	$ -	$ -	$ 500	
	Xfer Station Port-o-let	$ 1,740	$ 1,740	$ 1,700	$ 1,500	
	NEKWMD-Compost Fee	$ 250	$ 400	$ 400	$ 400	
	NEKWMD-Surcharge Fee	$ 1,993	$ 2,515	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	
	Recycling Fees	$ 14,211	$ 8,500	$ 14,000	$ 22,000	
	Household-Tipping	$ 7,585	$ 9,000	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	
	Household-Hauling	$ 3,400	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
	Construction-Tipping	$ 2,932	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
	Construction-Hauling	$ 3,400	$ 3,000	$ 3,500	$ 3,300	
	Stop Charge-NEKWMD	$ 1,127	$ 1,300	$ 1,300	$ 1,300	
	GMC3500 Fuel - Diesel	$ 9,000	$ 10,000	$ 9,000	$ 9,000	
	Building Maint-Xfer Stati	$ 5,324	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	
	Equipment Maintenance	$ 515	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	GMC 3500 Repairs/Maintena	$ 3,935	$ 3,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
	Rental Fee-Container	$ 1,961	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
	Telephone-Xfer Station	$ 711	$ 600	$ 700	$ 700	
	State Fee-Scale License	$ 480	$ 500	$ 500	$ 700	
	Mileage-Xfer Station	$ -	$ 150	$ -	$ -	

GENERAL FUND

FUND/ DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 AUDITED FINANCIALS	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	25/24 Budget Change %
	Supplies-Xfer Station	$ 165	$ 750	$ 500	$ 500	
	Bags-Recycling	$ (15)	$ 150	$ -	$ -	
	Bags-Trash (W)	$ 3,425	$ 3,400	$ -	$ -	
	Safety Equipment Transfer	$ -	$ 350	$ 350	$ 350	
	Electric-Xfer Station	$ 378	$ 900	$ 500	$ 500	
	Fuel-Xfer Station	$ 4,913	$ -	$ -	$ 250	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 103,257**	**$ 101,155**	**$ 98,750**	**$ 100,300**	**2%**
POLICE & SECURITY		$ -	$ -			
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Motor Vehicle Fines	$ 298	$ 800	$ 500	$ 400	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 298**	**$ 800**	**$ 500**	**$ 400**	**-20%**
	Expenses	$ -		$ -		
	Contract-Police & Securit	$ 18,428	$ 24,100	$ 26,254	$ 25,000	
	FIRST NET	$ 3,182	$ 7,200	$ 3,600	$ 3,500	
	Emergency Management				$ 500	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 21,611**	**$ 31,300**	**$ 29,854**	**$ 29,000**	**-3%**
	NET GENERAL FUND	**$ 65,803**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**0%**

HIGHWAY FUND

	Revenues		$ -			
	Transfer In	$ 11,331	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Appropriation-Highway	$ 309,795	$ 309,796	$ 348,231	$ 332,256	
	State Aid to Highways	$ 71,975	$ 50,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 393,101**	**$ 359,796**	**$ 373,231**	**$ 357,256**	**-4%**
	Expenses	$ -		$ -		
	Transfer from Grants	$ 8,344	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Road Crew-Salaries	$ 113,265	$ 114,000	$ 132,800	$ 146,800	
	Part Time Crew-Salaries	$ 6,020	$ 7,050	$ 7,300	$ 10,000	
	Road Over Time	$ 16,383	$ 10,500	$ 16,000	$ 13,400	
	Health Insurance-Highway	$ 29,583	$ 28,000	$ 32,600	$ 43,300	
	Life/Disability-Highway	$ 1,142	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,000	
	FICA/Medi-Highway	$ 10,324	$ 10,100	$ 12,400	$ 13,400	
	CDL Records DMV Fee	$ -	$ 100	$ 100	$ 150	
	Retirement-Highway	$ 5,331	$ 6,100	$ 8,500	$ 15,300	
	Highway Training	$ -	$ 400	$ 400	$ -	
	Contract Services Garage	$ -	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	
	Tractor with Boom Mower	$ 6,243	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
	Building Maint-Garage	$ 3,711	$ 4,000	$ 24,000	$ 3,000	
	Telephone-Garage	$ 595	$ 550	$ 550	$ 550	
	Internet	$ 544	$ 600	$ 600	$ 600	
	Mileage-Garage	$ 134	$ 350	$ 350	$ 350	
	Shop Supplies	$ 3,834	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	
	Shop Clothing/Boots	$ 737	$ 700	$ 1,300	$ 2,500	
	Winter Whips	$ 447	$ 250	$ 500	$ 500	
	Shop TOOLS	$ 3,874	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	
	Safety Equipment	$ 1,315	$ 400	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
	Electric-Garage	$ 2,981	$ 3,700	$ 3,700	$ 3,000	
	Heating Oil/Propane	$ 3,190	$ 3,000	$ 3,300	$ 3,500	
	Road Signs-Public	$ 3,143	$ 1,200	$ 3,000	$ 4,500	
	Road Signs-Private	$ 78	$ 1,900	$ 1,900	$ -	
	Highway Training	$ 108	$ -	$ -	$ 400	
	Contract Services	$ 5,509	$ 7,000	$ 7,000	$ 5,000	
	Sweeper Services	$ 1,040	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	
	Equipment Rental	$ 565	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
	Magnesium	$ 11,062	$ 10,000	$ 12,000	$ 12,000	
	Salt	$ 13,589	$ 9,000	$ 10,000	$ 13,500	
	Culverts	$ 9,641	$ 8,600	$ 8,600	$ 12,000	
	Erosion Control	$ 1,547	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 10,000	
	Misc Expense Road Maintenance				$ 1,000	
	Chainsaw	$ -	$ 500	$ 1,100	$ 500	
	International Truck	$ 7,873	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	
	International Plow	$ 695	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	
	International Sander	$ 69	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
	International Wing	$ -	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,000	
	GMC 3500 Repairs/Maintena	$ 928	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Grader	$ 3,751	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	
	M-F Tractor	$ 17	$ 200	$ 200	$ 200	

HIGHWAY FUND

FUND/ DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 AUDITED FINANCIALS	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	25/24 Budget Change %
	Mower	$ 142	$ -	$ 200	$ 200	
	Volvo Loader	$ 22,843	$ 30,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
	Mack Truck	$ 11,670	$ 7,500	$ 9,500	$ 9,500	
	Mack Plow	$ 1,471	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	
	Mack Sander	$ 1,433	$ 995	$ 995	$ -	
	Freightliner Truck				$ 4,000	
	CAT Excavator	$ 2,328	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	
	Rodgers Trailer	$ 61	$ 500	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	
	CV International Truck	$ 2,969	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ -	
	Spartan Cargo Trailer	$ 40	$ 200	$ 200	$ 200	
	Pressure Washer	$ 403	$ 350	$ 350	$ 300	
	Equip Maint/Supplies	$ 4,420	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	
	Fuel-Welding	$ 111	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	Fuel-Gasoline	$ 324	$ -	$ 350	$ 350	
	Fuel-Diesel	$ 27,004	$ 30,000	$ 25,000	$ 20,000	
	Erosion Materials	$ 3,407	$ -	$ 3,500	$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 356,235**	**$ 350,445**	**$ 388,995**	**$ 401,500**	**3%**
	NET HIGHWAY FUND	**$ 36,866**	**$ 9,351**	**$ (15,764)**	**$ (44,244)**	**181%**
RESTRICTED GRANT FUNDS						
MILFOIL/BOAT GREETERS		$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Revenues					
	State of VT-Milfoil	$ 7,383	$ 8,900	$ 10,032	$ 8,300	
	State of VT-Greeter	$ 6,157	$ 3,100	$ 3,100	$ 16,000	
	Appropriation-Milfoil	$ 14,497	$ 14,497	$ 14,768	$ 14,917	
	Donations-Boat Greeters	$ 8,100	$ 8,100	$ 8,100	$ 11,000	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 36,137**	**$ 34,597**	**$ 36,000**	**$ 50,217**	**39%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Contract-Milfoil	$ 17,669	$ 22,790	$ 22,732	$ 22,000	
	Supplies-Milfoil	$ 57	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Wages-Boat Greeters	$ 16,339	$ 15,600	$ 13,000	$ 26,900	
	FICA/Medi-Boat Greeters	$ 1,250	$ 1,200	$ 1,000	$ 2,100	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 35,315**	**$ 39,590**	**$ 36,732**	**$ 51,000**	**39%**
	NET MILFOIL/BOAT GREETERS	**$ 822**	**$ (4,993)**	**$ (732)**	**$ (783)**	**7%**
COMMUNITY APPROPRIATIONS						
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Appropriation-Community	**$ 41,930**	**$ 42,430**	**$ 42,080**	**$ 12,000**	
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Green Mountain Farm-to-School	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 500	
	Westmore Firemens Assoc.	$ -	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ -	
	Ctr for Ind Living	$ 80	$ 80	$ 80	$ -	
	VT Rural Fire Protection	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	$ 100	
	Green UP	$ 50	$ 50	$ 50	$ 50	
	Rural Comm Transportation	$ 350	$ 350	$ 350	$ 350	
	OC Citizen Advocacy	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	NEK Learning Services	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
	NEK Human Services	$ 700	$ 700	$ 700	$ 700	
	OE VNA & Hospice	$ 900	$ 900	$ 900	$ 900	
	Pope Mem Frontier Animal	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	$ 500	
	Old Stonehouse Museum	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	
	Umbrella	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	
	Jones Memorial Library	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	
	NEK Council on Aging	$ 400	$ 400	$ 400	$ 400	
	Barton Library	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	
	American Red Cross	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	
	Northwoods Stewardship	$ 750	$ 750	$ 750	$ 750	
	Orleans County Child Advo	$ 350	$ 350	$ -	$ -	
	VT Family Network	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	$ 250	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 12,430**	**$ 42,430**	**$ 42,080**	**$ 12,000**	**-71%**
	NET COMMUNITY APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 29,500**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	

FUND/ DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 AUDITED FINANCIALS	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	25/24 Budget Change %
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
LANDFILL CLOSURE FUND		$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Bank Interest-Landfill	**$ 363**	**$ 100**	**$ 400**	**$ 2,213**	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 363**	**$ 100**	**$ 400**	**$ 2,213**	**453%**
PERPETUAL CARE FUND					$ -	
	Revenues				$ -	
	Perpetual Care Fee	$ 600	$ 1,000	$ -	$ -	
	Bank Interest-Perp Care	$ 196	$ 50	$ 200	$ 1,799	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 796**	**$ 1,050**	**$ 200**	**$ 1,799**	**800%**
REAPPRAISAL & MAPPING		$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Appropriation	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ -	$ -	
	Interest	$ 121	$ -	$ 400	$ 500	
	VTState-Reappraisal	$ 6,034	$ 6,100	$ 6,100	$ 6,000	
	VTState-Equalization	$ 709	$ 700	$ 700	$ 700	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 16,864**	**$ 16,800**	**$ 7,200**	**$ 7,200**	**0%**
	Expenses					
	Contract-Mapping				$ 3,200	
	Parcel Maint Services	$ 262	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 262**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 3,200**	
	NET REAPPRAISAL & MAPPING	**$ 16,602**	**$ 16,800**	**$ 7,200**	**$ 4,000**	**-44%**
DEED VAULT RESTORATION FUND						
	Revenues					
	Restoration Fund	$ 2,256	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Interest	$ 33	$ -	$ 100	$ 150	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 2,289**	**$ -**	**$ 100**	**$ 150**	**50%**
SLFRF/ARPA Funds		$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	SLFRF/ARPA Funds	$ -	$ -	$ 6,000	$ -	
	Expenses					
	ARPA Expense	$ -	$ -	$ 6,000	$ -	
	NET SLRF/ARPA FUNDS	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	
	NET RESTRICTED FUNDS	**$ 20,049**	**$ 17,950**	**$ 7,900**	**$ 8,162**	**3%**
COMMITTED FUNDS						
PAVING FUND						
	Revenues					
	Appropriation	$ 40,000	$ 40,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	
	Interest	$ 74	$ 300	$ 400	$ 600	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 40,074**	**$ 40,300**	**$ 50,400**	**$ 50,600**	**0%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Paving Services	$ 14,297	$ 32,240	$ -		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 14,297**	**$ 32,240**	**$ -**		
	NET PAVING FUND	**$ 25,777**	**$ 8,060**	**$ 50,400**	**$ 50,600**	**0%**
TOWN EQUIPMENT FUND						
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Appropriation	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 80,000	$ 120,000	
	Interest	$ 61	$ -	$ 500	$ 750	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 50,061**	**$ 50,000**	**$ 80,500**	**$ 120,750**	**50%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Equip - Highway	$ -	$ 4,000	$ -	$ -	
	Principal	$ 13,524	$ 13,400	$ -	$ 51,000	
	Interest	$ 202	$ 400	$ -	$ 2,750	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 13,725**	**$ 17,800**	**$ -**	**$ 53,750**	
	NET TOWN EQUIPMENT FUND	**$ 36,335**	**$ 32,200**	**$ 80,500**	**$ 67,000**	**-17%**
CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS			$ -	$ -		
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Appropriation	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 20,000	$ 50,000	
	Interest	$ 48	$ 100	$ 100	$ 150	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 10,048**	**$ 10,100**	**$ 20,100**	**$ 50,150**	**150%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Supplies/Materials	$ 669	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 669	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	NET CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND	**$ 9,379**	**$ 10,100**	**$ 20,100**	**$ 50,150**	**150%**

COMMITTED FUNDS

FUND/ DEPT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2023 AUDITED FINANCIALS	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	25/24 Budget Change %
GRAVEL/SAND FUND		$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Revenues					
	Appropriation	$ 40,000	$ 40,000	$ 40,000	$ 56,000	
	Interest	$ 17	$ -	$ 200	$ 300	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 40,017**	**$ 40,000**	**$ 40,200**	**$ 56,300**	**40%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Gravel-Processing Serv	$ 15,750	$ 32,000	$ -	$ -	
	Sand	$ 12,936	$ 9,000	$ -	$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 28,686**	**$ 41,000**	**$ -**		
	NET GRAVEL/SAND FUND	**$ 11,331**	**$ (1,000)**	**$ 40,200**	**$ 56,300**	**40%**
CEMETERY FUND		$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Revenues	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Appropriation	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 5,000	
	Sale of Lots	$ 2,600	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Interest	$ 63	$ -	$ 200	$ 300	
	TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 8,663**	**$ 6,000**	**$ 6,200**	**$ 5,300**	**-15%**
	Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -		
	Maintenance	$ 6,227	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 6,227**	**$ -**	**$ -**		
	NET CEMETERY FUND	**$ 2,436**	**$ 6,000**	**$ 6,200**	**$ 5,300**	**-15%**
	NET COMMITTED FUNDS	**$ 85,258**	**$ 55,360**	**$ 197,400**	**$ 229,350**	**16%**

2023 OPERATING GRANTS

HINTON HILL CULVERT UPSIZING		
Revenues		
State of VT - GRANT	$ 29,856	
Local Match	$ 7,464	
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 37,320**	
Expenses		
Contract Services	$ 37,320	
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 37,320**	
NET	**$ -**	
LONG POND CULVERT CONSTRUCTION		
Revenues		
State of VT-GRANT	$ 50,850	
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 50,850**	
Expenses		
Contract Services - Grant	$ 56,500	
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 56,500**	
NET	**$ (5,650)**	
VLCT PACIF SAFETY GRANT		
Revenues		
State of VT-GRANT	$ 2,500	
Local Match	$ 2,565	
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 5,065**	
Expenses		
Equipment Purch	$ 5,065	
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 5,065**	
NET	**$ -**	
LONG POND CULVERT ENGINEERING		
Revenues		
State of VT-GRANT	$ 7,920	
Local Match	$ 880	
TOTAL REVENUES	**$ 8,800**	
Expenses		
Contract Services	$ 3,800	
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$ 3,800**	
NET	**$ 5,000**	

2024 CAPITAL ASSET SUMMARY SCHEDULE

	Book Cost	DEPRECIATION Accumulated Beg. Of Year	Current Year	Accumulated End of Year	Net Book Value End of Year
TOTALS BY CATEGORY					
Equipment	1,292,048	1,047,271	28,076	1,008,005	284,043
Infrastructure	348,191	61,720	11,606	73,326	274,865
Software	13,629	13,404	224	13,629	-
Building	312,597	163,420	6,014	169,435	143,162
	1,966,464	1,285,815	45,921	1,264,394	702,071
TOTALS BY FUNCTION					
Town-General	217,514	94,226	4,890	99,116	118,398
Transfer Station	28,771	17,625	1,074	18,699	10,072
Highway	1,720,180	1,173,965	39,956	1,146,579	573,602
	1,966,464	1,285,815	45,921	1,264,394	702,071
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CAPITAL ASSETS: LAND

Parcel ID	Property Location	Description	Acres	2024 Grand List Value	In-Service Fiscal Year	Cost (known)	Cost (estimated)	TOTAL HISTORICAL COST
100-5712	WILLOUGHBY LAKE RD	Town Garage	1.150	44,400	1985	10,000	-	10,000
105-0999	PEENE HILL RD	Town Forest & Bog	60.000	66,700	1990	-	36,780	36,780
200-0564	NORTH BEACH RD	North Beach & Parking Lot	11.501	850,100	1978	88,100	-	88,100
205-0575	VT RTE 5A	Lakeview Cemetery-old	1.378	21,255	1873	55	-	55
205-0575	VT RTE 5A	Lakeview Cemetery-middle	0.758	11,445	1977	-	2,926	2,926
205-0575	VT RTE 5A	Lakeview Cemetery-new	1.440	21,800	2003	30,000	-	30,000
205-6683	VT RTE 5A	Woodlot Lot #56	95.500	149,900	1958	-	18,278	18,278
205-6988	VT RTE 5A	Transfer Station & Landfill Lot #57	104.700	159,200	1958	-	19,412	19,412
300-0054	HINTON HILL RD	Municipal Bldg-old	0.140	29,375	1966	-	4,015	4,015
300-0054	HINTON HILL RD	Municipal Bldg-Millbrook School	0.160	33,125	2004	-	26,400	26,400
300-0301	HINTON HILL RD	Spring Lot	1.000	1,500	2013	72	-	72
400-1121	LONG POND RD	Minister's Lot #43 / Gravel Pit	294.000	301,500	1800	-	885	885
205-2837	VT RTE 5A	Open Land	0.700	35,200	2017	-	35,200	35,200
205-2857	VT RTE 5A	Open Land	0.700	35,200	2017	-	35,200	35,200
205-2837	VT RTE 5A	Open Land	0.700	0	2019	(35,200)		(35,200)
205-2857	VT RTE 5A	Open Land	0.700	0	2019	(35,200)		(35,200)
			573.127	1,760,700				236,923
						TOTALS BY FUNCTION:	Town-General:	207,511
							Transfer Station:	19,412
							Highway:	10,000
								236,923

CAPITAL ASSETS: BUILDING

Parcel ID		Description	Building	2024 Grand List Value	In-Service Fiscal Year	Cost (known)	Cost (estimated)	TOTAL HISTORICAL COST
100-5712	WILLOUGHBY LAKE RD	Town Garage	Garage	289,000	1985	-	131,199	131,199
200-0564	NORTH BEACH RD	North Beach & Parking Lot	Bathroom Shed	2,600	1980	-	904	904
205-6988	VT RTE 5A	Transfer Station	Bldg/Sheds	26,500	1990	-	14,613	14,613
300-0054	HINTON HILL RD	Municipal Bldg-old	Office Bldg	26,500	1966	-	3,623	3,623
300-0054	HINTON HILL RD	Municipal Bldg-Millbrook School	Schoolhouse	141,400	2004	-	162,258	162,258
				486,000				312,597

CAPITAL ASSETS as of DECEMBER 31, 2024

Town of Westmore						COST				DEPRECIATION				
				In-Service	Est.	Book Cost	CY	CY	Book Cost	Accumulated	CY	CY	Accumulated	Net Book Value
Item	Category	Sub-Category	Function	Fiscal Year	Life	Beg. of Year	Add	Disp	End. of Year	Beg. of Year	Depreciation	Disp	End of Year	End of Year
Municipal Bldg-old	Building	Office Bldg	Town-General	1966	50	3,623.00	-	-	3,623.00	3,623.00	-	-	3,623.00	-
North Beach & Parking Lot	Building	Bathroom Shed	Town-General	1980	50	904.00	-	-	904.00	795.52	18.08	-	813.60	90.40
Town Garage	Building	Garage/Sheds	Highway	1985	50	131,199.00	-	-	131,199.00	102,335.22	2,623.98	-	104,959.20	26,239.80
1972 Kentucky Van Trailer	Equipment	Vehicle Trailer	Transfer Station	1989	10	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-
Transfer Station	Building	Bldg/Sheds	Transfer Station	1990	50	14,613.00	-	-	14,613.00	9,936.84	292.26	-	10,229.10	4,383.90
Fairbanks Morse 7281M / Howe 1750 Scale	Equipment	Machinery	Transfer Station	1992	8	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00	-
2000 Caterpillar Grader w/ wing	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2001	10	310,806.00	-	-	310,806.00	310,806.00	-	-	310,806.00	-
2004 V Box Swanson Sander for Mack Truck	Equipment	Vehicle Attach	Highway	2004	10	7,200.00	-	-	7,200.00	7,200.00	-	-	7,200.00	-
Shelving-roller/metal shelves for vault records	Equipment	Furn & Fixt	Town-General	2004	20	7,050.00	-	-	7,050.00	7,050.00	-	-	7,050.00	-
Municipal Bldg-Millbrook School	Building	Schoolhouse	Town-General	2004	50	112,694.00	-	-	112,694.00	45,077.60	2,253.88	-	47,331.48	65,362.52
Cabinet-map/plats-Enduro unit	Equipment	Furn & Fixt	Town-General	2005	20	4,130.00	-	-	4,130.00	3,923.50	206.50	-	4,130.00	-
Software-NEMRC	Software	Software	Town-General	2006	8	3,102.50	-	-	3,102.50	3,102.50	-	-	3,102.50	-
1997 Ford F150 Pickup Truck-Blue	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2006	10	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-
Generator-Municipal Buildings	Equipment	Machinery	Town-General	2007	8	8,850.00	-	-	8,850.00	8,850.00	-	-	8,850.00	-
Generator-Town Garage	Equipment	Machinery	Highway	2007	8	15,450.00	-	-	15,450.00	15,450.00	-	-	15,450.00	-
2007 Everest Plow-Mack	Equipment	Vehicle Attach	Highway	2007	10	7,495.00	-	-	7,495.00	7,495.00	-	-	7,495.00	-
Software-NEMRC	Software	Software	Town-General	2008	8	6,169.00	-	-	6,169.00	6,169.00	-	-	6,169.00	-
2007 Mack Dump Truck	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2008	10	128,515.00	-	-	128,515.00	128,515.00	-	-	128,515.00	-
2006 Volvo Loader Bucket & Forks	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2008	10	114,800.00	-	-	114,800.00	114,800.00	-	-	114,800.00	-
Computer-Network Server	Equipment	Computers	Town-General	2011	6	5,673.30	-	-	5,673.30	5,673.30	-	-	5,673.30	-
Software-NEMRC	Software	Software	Town-General	2012	8	2,562.00	-	-	2,562.00	2,562.00	-	-	2,562.00	-
2012 Caterpillar 308D CR Excavator w/attach	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2012	10	112,500.00	-	-	112,500.00	112,500.00	-	-	112,500.00	-
1986 Rogers 21 Ton Trailer	Equipment	Vehicle Trailer	Highway	2012	10	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-
Air Compresser	Equipment	Tools	Highway	2014	8	2,699.00	-	-	2,699.00	2,699.00	-	-	2,699.00	-
2014 International Dump Truck/Sander/Viking plow	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2014	10	197,337.00	-	-	197,337.00	197,337.00	-	-	197,337.00	-
Safety Basket for Volvo Loader	Equipment	Vehicle Equip	Highway	2015	10	2,150.00	-	-	2,150.00	1,935.00	215.00	-	2,150.00	-
Black Fly Box Culvert (2016)	Infrastructure	Infrastructure	Highway	2016	30	103,820.00	-	-	103,820.00	27,685.33	3,460.67	-	31,146.00	72,674.00
Black Fly Box Culvert (2017)	Infrastructure	Infrastructure	Highway	2017	30	11,535.60	-	-	11,535.60	2,691.64	384.52	-	3,076.16	8,459.44
Hinton Hill Culvert (2017)	Infrastructure	Infrastructure	Highway	2017	30	130,216.00	-	-	130,216.00	30,383.73	4,340.53	-	34,724.27	95,491.73
Software-NEMRC	Software	Software	Town-General	2017	8	1,795.00	-	-	1,795.00	1,570.63	224.38	-	1,795.00	-
2017 Radar Cart	Equipment	Vehicle Attach	Highway	2017	10	7,399.00	-	-	7,399.00	5,179.30	739.90	-	5,919.20	1,479.80
2019 International CV515	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2019	10	117,972.00	-	(117,972.00)	-	58,986.00	8,356.35	(67,342.35)	-	-
Kubota Lawnmower	Equipment	Equipment	Town-General	2019	10	8,077.00	-	-	8,077.00	4,038.50	807.70	-	4,846.20	3,230.80
Cyclone Leafblower Buffalo Turbine	Equipment	Equipment	Highway	2019	10	5,500.00	-	-	5,500.00	2,750.00	550.00	-	3,300.00	2,200.00
2020 GMC Sierra 3500H	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2020	10	67,985.95	-	-	67,985.95	27,194.38	6,798.60	-	33,992.98	33,992.98
Town Hall Roofing	Building	Town Hall	Town-General	2022	20	49,563.75	-	-	49,563.75	1,652.12	826.06	-	2,478.18	47,085.57
Spartan Cargo Trailer	Equipment	Vehicle Attach	Highway	2022	10	8,300.00	-	-	8,300.00	1,106.66	553.33	-	1,659.99	6,640.01
New Holland Tractor with Alamo Boom Mower	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2022	10	24,500.00	-	-	24,500.00	2,858.34	1,429.17	-	4,287.51	20,212.49
Honda Power Wash Trailer	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2022	10	11,000.00	-	-	11,000.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	-	2,200.00	8,800.00
Transfer Station Wiley Scale	Equipment	Equipment	Transfer Station	2023	10	4,912.84		-	4,912.84	163.76	491.28		655.05	4,257.79
Round Hill Security Camera Transfer Station	Equipment	Computers	Transfer Station	2023	6	1,745.00		-	1,745.00	24.24	290.83		315.07	1,429.93
Round Hill Security Camera North Beach	Equipment	Computers	Town-General	2023	6	3,320.00		-	3,320.00	138.33	553.33		691.67	2,628.33
Hinton Hill Culvert (2023)	Infrastructure	Infrastructure	Highway	2023	30	37,319.58		-	37,319.58	414.66	1,243.99		1,658.65	35,660.93
Long Pond Culvert (2023)	Infrastructure	Infrastructure	Highway	2023	30	65,300.00		-	65,300.00	544.17	2,176.67		2,720.83	62,579.17
2024 Freightliner	Equipment	Vehicle	Highway	2024	10		205,152.00	-	205,152.00	-	5,983.60	-	5,983.60	199,168.40
Unlocated Difference	Equipment	Equipment	Highway			0.89	-	-	0.89	(1.87)	-	-	(1.87)	2.76
					GRAND TOTAL:	1,879,284.41	205,152.00	(117,972.00)	1,966,464.41	1,285,815.40	45,920.60	(67,342.35)	1,264,393.65	702,070.76

Town of Westmore Property Transfers for the year 2024

Property ID	Seller	Purchaser	Price
160-0307	Anne and Lee Elson Living Trust	Ethan Swift	$ 500
220-0043	Scott Gilmore Letcher	Brian Slater	$ 380,000
205-1976	Lake Willoughby Retreat, LLC	Matthew Wright	$ 162,500
160-0290	Mark Collette	Brian Barrabee	$ 5,000
160-0290	Mark Collette	Rosalie Uht	$ 5,000
160-0290	Mark Collette	Donald Collins	$ 5,000
160-0376	Donald Collins	Donald Collins Life Estate	$ -
300-0110	Keone J Maher	Michele Wildflower	$ 89,900
150-0073	Leigh C Boisture	Brian Goetz	$ 1,040,000
273-0107	Bruce Moffat	Moffat Family Revocable Trust	$ -
205-1976	Lake Willoughby Retreat, LLC	Charles G Brady	$ 262,500
332-0256	Alan and Patricia Cole	Laverne Dickinson	$ 35,000
205-1976	Willoughby Haven Homeowners Assoc.	Lake Willoughby Retreat	$ -
205-1976	Lake Willoughby Retreat, LLC	Willoughby Lodge, LLC	$ 250,000
205-2163	Kimball W Johnson	Kimball W Johnson Trust	$ -
350.-2625	The Deborah J Lussier Trust	That'll Do, LLC	$ 2,900,000
270-0565	The James H Collins & Gladys M Collin	Victorian Cottage, LLC	$ 220,000
205-1902	Cheryl Labelle	Kimball W Johnson	$ -
430-0101	Federal National Mortgage Assn	David Jesse Gardner	$ 375,000
275-0075	Tracey E White	Deborah White	$ 439,100
205-1902	Kimball W Johnson	Penelope L Johnson Trust U/A 2-24	$ -
120-2412	David Stevens	Arwan Menard	$ 79,000
120-2782	James D Eby	Christopher B Eby	$ -
120-2782	James D Eby	Christopher B Eby	$ 200,000
203-0062	Holly S Condon	Holly S Condon	$ -
160-0638	Warren B Godkin Estate	Joanne M Godkin	$ -
200-0489	Borish Irrevocable Trust	Deborah A Pelletier-Fenichel	$ -
390-0241	Camp Smore in Westmore LLC	Wayne Dykstra	$ 162,000
330-0360	Houser First Revocable Trust	Houser Second Irrevocable Trust	$-
205-1706	Jeffrey Moore	Bruce Jason Heinrich	$ 1,285,000
205-1676	1676 5A Holdings LLC	Heinrich 1676 5A Holdings	$ 100,000
270-0052	The Lexvest Group LLC	Willoughby Mountain Lake Cottages LLC	$ 1,925,000
330-1576	Allan Bradley	Jeffrey W Tyndall	$ 1,235,000
130-0423	Linda Michniewicz	Linda Michniewicz Revocable Trust	$-
205-1740	Willoughby Lofts LLC	Jeffrey L. Moore	$ -
400-2284	Robert N. Williams	Robert B Williams	$ -
205-1976	Lake Willoughby Retreat, LLC	William Kern II	$ 222,900
205-1566	Rene M Desmarais	Desmarais Family Trust dated 10/5	$ -
205-0348	Raymond Simoneau	Michael Woody	$ 295,000
275-0075	Deborah White	David F Beigel	$ 800,000
205-1644	Estate of Sarah Ryan	Stefanie S Smith	$ 635,000
210-0091	Brian P Richardson	91 Conley Farm Lane	$ -
120-0262	Richard W Mallary JR	McGreevy Babson Annalei	$ -
193-0241	Andrew T Rourke	Ashleigh L Rourke 2024 Revocable Trust	$ -
205-1761	The Roderick Springer Justis Revocable Trust	Pamela Boyle	$ -
160-0870	Bell Merriam Joanna D	Willoughby Cove LLC	$ -
290-0512	John Waysville	John E Waysville U/T/A 7/24	$ -
235-0047	Christopher R Walker	Kathleen Kenna	$ 225,000
120-1079	Connor J Kendrick	Ira O'Meara-Costello	$ 235,000
410-0112	Chris Evans	Anthony Evans	$ -
410-0112	Anthony Evans	Robert Kennedy	$ 40,000
120-1347	Erik Townsend	Rowan Gorman	$ 175,000
105-2065	Estate of Gerald Hicks SR.	Kimberlee R Rizio	$ 123,000
205-1976	Lake Willoughby Retreat, LLC	Waltzand Wanderlust LLC	$ 400,000
332-0258	Frank Jantschek	Frank Jantschek	$ -
290-0224	William Cicale	Country Comfort Cottage LLC	$ -
330-0360	The Houser Second Irrevocable Trust	Wesley Shover	$ 450,000
295-0018	Betty Blair	Lorne Paterson	$ 280,000
332-0349	Dayna L Cole	Pavitra Mehta	$ 385,000
195-0101	Edward J York	Christopher Ladner	$ 1,600,000
200-0605	Westmore Line Properties LLC	Town of Westmore	$ -
200-0605	Westmore Line Properties LLC	Christopher Houck	$ 356,000
160-0638	Joanne M Godkin	Warren T Godkin	$ -
105-0188	Glacier Lake Realty Inc	Melissa S Morin	$ -
105-0222	Andrew Zebrowski	Melissa S Morin	$ -
205-1976	Lake Willoughby Retreat, LLC	Michael Derrick	$ 255,000
105-0188	Melissa S Morin	MSM Realty LLC	$ -
195-0093	Kristen A Herlihy	Kristen A Herlihy & Dennis Reilly, Trust	$ -
205-0980	Aline B Harter Declaration of Trust	Jacalyn A Manges	$ -

Town of Westmore Payroll
Employee Wage Summary Report
Detail by name 01/01/24 - 12/31/24

Employee	EE #	Gross	Gross Taxable	Gross State	Gross FICA	Gross MEDI	Net
ANDERSON, CARMEN D.	CA	3,893.00	3,893.00	3,893.00	3,893.00	3,893.00	3,554.74
BERLEY, ANDREW	AB	1,946.19	1,946.19	1,946.19	1,946.19	1,946.19	1,754.19
BLACKSTONE, SUSAN M.	SB	638.70	638.70	638.70	638.70	638.70	582.73
BLAIR, RILEY J.	RJB	56,227.53	52,952.53	52,952.53	56,227.53	56,227.53	1,322.79
BURDICK, ROBERT	RBU	27,291.74	25,372.02	25,372.02	27,291.74	27,291.74	20,598.00
BUSBY, KATHERINE L.	BUSBY	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	192.08
BUSHEY, MARY L.	MB	14,807.04	14,807.04	14,807.04	14,807.04	14,807.04	0.00
CARR, WILLIAM L.	WLC	1,180.00	1,180.00	1,180.00	1,180.00	1,180.00	1,077.14
CASEY, CAROL J.	CJC	6,890.12	6,890.12	6,890.12	6,890.12	6,890.12	0.00
CASHIN, ELAINE M.	EMC	44,110.30	41,598.44	41,598.44	44,058.87	44,058.87	33,656.06
CLOUTIER, ALEXANDRIA	AMTC	3,555.00	3,555.00	3,555.00	3,555.00	3,555.00	3,188.80
CURTIS, CORY S.	CSC	4,595.00	4,595.00	4,595.00	4,595.00	4,595.00	4,188.91
DAVIS, MARTIN E.	MED	1,865.30	1,865.30	1,865.30	1,865.30	1,865.30	1,452.52
DEGREENIA, RYAN A.	RAG	5,875.00	5,875.00	5,875.00	5,875.00	5,875.00	5,334.69
EVANS, CHRISTINE A.	CE	3,694.28	3,694.28	3,694.28	3,694.28	3,694.28	0.00
FALCONER, RENEE M.	RF	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,108.20
GAHAN, MAURA L.	MG	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,503.10
HOLMES, KATHY L.	KLH	404.21	404.21	404.21	404.21	404.21	370.09
HYSLOP, PETER A.	PAH	2,987.26	2,987.26	2,987.26	2,987.26	2,987.26	2,758.73
LEFEBVRE, KALLI	KL	10,983.78	10,983.78	10,983.78	10,983.78	10,983.78	10,110.08
LELAND, JEFFREY J.	JJL	8,054.83	8,054.83	8,054.83	8,054.83	8,054.83	0.00
LEMOINE, BRADLEY P.	BPL	4,090.00	4,090.00	4,090.00	4,090.00	4,090.00	3,656.78
LIBBY, DARCY D.	DL	18,886.35	18,886.35	18,886.35	18,886.35	18,886.35	15,049.45
PARENTEAU, ANNETTE M.	AP	11,379.99	11,379.99	11,379.99	11,379.99	11,379.99	9,901.62
PERKINS, WILLIAM L.	BP	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,186.16
SICARD, DANIEL J.	DJS	70,866.90	66,659.28	66,659.28	70,831.43	70,831.43	1,039.59
SIMONDS, MIRIAM C.	MCS	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,186.16
STEVENS, DAVID H.	DHS	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,367.26	2,186.16
SWIFT, UMARYN Y.	UYS	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00	810.00	732.96
TANNER, STEPHEN B.	ST	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	62.79
TOWNSEND, ERIK T.	ETT	257.40	257.40	257.40	257.40	257.40	0.00
WARING, BRYN I.	BIW	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	686.83
ZEBROWSKI, NOAH	NTZ	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	226.68
ZIMMER, JOHN	JZ	14,205.71	14,205.71	14,205.71	14,205.71	14,205.71	12,466.57
ZIMMER, MARGARET	MZI	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	48.79
Totals- Employees Reported: 35		330,791.41	318,877.21	318,877.21	330,704.51	330,704.51	143,183.39

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

As of August 16, 2024 NEK Broadband and CVFiber merged under 30 V.S.A. 3052a forming one Communications Union District (CUD) dba NEKCV.

NEK Broadband and CVFiber will continue to use their brands within their respective territories.

The district now includes 71 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, Washington and Orange Counties.
50 of our towns currently have public fiber-optic infrastructure, and 57 towns have started pre-construction licensing work.

Broadband Nutrition Labels - In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirement that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) display standardized broadband information labels, you will find these listed under the service offerings on NEK Broadband and CVFiber websites.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR

2024	33	Towns Served
	681	Miles to Date
	8,200	Addresses Passed
2025	50	Towns Served
Projected	1,165	Miles
	15,000	Addresses Passed

8200

SERVICE AVAILABLE

WE NOW OFFER SERVICE TO 8200 ADDRESSES IN THE NEKCV.

681

MILES OF NETWORK

AT THE END OF 2024, WE NOW HAVE 681 MILES OF FIBER NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEKCV.

1199

CUSTOMERS SERVED

NEKCV MORE THAN DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SERVED in 2024

NEKCV

NEK BROADBAND | CVFIBER

GRANTS & FINANCING

We were awarded $2,847,276 through the Community Connect Grant program. This is in addition to the USDA ReConnect grant of $17,474,000, which we received in 2023.

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional $4M in construction grants and $21M as a match for our Broadband Equity and Deployment Grant Application coming later this year. This brings our foundational support to over $73 million for the Northeast Kingdom Region and over $20 million in Central Vermont.

BUILDING CAPACITY

We have doubled the size of staff, with a full-time staff of 13.

We have active warehouses in Danville, Montpelier and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.

In May we completed our first workforce development program, with 7 NEK residents receiving training to become Broadband Technicians/Installers.

BUDGET SUMMARY

NEKCV dba NEK Broadband & dba CVFiber
Communications Union District - 2025 Budget / 2024 Budget to Actual

	2024 Combined NEKCV Budget Gov Board	Projected 2024 Year End at 9/30/24	2025 Proposed 2025 Budget
Surpluses from Prior Fiscal Years			**$1,832,742**
Income			
Operations Revenue	852,455	874,871	2,047,769
Administrative Grant Revenue	1,885,621	3,442,342	3,856,318
Capital Grant Revenue	36,200,196	16,607,798	36,529,448
Other Revenue	$0	$1,837,490	$1,467,290
TOTAL CASH IN	**$38,938,272**	**$22,762,502**	**$43,900,825**
Expenses			
Operational Cost	$378,912	$823,330	$1,247,036
Administrative Costs	$1,885,621	$2,935,997	$3,856,318
Construction Costs	$36,200,196	$17,431,128	$36,529,448
TOTAL CASH OUT	**$38,464,729**	**$21,190,454**	**$41,632,802**
Annual Net Cashflow	**$473,543**	**$1,572,048**	**$2,268,023**

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at get.nekbroadband.org. or cvfiber.net

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD)
Year-End Financial Report for 2024

The NEKWMD ended 2024 with a surplus of $65,746.46. Revenues in 2024 were 22.3% above projections, while expenses were 15.4% above projections. Revenues from tire disposal, scrap metal, and the surcharge were responsible for strong revenues in 2024. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2025. The surcharge will increase $2.75/ton from $26.75 in 2024 to $29.50 in 2025. This represents a $0.07 increase on a standard bag of trash. Hauling fees to service recycling centers and schools will be increasing as well in 2025. The rate for recycling centers will increase from $49/stop to $55/stop, and the rate for schools will increase from $33/stop to $37/stop. Fees for tires will remain unchanged in 2025 as will the per capita assessment ($1.16/person).

The NEKWMD is entering 2025 with a budget of $1,030,997 – an increase of 8.8% compared to 2024. The NEKWMD was staffed by eleven full-time and two part-time employees in 2024. The District will be adding a full-time employee in 2025.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2024. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

Paul Tomasi
Executive Director
NEKWMD

Annual Town Meeting Minutes
Town of Westmore
March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Westmore, VT. met in the Fellowship Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business from the floor.

Andy announced that David Templeman, our representative, would be at the meeting a little later. Andy recognized a member of the Sheriff's Department in the room to answer questions. He answered that they would be spending more time at the North Beach this summer. Kristin Obrys asked if deputies are able to ticket cars parked along the road where there are No Parking signs. He responded that he will look at our Ordinance and get back to us.
Andy announced that representatives from Comcast would be available after the meeting. Miriam added that Melissa Pearce would be present and they will have a map to show locations for residents of what services might be provided. Erik Townsend added that NEK Broadband also was present to provide information and would be coming to town this summer. Donna Dzugas said broadband expansion in town now has competition and people have choices, adding it's a good thing.

Andrew Berley called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM
The citizens of the town stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Elaine noted one correction in the Annual Report. John Zimmer's Lister term expires in 2026.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
Pam Prue nominated Andy Berley. Pam Kennedy second. There being no other nominations, Peter Hyslop asked the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Andy Berley. Passed.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to recognize those in the community that have passed away in the last year.
The Moderator went over some of Robert's Rules of Order to remind the citizens with Town Meeting from the floor. He noted that only Articles that can be voted on are those that are warned. Elections do not require a second, but we will ask for it. Only nominees can speak as to why they are running for office. He added that voters can ask questions of candidates. All discussion must be germane to the article being acted upon. Only registered voters can vote. Lunch will be served at noon. And please, let's be civil.

Article 2. Shall the town vote to elect two additional Select Board members for terms of two years each in accordance with 17 V.S.A.§2650(b)?
Rick Mallory asked how the Select Board feels about it. David answered that it is how the people feel. Ann Parenteau asked what is the purpose? The moderator asked if the Selectboard felt their workload was too much. Joanna Burgess noted that a number of towns have moved to a five person Board. Each has their expertise and it may lessen the individual workload. Peter Bertelleti added that 9 out of 10 times it went to a 5 member board, then went back to a 3 member board in 1-2 years. Bill Perkins said that he was asked by the townspeople to bring the petition request to the table. He added that Select Board members are juggling more things each year where they ultimately must make a decision. He noted that currently with a 3 member board, if one member is out, it magnifies the problem because important decisions are put off but with a 5 member Board, three would need to be present to make decisions. He ended stating that he would be willing to to be on the Board. Nancy Mallory added that she has served and considers it to be a volunteer position asking them to run a multimillion dollar business. Tony Strange said that 2 heads are better than one and it allows for 5 different points of view. Glen Harter felt that they needed administrative help versus executive decision makers. Donna Dzugas said that Elaine does a good job administratively but the Board tables many items, the Highway Dept has problems with the trucks, the Road Commissioner walked out and she felt if you seek to be a member of the Board, you know what you are getting yourself into as far as workload. Ann Parenteau asked if there could be alternates. David answered he had not heard of it. Donna added that with a 5

member Board, there may be more opportunity to form Committees. It was noted that Irasburg and Elmore are looking at moving to a 5 member Board.
Andy asked for a vote on Article 2. The motion carried on a Voice Vote.

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A §479 to collect current taxes?
Greg Gallagher so moved, seconded by Pam Prue. Motion carried by Voice Vote. Passed.

Article 4. To elect Town Officers as required by law.
A. To elect a Select Board member, by paper ballot, for the term of 3 years. Bill Perkins nominated David Stevens. Pam Prue seconded.Bill Perkins was nominated. Bill declined the nomination for the 3 year term. There being no other nominations, Ann Parenteau moved that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for David Stevens. Passed.
B. To elect a Select Board member by paper ballot for the term of 2 years. Pam Prue nominated Bill Perkins. Kristin Obrys seconded. There being no other nominations, Annette Parenteau moved that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Bill Perkins. Passed.
C. To elect a Select Board member by paper ballot for the term of 1 year. Pam Prue nominated Russell Curtis. Joanne Burgess nominated Donna Dzugas. There being no other nominations, the Moderator moved that nominations cease. Russell spoke, stating he is a full time resident and has worked on the local RCT board for 2 years as well as with the AARP free tax preparation service for elderly citizens. Having worked in these volunteer positions, he stated he has a greater understanding of the needs of our community. He has attended many Select Board meetings and would be happy to do his part.
Donna spoke, stating she has attended 80% of the Select Board meetings and is well versed in what the town is doing and where we need to go. She feels the present Board is not transparent and she would make sure to be inclusive of the whole community. Russell Curtis won by a majority with 50 paper ballot votes counted. Donna Dzugas had 12 paper ballot votes counted and Bill Perkins had one paper ballot counted.
D. To elect a Lister, by paper ballot, for the term of 3 years. Erik Townsend stated he will not be running again and nominated Christine Evans. There being no other nominations, Annette moved that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Christine Evans. Passed.
E. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of 3 years. Bill Perkins nominated Steve Davenport. Nancy Mallory seconded. There being no other nominations, Greg Gallagher moved that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Steve Davenport. Passed.
F. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the term of 1 year. Pam Prue nominated Annette Parenteau. Pam Kennedy seconded. There being no other nominations, the Moderator moved that nominations cease. Pam Kennedy moved that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Annette Parenteau. Passed.

Article 5. Shall the town vote to authorize the payment of property taxes due on or before Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 4 PM by physical or mail/delivery to the Town Office or by online payments via credit card or electronic check?
Greg Gallagher so moved, seconded by Bruce Tanner. Motion carried on a voice vote. Elaine noted the office will be open on Saturday, the 19th and Sunday, the 20th from 9AM to 4PM.

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to use a portion of unspent General Fund surpluses, as needed, to help offset the 2024 Municipal Tax Rate? Rick Mallory motioned to amend the Article to read "to use **all** of unspent General Fund surpluses…" Pam Prue asked what is the purpose and how would it affect Article 7. Rick answered that if there is discretion, it should not be the Select Boards. Rick wants his taxes reduced by as much as possible. John Zimmer explained that a deficit is from things we do not anticipate and that we use] the money from surplus funds to carry us until the next tax cycle due to our calendar versus fiscal year. He recommends leaving the Article as is. On a voice vote, the amended motion does not carry. Motion for Article 6 as written carries on a Voice Vote.

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Article 7. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to use a portion of the unspent General Fund surpluses, as needed, to cover any deficit amounts? Robert Fitzpatrick asked what the surplus amount is. John answered from page 15 of the Annual Report, it is $457,000 and that usually they wait until the tax rate is established before they know how much will go toward taxes. Pam Prue so moved Article 7. Motion carries with a voice vote.Passed.

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to accept the proposed 2024 General Fund budget of $265,000? Rick Mallory motioned to amend the Article to reduce the budget to $195,000. Nancy Mallory seconded. He felt that we should not be spending $62,500 on the Transfer Station. Bill Perkins added that people need to know if you go to $195,000, you will be getting rid of the Transfer Station. A participant stated that the Select Board should not be running that business; people should be taking care of their own garbage. Pam Prue asked John if the town had figured out the cost per taxpayer. John answered that it took approximately $100,000 to run the Transfer Station with a revenue of about $30,000. $70,000 in expenses divided by 320 equals approximately $218 per year. He noted that Burke had done away with garbage. Bill Perkins said the Transfer Station is important but that pick-up itself should be done away with. Liz Tucker asked if the Select Board would be responsible for the trash on the side of the road. Rick Mallory said it is a supposition speaking of the trash on the road. He thinks people will need the service which will increase demand and more vendors will be interested to provide the service to Westmore.

Donna Dzugas said that more people need to attend meetings and have more say and that budget hearings are fruitful. Rick responded that Town Meeting is where the people vote. The motion to amend Article 8 to $195,00 did not carry by voice vote. Pam Prue so moved Article 8. Motion carried on Article 8 as written with a voice vote.

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to accept the proposed budget of $348,231 for the Highway Fund? Pam Prue so moved. Rick Mallory, recognized by the Moderator, motioned to amend the amount to $295,000. He said that a number of highway items increased by double digits. Tony Strange noted a number of items had Increased by 52%, 16%, 39% respectively. Sharon Strange seconded the motion to amend. Kristin Obrys said it is important to hear from the people who ask for the money. Dan, Road Foreman, answered the chainsaw purchase is a replacement and is a big saw necessary to cut large trees to clear roads. Rick Mallory asked to call the question. The moderator asked for a hand count. Majority count opposed to the amendment. The motion does not carry. Pam Prue so moved Article 9. Motion carries on Article 9 as written by voice vote. Passed.

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to add $50,000 to the Paving Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year? Pam Prue so moved. Rick Mallory motioned to amend the figure to $40,000 to equal last year's number. Motion to amend does not carry by voice vote. Pam Prue so moved Article 10. Motion carries for Article 10 as written by voice vote. Passed.

Article 11. Shall the Town vote to add $40,000 to the Gravel/Sand Reserve fund that will Be included in the tax expense this year? Pam Prue so moves. Motion carries by a voice vote.Passed.

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Article 12. Shall the Town vote to add $20,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund that will be added to the tax expense this year? Motion carries by a voice vote.Passed.

Article 13. Shall the Town vote to add $80,000 to the Town Equipment Reserve Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year? Rick Mallory motioned to amend to $50,000 for a flat budget. Motion does not carry by voice vote. Sharon Strange asked for an explanation for anticipated need. Robert Fitzpatrick asked if this would be added to the current balance of $67,000 to equal $147,000, John answered the town needs new trucks trucks and the town is trying to look forward for 5 years to build up a reserve for this purchases well as needing funds for the down payments. Motion on Article 13 as written carries by a voice vote. Passed.

The Moderator recognized Representative David Templeman to speak and answer questions. When asked about the substantial tax increase on property, David answered that he is working with John to find answers. He added that currently there are 29 factors that go into the state formula deciding taxes. One factor they found was a discrepancy of 1.7 million reporting against the voted budget. David anticipated the district receiving a credit. Discussion ensued about the categorization of Westmore as a "Gold Town". The term was created to indicate property wealth of second homes in 1997 when Act 60 was passed to equally distribute state money across school districts. Nancy Mallory asked when we can get off this list, noting that now there are more second homes everywhere in Vermont. David asked if she was suggesting it was a perception rather than a metric. Allison Valley asked about the parking at the South End. David stated he has spoken to Forest Parks and Rec about the situation. Peter Hyslop added that the problem now is enforcement of No Parking areas. Anthony Evans asked if we were being taxed because of the lake. Randi Knaggs asked about our qualifying for USDA grants adding there are many retirees on fixed incomes who are full time residents. David ended noting his open discussion times are every 3rd Saturday of the month rotating in a different location to reach all of his constituents.

Article 14. Shall the Town vote to add $6,000 to the Cemetery Reserve Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year? Carol so moved. Motion carries with a voice vote.Passed.

Article 15. Shall the Town vote to add $14,768 to the Milfoil Program Fund that will be included in the tax expense this year? Bruce Tanner so moved. Motion carries with a voice vote. Passed.

Article 16. Shall the Town vote to accept the proposed appropriation amount of $30,000 to the Westmore Fireman's Association, conditional upon the receipt of documents as stated by the town appropriation policy? Ed Levie, Fire Chief, reported that the department has a new accountant who will straighten out the problems with forms not being filed. He stated that they have responded to fires, rescues, and town events over the past year and will continue to help to make sure to keep everyone safe. Ed said he had sent over the bank records. John said tax forms would suffice but that he had not received them yet. When asked, John clarified that the $30,000 from 2023 was still in the fund balance because it had not yet been released and this article was for an additional appropriation for 2024. Kristin so moved Article 16. Motion carries with a voice vote. Passed.

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Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate the total sum of $11,580 to the following social Service Agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A 2691?

a $80 Vt Ctr for Independent Living
b $100 VT Rural Fire Protection
c $50 Green Up
d $350 Rural Comm Transportation
e. $500 OCCA (ConnectABILITIES)
f. $1000 NEK Learning Services
g. $900 O-E VNA & Hospice
h. $500 Pope Memorial Animal Shelter
i. $1000 Old Stonehouse Museum
j. $250 Umbrella
k. $2500 Jones Memorial Library
l. $400 NEK Council on Aging
m. $2000 Barton Public Library
n. $700 NEK Human Services
o. $250 American Red Cross
p. $750 Northwoods Stewardship
q. $250 VT Family Network

Russell so moved. Pam Kennedy motioned to amend by increasing the budget by $500 to be allocated to the Barton Public Library. Dawn Ashley seconded. Motion to amend carries with a voice vote. Motion to appropriate $12,080 to the following Social service agencies carries with a voice vote.Passed.

Article 18. Shall the town vote to set the start time of the 2025 Town Meeting pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2655?Rick Mallory motioned to set the time at 10AM. Nancy Mallory seconded. Laurie Lakin asked to consider having it at night. Moderator tabled this article to vote on Article 19 first.
Moderator returns to Article 18. Joanna Burgess motions to set the time at 6PM Robert Fitzpatrick seconds. The motion does not carry with a hand count showing 32 opposed and 19 for. Rick Mallory moves to set the time at 10AM. Annette Parenteau seconded. Andy notes approximately the same amount of people at this meeting as at the Special Meeting. Donna Dzugas asks if we realize how many residents are being left out adding that people give up. Andy responded that it was their decision. Motion to set the time at 10AM carries by a voice vote. Passed.

Article 19. Shall the town vote to change Town Meeting day to Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2640(b)? Rich motioned to have Town Meeting day remain the first Tuesday in March. Ann seconded. Robert Fitzpatrick referred to the Special Town Meeting in November which had hoped to allow more people to vote. Peter Bertoletti doesn't understand why we want to change a 250 year old tradition. Erik Townsend responded that either a weekend day or evening may enable greater voter participation. Amended motion to have town meeting day remain the first Tuesday of March carries by voice vote. Passed.

Article 20. Shall the town vote to assess a one percent meals and alcoholic beverage tax pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138(b)2. Rick Mallory moved the question as written. John explained this gives the town an ability to earn revenue to offset operating costs. Andrew Ziobrowski noted that he owns the one of a few businesses in town that would be affected. He added it would raise our prices and if surrounding towns don't have it, people will go where the prices are lower. Rick called the question. The Motion does not carry with a voice vote.

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Article 21. Shall the town vote to assess a one percent rooms tax pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §138(b)(3)?John explained that the renter pays the tax.. that for every dollar we receive, that is one less dollar for our residents tax. Annette wanted to clarify that it is for short-term (under 30 days) rentals but not for a lease on an apartment.Rick Mallory moved the question. Motion carries on a Voice vote. Passed.

Discussion of other non binding business.

Liz Tucker asked how the town would handle the fact that a Select Board member kleft the meeting last week. Peter Hyslop responded stating there were allegations of a conflict of interest that does not exist. He added there were two items on the agenda of that meeting that involved the people making those allegations. He stated he is still willing to handle all other town business. He said the company approached him and in November of 2022 he went to the Planning Board to make them aware and ask them how to proceed, Donna Dzugas asked why he did not bring it to the attention of the town. He responded that he went to the Planning Board. Rick Mallory stated that it had been noted in the Minutes.

Deb Smith announced that after much research, the Westmore Association feels the best thing for Lake Willoughby is to have no wake boats on Willoughby. Bruce Tanner asked for a hand count of those who supported no wake boats on the lake. By a show of hands, a majority supported no wake boats on Lake Willoughby.

Bevin Barber-Campbell announced the final public meeting in a virtual format for the Lake Watershed Action Plan was scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 6 PM. The link is on the website, or by scanning the QR code on the pamphlet and available at the Town Clerk's office.

Pam Kennedy noted the Seed Exchange at the Barton Public Library is open.

Peter motioned to adjourn at 11:23AM, seconded by Miriam.

Signed by,

Elaine Cashin
Westmore Town Clerk

Attested By:

Andrew Berley, Moderator Date

David Stevesn, Select Board Chair Date

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Vision for Westmore's Future

Compiled from vision statements shared during Community Visit meetings and supported by the majority of participants at the Resource Meeting and an online survey.

-Where recreation opportunities are safe and accessible to all, including hiking, walking, biking, swimming and boating.

-Where roads are well managed and safe for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages.

-Where the community works collaboratively with regional partners to preserve the beautiful landscape of forest, homes, and lakes.

-That is proactive about zoning and development to enable desirable residential or commercial projects while maintaining the beloved rural characteristics.

-With strong partnerships with the state, other communities, and regional organizations to get important projects done.

-With a tight knit community across both seasonal and year-round residents

-Where we manage our resources so they are healthy and sustained for future generations.

-That leverages the popularity of its recreational and community assets to support local needs.

-That is welcoming and supportive of all ages, economic status, and other forms of diversity, with the attitude that as we grow, we grow together.

-With fun events, gatherings, and activities for all ages in the winter as well as summer.

-Where we have multiple community gathering spaces that suit various types of community activities and are welcoming to all

-That is a safe and fun community for kids and a great place for families to live.

WESTMORE'S PATH FORWARD

Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit process is geared to bring community members together in a structured format. Their aim is to help prioritize with participants action items on common goals for a collective future vision of Westmore. VCRD staff, along with state and other business leaders, mentored town citizens as they brought the vision to action as Westmore's Path Forward. Over 75 community members met on July 10th (Step 1) to share a community meal as well as their ideas, challenges, and hopes for the future. Step 2 took place on August 1, 2024 to narrow the list and identify priorities that they hoped would move forward. The final Step 3 took place on August 28, 2024 where community members voted to form task forces around two topics for future action.

1. **BUILD OUTDOOR SPACES FOR YOUTH, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
2. **DEVELOP A LOCAL RECREATION ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

These two groups have been meeting over the winter months to share ideas and create plans and initiatives for the future of Westmore as we take the PATH FORWARD. Please contact the Town Clerk's office for more information on becoming part of these task forces.

The Westmore Association

The Association was formed in 1967 to foster and improve the beautiful environment of Westmore. Our mission is to promote, develop, and conserve the natural resources and community life of the Westmore area. Composed of summer people and permanent residents, the Association works with the Town of Westmore and other state and regional groups to address specific priorities. In 2024, the Association contributed to the following:

Trails & Recreation: The Association partnered with the Northwoods Stewardship Center, contributing over $2,500 to maintain and improve hiking trails and the shoreline. The 2024 effort focuses on the maintenance and rerouting of the Pisgah South, North, and East trails, as well as the maintenance of Mt. Hor Herbert Hawkes trail, Long Pond trail, Telegraph trail of Bald Mountain, and the Wheeler Mountain rock staircase reroute efforts.

Water Quality: To support the lake's water quality, the Association contributed more than $10,000 to the Town to support the milfoil and Greeter Program. The Association also dedicated significant time and resources to develop and submit the petition to ban wakesports on Lake Willoughby. Special thanks to Diane Lehder for the tremendous effort.

Scholarships: In 2024, the Association expanded the scholarship opportunity to make educational programs accessible and affordable for individuals and families across the lifespan. Two scholarships were provided in 2024, and we hope the number will grow in the future.

Beautification: One of the Westmore Association's goals is to beautify our lovely town and lake. The Association continues to fund the maintenance of the two flower triangles located at Peene and Hinton Hill and the flower box at the waterfall on Route 5A.

Community Events: In 2024, the Association hosted several of our community event favorites! Additionally, we hosted yoga classes, felting and painting workshops, the Castleton Quartet concert, and more. The Association also participated in the Westmore Church Harvest Festival, the revival of the Westmore Farmers Market, the Northwoods Westmore Mountain Challenge, and the town tree lighting ceremony. Additionally, the Association supported the Westmore Path Forward Community Visit Process to help identify and prioritize goals to strengthen our community.

As always, many thanks to members of our community for supporting the Westmore Association during this past year. This work would not be possible without your support.

The Westmore Association Board includes Deb Smith as President, Ellie Majchrzak as Treasurer and Jennifer Woolard as Clerk. Board Directors include Peter Miller, Bruce Tanner, Deborah Baskin, Peggy Zimmer, Rev. Bob Leibold, Meggie Patton, and Heidi Rutz.

https://www.westmoreassociation.org/1

Lake Willoughby Greeter Program and Milfoil Management 2024 Final Report

Our Greeter season ran from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We had 10 Greeters in the program. All Greeters and Staff took online training with Olin Reed of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Thanks to an additional donation of $344 from the Westmore Association, we raised the Greeter hourly pay rate to $20 and expanded the boat access coverage to a 7 day schedule for July and August. The Westmore Association and The Town of Westmore each contributed $2,700, for a total of $5,400 to expand the Greeter Program to a 7 day schedule for July and August.

We inspected 2,206 watercraft; most had outboard motors, 40 were wake boats. 143 boats had plant material removed by our Greeters. 21 had invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil removed. Our Greeter Program is essential to keeping Lake Willoughby free of invasive species and protecting other bodies of water.

Swampguana Diving Services suction harvested aquatic invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil starting in July and will continue their efforts through October. They removed Milfoil from the Boat Launch, Crescent Beach, Gallagher's Cabins, NE Shoreline/Willoughvale, NW Shoreline/North Beach and Gray Rock to the Boat Launch. No other invasive species were reported so far. They will submit a final report when harvesting is completed. The Milfoil Management Program results from previous years show a significant yearly reduction in the spread of invasive Milfoil and the importance it has for aquatic nuisance control in Lake Willoughby.

Thanks to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and with the help of the Memphremagog Watershed Association, the Town of Westmore received a grant award amount of $15,978 for the Greeter Program and $10,305 for the Milfoil Management Program. The Westmore Association provides $11,144 for the Greeter Program.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Katherine Busby

Westmore Association Lake Willoughby Greeter Program Coordinator

2024 WESTMORE FIRE-RESCUE

DEPARTMENT CALLS

DATE	DEPARTMENT CALL
02/04/24	Long Pond Road Medical Emergency (Overdose)
02/19/24	Hinton Hill Road (Carbon Monoxide Alarm)
05/04/24	Willoughby Lake Fire Boat Rescue
06/01/24	Willoughby Lake Fire Boat Investigation (campfire)
06/15/24	Peene Hill Road (Excavator on Fire)
06/18/24	Willoughby Lake Fire Boat Rescue
06/20/24	Notch House Fire Alarm
06/26/24	Willoughby Lake Fire Boat Investigation (Smoke Reported)
06/26/24	Old Route 5A (Carbon Monoxide Alarm)
07/20/24	Route 5A Automobile Accident
08/10/24	Willoughby Lake (North Beach)-Medical Emergency (Seizure)
08/10/24	Acadia Lane (Trailer on Fire)
09/20/24	Route 5A Automobile Fire
10/02/24	Long Pond Access Road Fire Investigation (campfire)
10/20/24	Mount Pisgah Trail Hiker Rescue
10/21/24	Old Route 5A Brush Fire
11/15/24	Songadeewin Lane Chimney Fire
12/01/24	Christmas Tree Lighting (Lights Installed by Westmore Fire-Rescue)
12/03/24	Old Route 5A Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Westmore Fire-Rescue Department Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please consider joining, to support our volunteer department.

Thank you for your continued support every year. Your support goes a long way in sustaining our local Fire-Rescue Department.

Regards,

Ed Levie, Westmore Fire Chief

Jennifer L. Harlow
Sheriff

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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NEWPORT, VT 05855

Telephone
(802) 334-3333

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(802) 334-3307

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide patrol services to you this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1st , 2024 through December, 2024.

This past year the Orleans County Sheriff's Department hired Deputy David Garces who came to this agency with five years of full-time law enforcement experience. Deputy Garces is a Drug Recognition Expert and has taught at the Vermont Police Academy during DUI Class. Deputy Locke who is also a DRE and Garces attended the IACP Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Conference in Washington, DC this past summer. These Deputies continue to be an assets to our community and strive to make our roadways a safer place to travel.

The OCSD sent Deputy Hunter Cota to the Level-III full- time Police Academy in Pittsford, VT which is an intense sixteen (16) week program. Deputy Cota received two outstanding awards. The Director's Award which is awarded to a member determined by the training staff, for leadership, professionalism and teamwork. The Eugene Gaiotti Award, the recipient of this award is selected by their classmates and based on their levels of honesty, motivation and teamwork. Deputy Cota has a desire and passion to work with the Special Investigations Unit and our local Human Trafficking work group.

Lieutenant Wells finished his FBI LEEDA trilogy training which an honorable achievement. Over the past several years Lt. Wells attended leadership courses to better himself and this office. Congratulations! Lt Wells also became an Instructor for Taser which will be an asset to our office and community.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has collaborated and worked cases once again this past year with our Federal Partners and the Vermont Drug Task Force in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit.

The OCSD continues and will continue to work with supporting our Child Advocacy Center with a Deputy investigating crimes against our children as well as working with the States Attorney's Office with a grant that we currently hold.

Deputy Doug Morrill continues at Lake Region Union High School as the School Resource Officer and continues to build strong positive relationships with our young people. This position has and continues to prove so valuable to our community.

In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 17th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program continues to bring joy and happiness to so many this season, thank you Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse!

It is an honor to work and live in Orleans County. Working with the local Selectboards to meet the needs of each town is rewarding. Keeping the lines of communication between the select boards helps keep our communities needs at the forefront of our services.

Orleans County Sheriff's Department Administration Office Hours: 8-4 pm Monday – Friday. Patrol Hours Day/Evening Hours Seven (7) days a week call 802-334-3333 and press 1 to speak to Dispatch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Harlow
Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

Town of Westmore - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Assist - Agency	7
Citizen Assist	3
Civil Process	2
Crash - Property	2
Directed Patrol	2
Intoxication	1
Motorist Assist	3
Motor Vehicle Complaint	7
Ordinance Violation	1
Parking Problem	4
Subpoena Service	2
Suspicious	1
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Offense	2
Traffic Stop	57
Trespass	2
Wanted Person	1
Total Incidents for Town of Westmore	98

Town of Westmore - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	24
Total Warnings	41

Town of Westmore - Total Arrest Report	
Arrest on In-State Warrant	1
Driving Under the Influence - First Offense	1
Driving With A Criminally Suspended License	1
Violation of Conditions of Release	1
Total Arrest (by person) for Town of Westmore	4
Total Arrest (by Count) for the Town of Westmore	3

Glover Ambulance Annual Report

As we continue our mission to provide essential emergency medical services to Westmore and the surrounding areas, Glover Ambulance is proud to share our progress over the past year. This report highlights key milestones from 2024 and outlines our ongoing efforts to enhance the care and support we offer to our community.

Training and Community Engagement
This year, we are pleased to report that we conducted over 50 CPR and First Aid classes, certifying more than 150 individuals across the county. These courses are vital in empowering community members with the skills to provide life-saving assistance in emergencies. The significance of CPR training cannot be overstated, as it equips individuals with the knowledge and confidence to act in critical situations. We are dedicated to advancing pediatric emergency care and fully meet and exceed requirements to be designated as a pediatric-safe agency. Finally, we are looking for new members. If you are interested in giving back to this great community, please consider volunteering with us.

Call Volume
As always, our team remains dedicated to providing the highest standard of care and transport for the sick and injured. In 2024, we proudly responded to a total of 450 calls for service, reflecting the commitment to our community. These calls spanned across Orleans, Lamoille, and Caledonia counties, where we worked closely alongside our colleagues at Lyndon Rescue, Hardwick Rescue, CALEX Ambulance, and Orleans Emergency Unit. Together, we continue to strengthen the network of care that ensures our neighbors receive the timely and compassionate support they deserve.

Westmore Specific Data
In the last fiscal year, our team responded to a total of 32 emergency calls in Westmore, reflecting the diverse and often complex emergencies requiring EMS intervention within the community. Additionally, our non-transport rate for this period in Westmore was 50.2%. This rate reflects situations where our EMS personnel assessed patients on-site and together, determined that transport to a hospital via ambulance was unnecessary.

Looking to the Future
As we look ahead to 2025, Glover Ambulance remains dedicated to providing the highest level of care. We are honored to serve this vibrant community, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to safeguard the health and safety of our residents for years to come. Our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of care remains unwavering.

Thank You for Your Support
We greatly value the partnership with the Town of Westmore and continually seek opportunities to improve the EMS services we provide. If you have any questions or would like to become a member of our team, please do not hesitate to contact us at 802-525-3560.

Thank you for your continued trust in our services.

Adam Heuslein-Chief & President

Ashley Fontaine- Operations Manager

Town of Westmore

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Schedule 2025

Curbside pickup

GARBAGE ONLY

Weekly pickup EVERY Tuesday

RECYCLING ONLY

Weekly pickup EVERY Thursday: (Due to Holidays on August 14th and Thanksgiving Day…pick up will be on Wednesday of those weeks.)

Transfer Station – Hours of operation:

Hours open 8-1 every Saturday

RECYCLING

- We are now doing zero-sort. Pamphlets are available at the town clerk's office or on our website. Clear plastic recycling bags are available at the town clerk's office. All cardboard must be in clear plastic bags.

GARBAGE – Westmore trash bags only.

- The specially marked trash bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Whitecaps Campground and the Transfer Station for:

  Green bags - $5.00 per bag or $25.00 for a pack of 5

  Blue bags - $4.00 per bag or $20.00 for a pack of 5

Construction Debris and Bulky Waste Tipping Fee….0.25 cents/pound

PLEASE:

- If possible, put roadside, bagged trash in buckets/containers.
- Do not set trash out the night before. Animals and birds will pick them apart.
  - Owners are responsible for picking up torn bags and scattered trash.

Pick up on private roads will be determined by weather conditions.

Westmore Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

Westmore Recycling Center 6988 VT Rte. 5A. Every Saturday, 8am-1pm. (begins 2/24/24)

TOWN CURBSIDE COLLECTION:

Trash—Picked up every Tuesday —Bags available for purchase at Town Clerk's Office

Recycling— Picked up every Thursday- Place all recycling in **CLEAR** bags. Bags are available at Town Clerk's office– 3 bags for $1. All cardboard must be in a clear plastic bag for curbside recycling.

Refer to Zero-Sort poster below, no sorting required for curbside pickup. **Must sort at Transfer Station!**

In addition to recyclables listed above the Westmore Transfer Station Accepts:

HOUSEHOLD TRASH: ***2024 Prices effective 4/1/24*** Bags available at Town Clerk's office. Blue bags- $4.00 each or $20.00 for a roll of 5 Green bags- $5.00 each or $25.00 for a roll of 5.

Bulky waste tipping fee-.25 cents per pound

FOOD SCRAPS: All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. No PLU stickers, plastics, metals, paper.

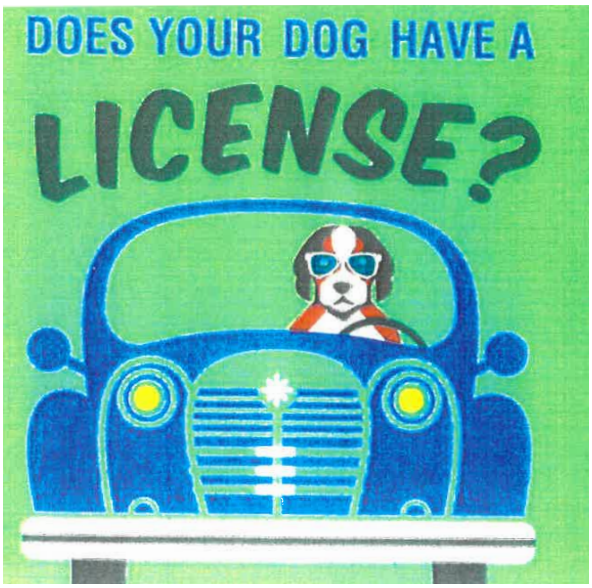
SPECIAL WASTES: Oil, oil filters, automotive batteries, all household batteries (primary & rechargeable), hard-cover books, scrap metal, fluorescent bulbs, electronics (computers, televisions, radios, gaming consoles, phones).

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,** Monday – Friday, May to October in Lyndonville, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

In addition to services provided at this location, district residents have access to disposal services at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St, Lyndonville.

Recycling, Food Scraps, Scrap Metal, E-waste, Waste Oil, Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, Freon-Containing Appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units, and Dehumidifiers), EPS Foam, Stump Dump, all free of charge, and Tire Disposal, fees apply, available at the Lyndonville Recycling Center.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, outreach@nekwmd.org



All dog/wolf hybrids 6 months or older shall be licensed on or before April 1st and must have a valid rabies vaccination certificate.

	Before April 1st:						
	Town Fees		State Fees				TOTAL DUE
	Basic Fee	Late Fee	Spay/ Neuter Program	Rabies Program	Breeding License for up to 10 dogs	Pet Dealer Permit	
Altered Males/Females:	$4	-	$4	$3	-	-	$11
UN-Altered Males/Females:	$8	-	$4	$3	-	-	$15
Breeding License: (add Pet Dealer permit if owner sells/exchanges 3 or more litters between April 1-Mar. 31)	-	-	-	$3	$30	-	$33
Pet Dealer Permit: (sells and/or exchanges dogs or sells/exchanges 3 or more litters	-	-	-	-	-	$25	$25

	AFTER April 1st:						
	Town Fees		State Fees				TOTAL DUE
	Basic Fee	Late Fee	Spay/ Neuter Program	Rabies Program	Breeding License for up to 10 dogs	Pet Dealer Permit	
Altered Males/Females:	$4	$2	$4	$3	-	-	$13
UN-Altered Males/Females:	$8	$4	$4	$3	-	-	$19
Breeding License: (add $4.50/dog over 10 dogs)	-	-	-	$3	$45	-	$48
Pet Dealer Permit:	-	-	-	-	-	$37.50	$37.50

List of Common Items **NOT ACCEPTED** for Recycling

Please dispose of the following items in the trash unless otherwise stated.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFELY AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF A MATERIAL– CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
(802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers
Motor oil, gas containers
Pesticide containers
Styrofoam of any kind
Planting pots and trays
Plastic furniture
Plastic Toys
Coffee Makers
Coat hangers
Vinyl Siding
Maple Tubing
CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases
Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size
Hard, rigid plastic (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers
Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)
Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans
Large Pieces of Metal
Nails, Screws, Fasteners
Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers
Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind
Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes
Cardboard with metallic interior
Single-use coffee cups
Soiled Cardboard
Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)
White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)
Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers
Paper plates, cups, bowls
Single-use cups
Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal
Incandescent light bulbs
Automotive lights
Pyrex
Porcelain

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)
"Biodegradable" bags, cutlery, bowls, plates
Food utensils
Plates, bowls, cups
Plastic bags
Styrofoam
Keurig cups

VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Testing Drinking Water from Your Private Well

September 2023

If you are on a private well or spring, the Health Department recommends testing your water regularly using these three test kits, called the **Vermont Homeowner Testing Package**:

- Total coliform and *E.coli* bacterial test **every year**
- Inorganic chemical test **every five years**
- Gross alpha radiation screening **every five years**

You can order the **Vermont Homeowner Testing Package** for $159 or individual drinking water test kits from the Health Department Laboratory at 800-660-9997 or 802-338-4724 – or use another certified drinking water lab. For a list of certified labs, visit HealthVermont.gov/lab/drinking-water (in English).

Bacterial Test (every year)

Coliform bacteria are a large group bacteria found in soil, plants, and the intestines of humans and other animals. Coliform bacteria do not necessarily make you sick, but may mean your well is contaminated.

If your result shows bacteria are "detected," boiling water for one minute will kill bacteria so it can be used for drinking and cooking.

Inorganic Chemical Test (every five years)

Test for these chemicals: **arsenic, chloride, copper, fluoride, hardness, iron, lead, manganese, nitrate, nitrite, sodium and uranium.**

These elements are widely found throughout Vermont groundwater and can cause nuisance problems, like color or taste, or can cause negative health effects.

Gross Alpha Screening (every five years)

This test measures the activity of naturally occurring radioactive elements, such as uranium and radium, commonly found throughout the groundwater in Vermont. Gross alpha results and uranium results can be used to find out if additional testing or treatment is needed. For more information visit HealthVermont.gov/water/radioactive-elements (in English).

Other Water Problems

If your water has an unusual smell, taste, color or sheen, switch to another safe water source until test results are known. For more info visit healthvermont.gov/water (in English) or call the Private Drinking Water Program at 800-439-8550 or 802-951-5790 for guidance.

Learn more about water testing at HealthVermont.gov/water/testing (in English)

802-863-7220 · www.HealthVermont.gov

What are the health concerns?

Bacteria. Effects from coliform bacteria can range from no effects to severe cramps and diarrhea. Go to HealthVermont.gov/water/bacteria (in English) for more information.

Arsenic has been linked to increased lifetime risk for bladder, lung or skin cancer. The maximum contaminant level (MCL) in water is 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

Chlorides do not cause health problems, but high chloride levels give drinking water an unpleasant taste and may be a sign of other problems. The maximum level in water is 250 mg/L.

Copper. Elevated levels of copper can stain plumbing fixtures and give the water a metallic taste. High amounts of copper in water can cause stomachaches, vomiting or diarrhea. The maximum level in water is 1.3 mg/L.

Fluoride is a mineral found in nature that helps the body resist tooth decay. You should know if well water contains fluoride so you can make adjustments to infant formula or children's supplements. The maximum level in water is 4.0 mg/L.

Hardness causes no known health risks but can cause reduced lathering of soap, and buildup of scale in water heaters, cookware and plumbing.

Iron. Elevated levels of iron can stain clothing, sinks, toilets and bathtubs. Iron can give water a metallic taste, but is not known to cause negative health effects. The maximum level in water is 0.3 mg/L.

Lead is a toxic metal that can come from older plumbing. It can hurt the brain, kidneys and nervous system, especially for children and pregnant women. There is no safe level of lead in the body, and Vermont has set a health advisory level of 0.001 mg/L.

Manganese is an essential element, but high amounts could affect the nervous system. It can discolor water and stain clothing and bathroom fixtures grey/black, usually when levels are higher than 0.050 mg/L. The maximum level in water is 0.300 mg/L.

Nitrate/Nitrite. High nitrate levels in your water system may also show contamination from sources such as septic systems, fertilizers or farm fields. The maximum level for nitrates in water is 10.0 mg/L and for nitrites is 1.0 mg/L. However, nitrate levels can fluctuate. If your nitrate level is more than 5.0 mg/L, test your water for nitrate every 3 to 6 months.

Sodium. Water with high levels of sodium tastes salty, can corrode metal piping, and can contribute to high blood pressure. Salt from road de-icing may cause sodium levels to rise in wells close to roads. The maximum level in water is 250 mg/L.

Uranium is a radioactive element found in nature, including soil, water, rocks, plants and food. Elevated levels of uranium may increase a person's risk of kidney damage or lifetime risk of cancer. The maximum level in water is 0.020 mg/L.

Town of Westmore
SELECTBOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

2025

All meetings are held every other Monday at 6:00 pm
unless otherwise posted

If you wish to be on the agenda, you must do so before 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before the meeting.
Please contact the Town Clerk's Office (525-3007) for further information.

TOWN MEETING DAY - Tuesday March 4, 2025 Selectboard Meeting held after town meeting

January 13, 2025
January 27, 2025
February 10, 2025
February 24, 2025
Town Meeting - March 4, 2025
March 10, 2025
March 24, 2025
April 7, 2025
April 21, 2025
May 5, 2025
May 19, 2025
June 2, 2025
June 16, 2025
June 30, 2025
July 14, 2025
July 28, 2025
August 11, 2025
August 25, 2025
September 8, 2025
September 22, 2025
October 6, 2025
October 20, 2025
November 3, 2025
November 17, 2025
December 1, 2025
December 15, 2025
December 29, 2025

If you would like to receive meeting agendas by e-mail, please contact the Town Clerk at 525-3007 or at clerk@westmoreonline.org

"WARNING" postings for Selectboard Meetings:
Town Clerk's Office; Bulletin Boards at Municipal Parking Lot and North Beach

Vermont's Open Meeting Law requires all public bodies to provide local residents or members of the press electronic/telephonic access to a regularly scheduled meeting, if requested. Individuals who would like remote access to a meeting of the Select Board must contact the Westmore Town Clerk's office at least 2 business days prior to the meeting.

Town of Westmore
30 Hinton Hill Rd
Orleans, VT 05860

WESTMORE INFORMATION

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Phone #	802-525-3007
Mailing Address:	54 Hinton Hill Road Orleans, VT 05860
Website:	www.westmoreonline.org
E-mail:	clerk@westmoreonline.org

Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur.: 9:00-4:00

LISTER'S OFFICE:

Phone #	802-525-3235
Mailing Address:	same as Town Clerk
E-mail:	wstrlisters@gmail.com

Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 - 2:00
Please call ahead to ensure we are in the office.

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David Stevens	802-525-3830
Peter Hyslop	802-673-2442
William Perkins	802-525-3948
Russell Curtis	802-595-4808

PLANNING & ZONING
Bob Kennedy 802-673-0749

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William Perkins 802-525-3948

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Renee Falconer 802-673-3791

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Dan Sicard 802-624-6424

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District Representative:
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The CHRONICLE is used for ALL town warnings, notices & ads

********** EMERGENCY INFORMATION **********

For emergencies: Police, Ambulance, Fire, call 911

FIRE & RESCUE:

Fire Chief: Ray Pike	802-525-8842
Fire Warden: Ray Pike	802-525-8842

ORLEANS SHERIFF: 802-334-3333

Northern NE Poison Center	800-222-1222
Glover Ambulance	802-525-3560
Vermont State Police and VT Fish & Wildlife	802-334-8881