

**Selectboard Agenda
Johnson Municipal Offices
293 Lower Main West**

Date: Monday, August 15, 2022

Agenda:

CALL TO ORDER

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6:35 p.m. Review Invoices and Orders

6:45 p.m. Review and approve minutes of meetings past August 1st, 2022

6:50 p.m. Selectboard issues/concerns

6:55 p.m. Treasurer's Report and review and approve bills, warrants, licenses and any action items.

7:05 p.m. Public Works Supervisor/Highway Foreman Report

7:15 p.m. Review Planned Purchases

Administrator's report, action items, and signature required items:

7:20 p.m. Committees and volunteer support items:

1. Green Mountain ATV Road Improvements (25 minutes)
2. Tractor Parade Permit Request (5 minutes)

7:50 p.m. Follow up from last meeting action items (please review last meeting minutes for context):

3. Voting Delegate for Town Fair (5 minutes)
4. Signing Certificate of Authority for AG Self Storage vs. Johnson Settlement (5 minutes)
5. Signing Management Contract for Flood Resilient Communities Fund Grant (5 minutes)
6. Updates for Draft Grant Agreement for Vermont Electric Coop and Town of Johnson Storm Water Improvements (10 minutes)
7. Public Display Policy Update (10 minutes)
8. Holcombe House Apartment Planning (10 minutes)

8:35 p.m. New Projects:

9. Village Work in the Right of Way (10 minutes)
10. Update on Town Revolving Loan Fund (5 minutes)
11. Knotweed Removal Grant (5 minutes)

9:00 p.m. Executive Session(s)

12. Update on Litigation to Which the Town May Be a Party (15 minutes)

Adjourn

Please join by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3446522544?pwd=VkNZZE5tMW5PaEhidVpnUjRxSkxGdz09>

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Meeting ID: 344 652 2544

Passcode: 15531

Town Administrator's Report

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1. Green Mountain ATV Road Improvements (25 minutes)

The Green Mountain ATV club has asked to make improvements on Coddling Hollow. Those improvements have been reviewed by the Conservation Commission for impacts they may have on town owned land. Additionally a draft of an alternate municipal agreement is available for the board to review.

2. Tractor Parade Permit Request (5 minutes)

A request has been made for a tractor parade proceeding from the Manchester Property to Legion Field on September 17th, 2022.

7:50 p.m. Follow up from last meeting action items (please review last meeting minutes for context):

3. Voting Delegate for Town Fair (5 minutes)

A voting delegate may be appointed to attend Town Fair and represent the Town of Johnson during the VLCT annual meeting.

4. Signing Certificate of Authority for AG Self Storage vs. Johnson Settlement (5 minutes)

The PVR Hearing Attorney has requested additional documentation from the Selectboard to affirm the board's decision.

5. Signing Management Contract for Flood Resilient Communities Fund Grant (5 minutes)

A management contract is available to engage with Lamoille County Planning Commission to manage the FRCF grant to purchase the Holmes Meadow property for floodplain preservation.

6. Updates for Draft Grant Agreement for Vermont Electric Coop and Town of Johnson Storm Water Improvements (10 minutes)

Update on the board's request for consideration in the stormwater planning for the Vermont Electric Coop.

7. Public Display Policy Update (10 minutes)

Draft policies on displays of causes on public property are available for review.

8. Holcombe House Apartment Planning (10 minutes)

We have an opportunity to discuss next planning steps for the apartment at the Holcomb House.

8:35 p.m. New Projects:

9. Village Work in the Right of Way (10 minutes)

There was some kind of miscommunication with work being done on a village pump station on River Road West, and properly obtaining a permit to work in the town's right of way.

10. Update on Town Revolving Loan Fund (5 minutes)

Update on the current status of the Town's Revolving Loan Fund.

11. Knotweed Removal Grant (5 minutes)

The Tree Board would like to apply for a grant for funds to continue to remove knotweed in the arboretum.

9:00 p.m. Executive Session(s)

12. Update on Litigation to Which the Town May Be a Party (15 minutes)

An update on a topic that could result in litigation to which the town may be a party is available. The board may find that premature disclosure of that update may substantially disadvantage the town. If the board believes that is the case, the board may enter into executive session to discuss those communications as allowed by **1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)**.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

Information Items:

1. Vermont Community Foundation: \$1,000 Grant for Monday Night Bakes
2. Thank you card: Etta Parker
3. Lamoille Sheriffs Dept: re setting up meeting
4. Dog Bite: 7/23/2022

Budget Items:

Legal Issues:

VLCT: PACIF

1. 2022-2023 Municipal Calendar

State/Federal Issues:

1. Notice of Determination: Heavy Cut Provision

Administrator's Correspondence:

Workshops: 2022 Leadership Summit, Finance Overview for Selectboards, VLCT Town Fair Oct. 6-7
Newsletters: Public Management July 2022
Brochures & Ads:

Updates:

- A permit for the Rail Trail Mowing has been requested.
- Grow Cemetery Boundary has been marked and the neighbors informed.

Old Business:

1. ATV Ordinance Update
2. Class IV Road Update
3. Stop Sign Ordinance
4. Constable Update

Adjourn

2022 Cash on Hand

Cash on Hand June 30, 2022	950,842.83	
Due From Village	<u>9,819.23</u>	
	Total	960,662.06
Reserves that are in Cash		
Emergency Fund	(58,381.85)	
Conservation	(3,288.87)	
Conservation Reserve Fund	(3,500.00)	
Records Fund	(20,679.72)	
Tax Anticipation Fund	(290,780.25)	
Trust Funds	(1,600.00)	
Communication Committee (TNL)	(13,242.08)	
Johnson Community Oven	(984.77)	
Tax Prepayments 20-21 year	(8,878.89)	
Accounts Payable	(40,483.15)	
Rent Deposits	(975.00)	
Audit Reserves	(56,573.00)	
Paving Reserves	(163,680.73)	
Welcome Center	(7,028.30)	
Recreation - prepayment	(3,095.00)	
Johnson Bandstand	(209.97)	
Toddler Playground	(108.77)	
Non Motorized Bike Track Grants	(6,385.50)	
Mill Park Grant/Recreation Fields	(840.35)	
To Due Skatepark Reserve Fund - prior years	(7,870.79)	
Resered for Other Purposes	<u>(10,708.00)</u>	
Balance		<u>(699,294.99)</u>
Balance for Cash on Hand		261,367.08
Delinquent Taxes		<u>141,224.44</u>
	Total Available	402,591.52
Proposed Reservations		
To Reduce Taxes 22-23 Budget	100,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Reserve Fund	20,000.00	
Highway Capital Equipment Fund	20,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds	20,000.00	
Reappraisal Fund	<u>37,405.00</u>	
		<u>197,405.00</u>
Balance left over/uncommitted	205,186.52	
Reserve Fund Balances		Sept Board Meeting
Union Bank Reappraisal	7,127.01	
Building & Grounds	72,317.15	
Capital Equipment Fund	242,796.21	
Bridge & Culvert Fund	97,083.36	
Recreation Reserve Fund	17,036.00	
Skatepark Reserve Fund	11,798.38	
Conservation Money Trust Fund	3,500.00	
Records Preservation Fund	20,679.72	

Tax Anticipation Fund	290,780.25
Emergency Fund	58,381.85
Historical Society	<u>34,714.42</u>
	856,214.35

Item	Department/Use	Cost	Code	Quotes
5-8" Stone and Stone	Public Works	\$7,500	50-8-40-57.03	Construction Projects - Annual

**APPENDIX A
Town of Johnson
Right of Way Project Permit Application Form**

Application # _____

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: This form is for use in conjunction with the Town's Highway Access & Work in the Right of Way Policy. Before submitting an application, applicants are urged to review the Town's Highway Access & Work in the Right of Way Policy in full. If an application is approved, the Road Foreman will issue written permission in the form of a Notice of Permission to Proceed ("Notice"). The Notice will list the specifications, requirements, and restrictions for the work. The Notice may require supervision and/or inspection by the Town. The Notice will state the date on which construction / development of the Access may proceed. Once construction/development is completed, the Road Foreman shall conduct a final inspection to determine if the work has been completed according to the requirements listed in the Notice. If, after inspection, it is determined that the Access has been constructed / developed in compliance with the Notice, a written Permit shall be issued by the Road Foreman within 30 days after final inspection. An access is not considered legally permitted until the written Permit has been recorded in the Town Land Records at the expense of the Permittee.

Name of Applicant: Vermont ATV Sportsmans Association (Ethan Hill)

Address and telephone number of Applicant: 14 Don Camp Dr. Barre VT 05641-802-793-1827

If Applicant is an organization or corporate entity, list the principal officers of Applicant and any other individual authorized to represent the applicant group or entity applying for the Permit:

Ethan Hill - Trails Coordinator 802-793-1827 / Danny Hale - Executive Director
1802-353-6608

If Applicant is an organization or corporate entity, list the name address, email and telephone number of individual making the application:

Ethan Hill - Ehill@VTVASA.ORG - 14 Don Camp Dr. Barre VT 05641-802-793-1827

Location of the proposed project: North of 2501 Coddling Hollow Rd on Class IV Section
(Approx. 44° 42' 10.36" N 72° 42' 17.75" W)

If the applicant is not the owner of the premises where the proposed project will be conducted, list the name and contact information of the owner or other person that has the authority to consent to the use of the premises and attach a signed statement from that person stating that consent is given to the applicant to have the access constructed on those premises:

Town of Johnson Class IV Rd

The date on which construction is proposed to begin: VASA Can Start shortly after town
Approval

Draw or attach a visual depiction of the premises indicating location, layout, state and local highways, entrances and exits, traffic flow patterns, parking and land uses of the surrounding area.

Attached is VASA Trail maintenance application
Outlining proposed work with map

Describe the arrangements that have been made to protect the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the traveling public during construction including, but not limited to, arrangements for traffic control, crowd control, waste, and sanitation facilities:

VASA will Post Signage. Stating equipment on trail and under construction
trail will remain passable during maint.

Applicant may provide any additional information that may assist the Road Foreman.

Ethan Hill

Signature of the applicant
or an individual authorized to act for the applicant

6.28.22

Date

FOR TOWN USE ONLY:

Application received by _____ [town official] on _____ [date]

Application fee of \$ _____, received by _____ [form of payment]

VASA TRAIL PROGRAM APPLICATION

Part I – Club Information

1. Club:
2. Club Contact/Title:
3. Club's Mailing Address:
4. Club's Telephone: Email:

Part II - Project Information

1. Project Type:
Construction Maintenance De-Brushing
2. Project Contact/Title:
3. Project Contact's Telephone: Email:
4. Project/Trail Name:
5. Project Location(city/town):
6. **Work Plan (specific tasks to be accomplished)** Provide a detailed work plan for this project which tells the specific tasks to be accomplished during the course of the project. **DO NOT GENERALIZE.** Work plans should provide a sufficient enough description to understand what work needs to be done where.

Include:
 - Work components (What work will be done and how? What techniques will you use? What trail standards will you apply? Who will do the work?);
 - Project specifications (How long is the section or sections of trail to be worked on? What structures will you be building or repairing? What materials and equipment will you use? How will you transport materials and equipment to the project site(s)?);
 - Show all work plan components on your map.
7. **Is this project to maintain an existing trail on privately owned property that is already managed as a public VASA trail?** Yes No

If yes, the Club must obtain written permission from the private landowner(s) as described below, certify by checking the box which follows and submit an original copy to VASA.

I obtained written permission from the private landowner(s) which state the landowner(s) will to cooperate with VASA, participate as necessary in activities proposed in this application, and provide public access for the recreational trail use intended, and will continue to do so for the term specified in the in the VASA Landowner Permission Form.

By checking this box, the Club certifies the written permission above has been obtained and submitted with this application.

8. a. Is this project to develop or construct a new trail and/or new trail section, Y N
b. Is this project to develop or construct a new trail linkage, Y N
c. Is this project to develop or construct a new trailhead area or permanent trail structure on private land, Y N
9. Is this project on public land (federal, state or municipal)? Yes No

If yes, Club must attach public landowner's written approval. Approval shall be for the work tasks listed in this application, and written assurance of continued public access to the trail(s) for uses intended in this application.

10. Is any of the trail work proposed in this application to be done on any Vermont Class IV roads?
Yes No

If yes, Club must attach a copy of the Town Ordinance allowing ATV use.

11. **Budget:** You must attach a budget form with your application. A budget form is found at the end of this application. The budget form provides an estimate of the cost of your project. Be thorough, detailed, and accurate.

- Attach any requests for proposals, bids, or price quotes used to formulate your budget.
- Attach written confirmation of any donated services or materials
- If skilled tradesman/operators are to be unitized please complete the VASA Skilled Labor Form at the end of this application.

12. **Map:** A topographical map with the project location must be attached to this application. Maps should clearly and accurately mark the trail by name and location, define what work will be done along the trail, identify work areas, segments of trail to be worked on and trailhead access areas. Be sure the map indicates the town the project is in, public and private property boundary lines, roads, rivers, lakes, and wetlands. If any part of the trail work will be on a Class IV road, clearly indicate. A legend must be included to support marked project components. Maps should have a North arrow and be easily comprehensible.

- Attach photos of the project location to help reviewers have the ability to assess the conditions of the project area as a part of their review process;

13. Project Justification: Write a short description of your proposed project and tell the following items:

- Why this project is needed; Why it is important to be funded;

- What makes this project a trail project priority for the Club;

- If there is any crisis, emergency, or safety issue to get this project done.

14. Project Review Sheet & Status of Permits or Clearances for this Project: VASA Staff will request a Project Review Sheet (PRS), signed by a Permitting Specialist, from the Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation. This form provides a preliminary determination of what state, local & federal environmental permits or clearances this project may need. It lists agencies, departments & contact information for you to follow up with. Attach copies of any permits you already have for the project.

Environmental reviews are required to ensure projects will not impact rare, threatened & endangered species, protected wildlife habitat areas, rivers, streams, wetlands (water quality), or any archeological or historic resources. If your project is approved, it will be required VASA obtain any State permits required before you begin your project.

<u><i>Club Contact</i></u>	<u><i>Project Contact</i></u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Printed Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Printed Name
_____ <i>Signature of duly authorized agent of Club</i>	_____ <i>Signature of duly authorized VASA agent</i>
_____ Date	
VASA PROJECT# _____	

**VASA TRAILS PROGRAM PROJECT RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT FROM
MUNICIPALITY**

for projects involving Class IV Town Highways

Whereas: The VASA Trails Program, administered by the Vermont ATV Sportsman’s Association provides resources to non-profit trail organizations and municipalities for eligible recreational trail improvement projects.

Whereas: Eligibility for trail project resources is limited to recreational trails only and such resources shall not be used for road projects that result in roads suitable for travel by regular passenger vehicles.

Whereas: The recreational investment represented by a VASA Trails Program resources must be protected for the useful life of the investment.

Whereas: The project sponsor, has proposed a recreational trail project described generally as (title of project/trail name) on Class IV Town Highway (TH#) (name of Class IV Highway road) of the Town of .

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of as represented by the Select Board is in full support of the project referred to herein; agrees to continually allow the referenced recreational activity to occur on the town highway for the useful life of the investment, (number of years) from the date of the agreement; and VASA commits to maintaining the funded recreational improvements in useful repair for their useful life as defined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Town should allow additional improvement to the affected length of highway to accommodate uses other than the referenced recreational activity, those uses shall not preclude the intended recreational activity for the stated useful life of the recreational investment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town understands that failure to fulfill the stated commitments may result in having to return VASA funds used on the project.

CERTIFICATION

I (authorized person of the municipality) hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by:

X _____

Authorized Signature of the Municipality

Printed Name & Title of the Authorized Official and Date of Signature

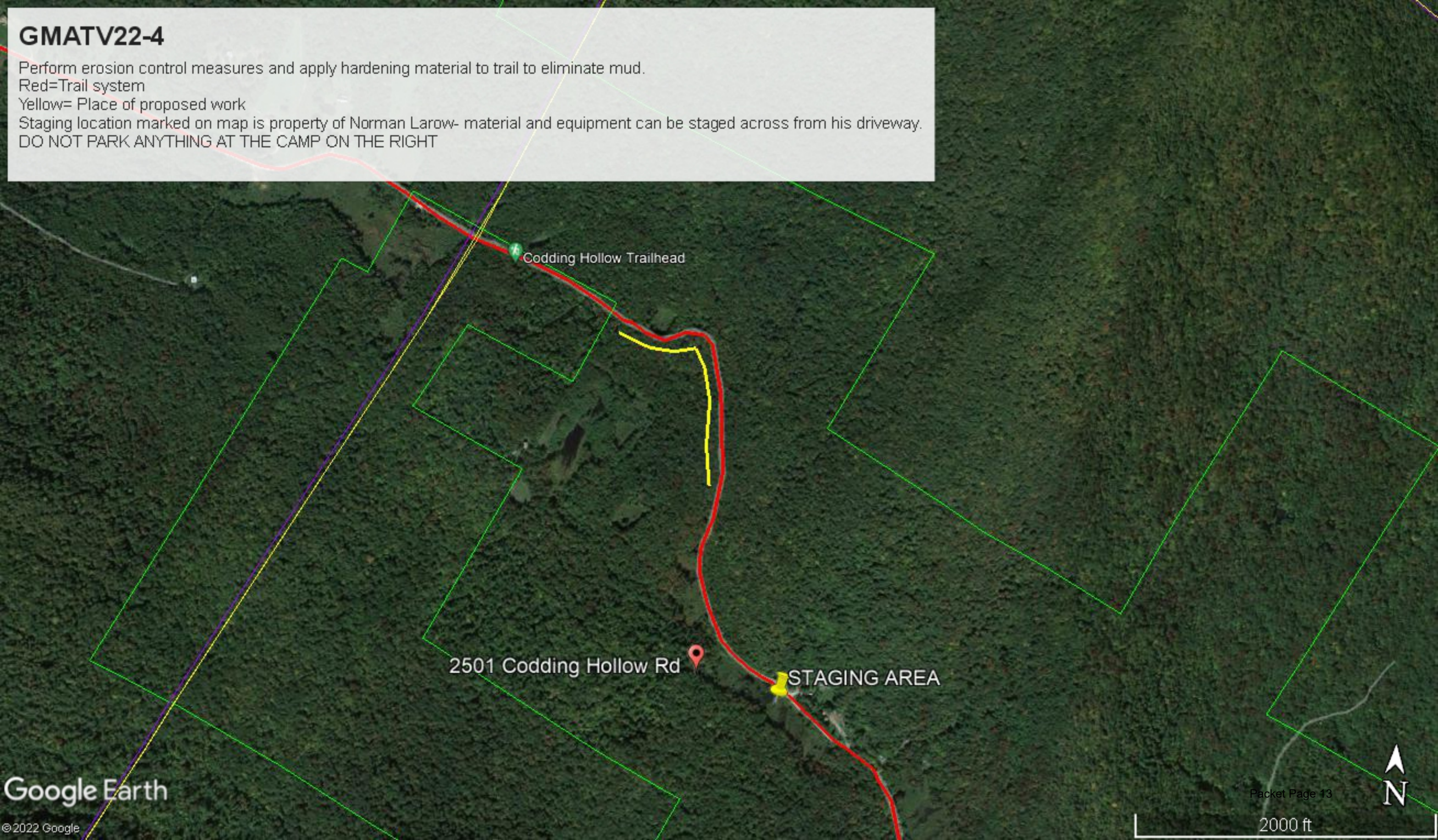
X

Witnessed

Printed Name & Date of Witness Signature

GMATV22-4

Perform erosion control measures and apply hardening material to trail to eliminate mud.
Red=Trail system
Yellow= Place of proposed work
Staging location marked on map is property of Norman Larow- material and equipment can be staged across from his driveway.
DO NOT PARK ANYTHING AT THE CAMP ON THE RIGHT



Coddling Hollow Trailhead

2501 Coddling Hollow Rd

STAGING AREA



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Whereas: The project sponsor, has proposed a recreational trail project described generally as (title of project/trail name) on Class IV Town Highway (TH6) Coddington Hollow of the Town of Johnson.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Johnson as represented by the Select Board is in full support of the project referred to herein; agrees to continually allow the referenced recreational activity to occur on the town highway for the 1 year ending on Town Meeting Day; and VASA commits to maintaining the funded recreational improvements in useful repair during that year.

The Selectboard resolves that unless the Selectboard declines to renew the agreement, the agreement is renewed for another year. This may continue until 2027, after 2027 the agreement is fully and completely ended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Town should allow additional improvement to the affected length of highway to accommodate uses other than the referenced recreational activity, those uses shall not preclude the intended recreational activity for the duration of this agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town understands that failure to fulfill the stated commitments may result in having to return VASA funds used on the project.

CERTIFICATION

I _____ hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by:

X

Authorized Signature of the Municipality

Printed Name & Title of the Authorized Official and Date of Signature

X

Witnessed

Printed Name & Date of Witness Signature

**HOLMES MEADOW BUYOUT AND FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION
AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

By and Between

Lamoille County Planning Commission

And

Town of Johnson

I. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

- A. It is agreed by and between the Lamoille County Planning Commission (hereafter referred to as LCPC) and the Town of Johnson (hereafter referred to as the Town) that the LCPC shall assist the Town in providing Project Management services for the Town in accordance with the steps outlined in Attachment A: Work Plan and Budget Summary.
- B. This Agreement consists of the body and Attachment A, which is incorporated herein.

II. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. The maximum dollar amount for all services performed under this Agreement shall not exceed **\$9,041.50** unless amended.
- B. The period of performance under this Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2022, and run through December 31, 2024, unless amended.
- C. Ownership of all data and materials collected under this Agreement shall remain with the Town.
- D. Changes, modifications, or amendments in the schedule, terms, conditions, and fees of this Agreement shall be written and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the LCPC and the Town.
- E. The parties agree that the LCPC, and any agents and employees of the Commission, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the Town.
- F. The Town shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.

- G. The Town's principal contact for the project is Brian Story, Town Administrator. LCPC's principal contact for the project is Seth Jensen, Deputy Director.
- H. If the LCPC shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, the Town shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the LCPC at least thirty days prior to the effective date of such termination. All costs and fees earned prior to the date of termination shall be reimbursed to the LCPC by the Town.
- I. The fees charged for services for the duration of this agreement will be actual costs up to the maximum limit as described in Section II.B. of this agreement.

III. OBLIGATIONS OF THE LCPC

- A. LCPC staff will work with the Town of Wolcott in providing the services listed in Attachment A.
- B. The LCPC shall maintain all books, documents, payrolls, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred under this Agreement and make them available upon request. LCPC will track and invoice costs for the "Holmes Meadow" project separately.
- C. The LCPC shall invoice the Town on a quarterly basis for costs incurred on this project. This agreement will be billed on an hourly basis up to the agreement maximum.
- D. The LCPC shall provide to the Town copies of all final documents generated under this project, and draft documents upon request.
- E. The contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of federally assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy, as LCPC deems appropriate.

IV. OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN

- A. In consideration of the services to be provided by the LCPC, the Town shall pay the LCPC after review and approval of invoices submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section III. C.
- B. The Town agrees to participate in meetings with LCPC staff and project partners, as necessary.

- C. The Town will make available any requirements (including insurance coverage minimums), information, data, reports, plans, maps, or drawings to the LCPC to carry out the tasks in this project. All materials belonging to the Town will be returned.
- D. The Town agrees to cooperate with and administratively assist the LCPC in carrying out its tasks.
- E. The Town agrees to track costs for the “Holmes Meadow” project separately.

V. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Changes, modifications and amendments in the terms, conditions, and fees of this Agreement shall be in writing and be signed by the duly authorized representatives of LCPC and the Town.
- B. Before commencing work on this Agreement, LCPC must provide certificates of insurance to show minimum town required coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of LCPC to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the Town through the term of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed:

For Town of Johnson

For Lamoille County Planning Commission

R. Tasha Wallis, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A SCOPE OF WORK

LCPC agrees to provide the following services to the Town of Johnson in accordance with this contract for the “Holmes Meadow” project.

- Assist in procuring appraisal services
- Assist with coordination of closing between Town and property owner.
- Assist with development and issuing of the RFP for Final Design engineering and permitting assistance.
- Assist Town with submittal of final designs, budget, scope, and timeline for Phase 2 to Vermont Emergency Management.
- Provide the selected consultant with Town policy and plan information pertinent for consideration in this project, including but not limited to Town Plan goals, land use regulations, Town Road & Bridge standards, transportation improvement plans, related flood mitigation studies/plans, river corridor easement documents, Lamoille Basin Plan, FEMA Requirements, and other documents.
- Organize/Attend site visits, design/partner review meetings, and other public outreach sessions.
- Review/Comment on reports, design plans, and other products produced by the hired consultant and contractor – including consolidating/coordinating municipal, regional, and state partner comments.
- Provide Project Management Services, including but not limited to oversight and management of the consultant and contractors’ work.
- Provide assistance in completing quarterly Progress Reports.

Town of Johnson

Public Display Policy

1. PURPOSE

It is the intent of the Town of Johnson to establish a municipal policy which follows the United States and State of Vermont provisions governing the display of flags and other public displays, including the United States flag, the State flag, and others.

2. REFERENCE

United States and State of Vermont provisions governing the display of flags. These can be found in the United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1 and the Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 11 (hereinafter "Flag Code and Protocol").

3. APPLICATION

This Policy applies to all buildings and grounds owned or controlled by the Town of Johnson and all individuals employed by or who volunteer with the Town of Johnson, unless a provision of the policy conflicts with a contract or statute (e.g., Collective Bargaining Agreement, Civil Service Rule, or Memorandum of Understanding).

4. GUIDANCE

a. Display and Care of Flags:

- i. The Town of Johnson follows the Federal and State of Vermont Flag Code and Protocol governing the display and care of flags, including the United States flag and the State flag.

b. Additional Displays Indoors or Outdoors:

- i. In addition to the above flags, other Special Displays may be placed on the municipal building. Such Special Displays may only be placed upon approval from the Town of Johnson Selectboard.
 1. Examples of Special Displays include, but are not limited to: Sister City flags, Heritage Month flags (e.g., Black History Month, Pride Month, Asian/Pacific American History, National Hispanic Heritage, and Indigenous peoples' heritage), displays received in recognition of awards, displays received from visiting groups, or displays designating an event or accomplishment.
 2. When selecting or approving a request for placing a Special Display, the Selectboard shall consider and make a determination that the Special Display meets all of the following criteria:
 - a. Whether the group requesting the flag or display is a recognized municipal volunteer committee and the flag or display reflects the recognized mission of that group;
 - b. Whether the flag or display represents an organization dedicated to the public good for the Citizens of Johnson;
 - c. Whether the flag or display represents a National, State, or City interest;
 - d. Whether the flag or display is an historic American flag that has or continues to have a primary positive message of American history and unity;

- e. Whether the flag or display promotes unity and community with another city, state, country, or other jurisdiction;
 - f. Whether the flag or display is free of association with recognized hate groups; and
 - g. Whether the flag or display represents a positive interest or value worthy of public recognition.
 - 3. Unless otherwise stated or determined by the City Council, all Special Displays shall be flown or displayed for a maximum of thirty (30) calendar days after their approval.
- ii. Any Special Displays flown from a flagpole must not be larger than the flag of the United States of America and must be located beneath the flag of the United States of America when flown on the same staff.
- c. Display of the Flags at Half-Staff
 - i. All flags shall be flown at half-staff as prescribed or consistent with Flag Code and Protocol or as directed by the proper federal or state officials.

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b. Additional Displays Indoors or Outdoors:

- i. No other displays for causes will be placed on Town owned buildings, properties, or within the Town right of way.
- ii. Groups, organizations, businesses, or individuals that purchase sponsorship of recreational activities may be displayed provided that the display meets all of the following criteria:
 - a. The sponsorship is recommended by the Recreation Committee;
 - b. The sponsorship represents an entity that serves the public good for the Citizens of Johnson;
 - c. The sponsorship does not represent a National, State, or City interest;
 - d. The sponsorship is free of association with recognized hate groups; and
 - e. Whether the flag or display represents a positive interest or value worthy of public recognition.

JOHNSON HISTORY

Johnson, located in the Lamoille River Valley, was for thousands of years home to Native Americans known as the "People of the Dawn" who used the river and lands for hunting, fishing, agriculture, settlements and transportation.

European settlement led to water powered mills, which provided goods and services. Small scale agriculture and logging supported early settlers and later sheep and dairy farming. Agriculture and logging declined but are still important to the town. Johnson Woolen Mill remains a world renowned icon. The discovery of talc led to a mining and milling industry. (You are at the site of the former Talc Mill). Johnson Village supported a grist mill and feed store, lumber mill, hardwood flooring business, lumberyard, a teachers college, hotels, Banks, blacksmith shops, churches, garages, groceries and apothecaries, doctors offices, Johnson Woolen Mill, a Creamery, a Railroad Station and a host of other local service businesses. While the Historic nature of the village has changed it is well worth the short ride to take in the sights and support the local businesses.

The Railway



Johnson's busy train station perhaps 1940's. Note cans of milk (shipped daily) and freight/baggage cart on platform. The cart is now part of the Johnson Historical Society collection



Train approaches Johnson from East coming through rock cut on River Road East near Dog's Head.

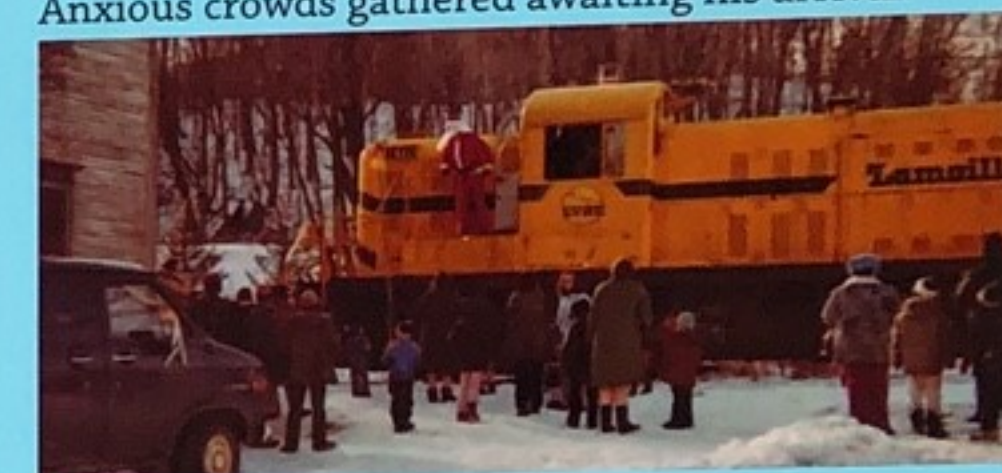


St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain train leaving Johnson Station headed West. At one time during the railroad's heyday, several trains served Johnson daily.



Train station and rail yard with siding servicing Parker & Stearns hard wood flooring mill.

One of the late runs of Lamoille County Railroad in 1978 was to bring Santa to the Lamoille County towns it was still serving. Anxious crowds gathered awaiting his arrival.



Talc Mill

1930s



Site visible from Rail Trail. The water silo on the hill served as a reservoir for sprinkler systems. Waste pile would be later reprocessed by flotation process.



Talc Mill and office as seen at time of it's closing about late 1980's. Office currently houses Johnson Food Shelf while parts of mill buildings are now used by the town highway department.

1980s

The Holcomb House

Current home of Johnson Historical Society, Holcomb House was originally home and office of its namesake, Dr. Lyndhurst Holcomb for more than 50 years beginning early 1900's. It sits still at 188 Upper Main Street. The original building is pictured right and what it looks like over a century later below.



2020s

1895



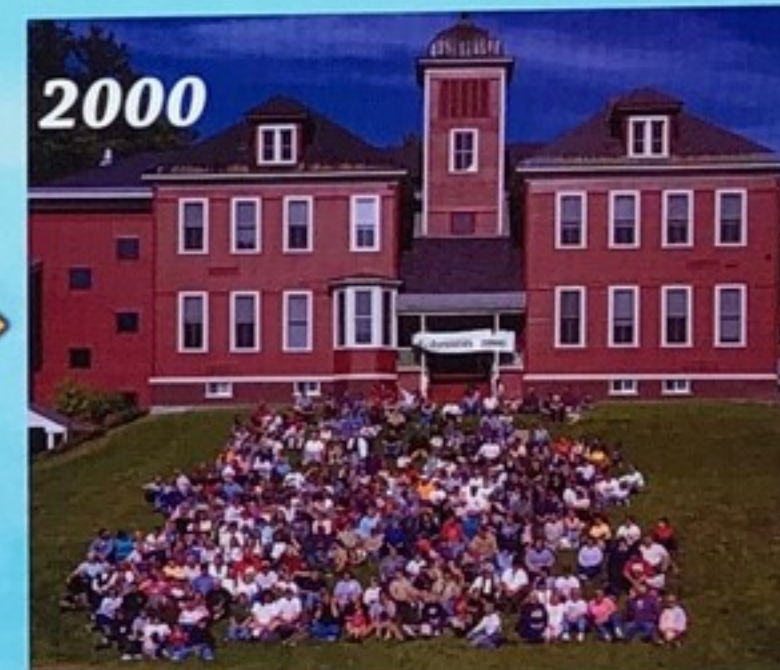
The original Johnson Elementary School built in 1895 and located on School Street.

1980



Over time the elementary school has grown. Above you can see the original building in back with two separate additions having been added in the front.

2000



Many of Johnson's finest celebrating the millennium in front of Johnson's newest Elementary School. Photo Credit Howard Romero

The Schools

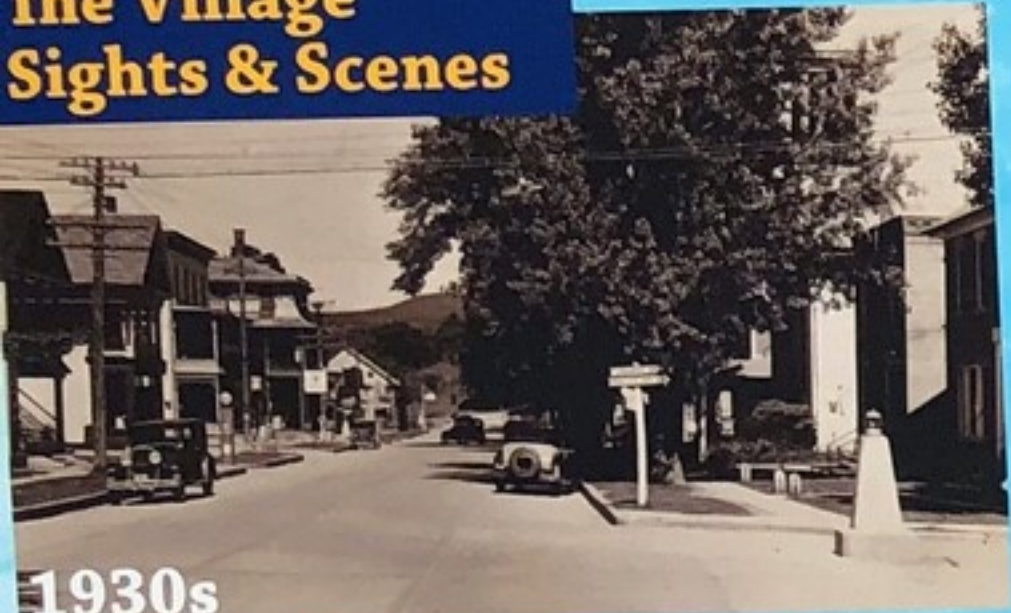
Early Academy/Normal School/Chesamore Hall located on Upper Main Street. Notice you can see Johnson Elementary School in background.



Located just up the hill behind Johnson Elementary School, McClelland Hall, now of Vermont State University, was originally built in 1941 for Johnson Normal School.

JOHNSON HISTORY

The Village Sights & Scenes



1930s

Main Street from Pearl Street West to Main Street Bridge. Note road sign and "silent policeman" for managing traffic flow on and off Pearl Street.

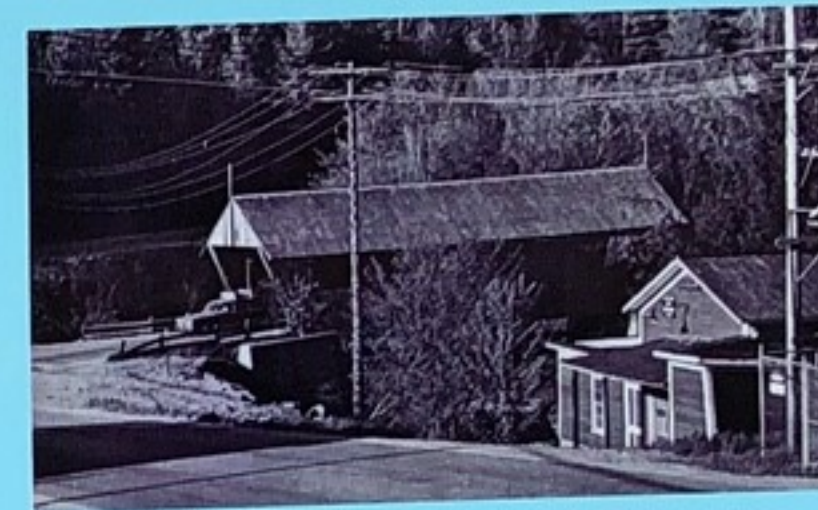


1940s-50s

Business center south side of Main Street. A close look reveals retail businesses no longer on Main Street.



Nye Block building/Landmark at Southwest corner of Railroad and Main Streets. Built as a mercantile store by Leonard Knight in 1868-18. The largest structure on Main Street was destroyed by fire in 1986.



Powerhouse Bridge crossing Gihon River at Route 100C and School Street. Named because of its location to village powerhouse seen lower right in photo. Photo circa 1950's. Bridge remains in 2022.



The covered bridge crossing Lamoille River on Railroad Street was lost in the 1927 flood. Note the two lanes of travel with horse and wagon exiting the south end of the bridge.

Twin Bridges on Pearl Street with grist mill on right. One bridge was lost in flood of 1927. Nowadays the bridge is concrete but, features a great view over the Gihon River adjacent the Vermont Studio Center.



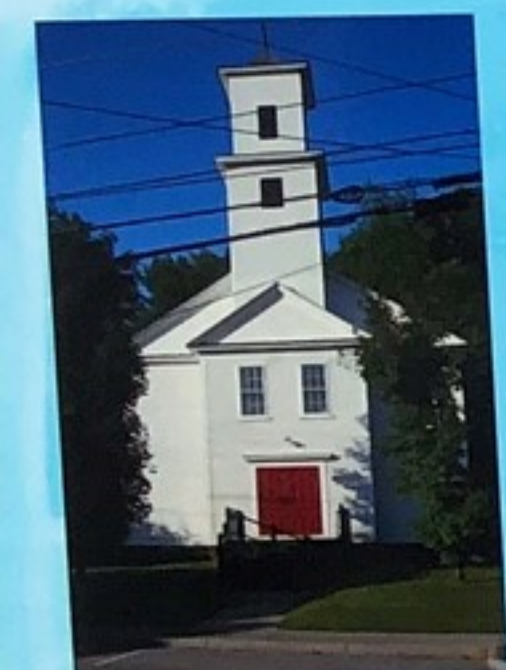
Covered Bridges



Scribner Bridge over Gihon River in East Johnson on Rocky Road. Photo circa 1960's. Bridge remains in 2022.



Waterman Bridge on Waterman Rd (French Hill) accidentally destroyed. Photo circa 1980's.



Masonic Temple located on northeast corner of Pearl and Main Street. Once a Baptist church on upper Pearl Street, moved in sections and rebuilt in current location with added town clock and tower.

Located on upper Main Street and constructed as a Congregational Church in 1832, it later it became the Opera House and Town Hall for community and school events. It is now known as Lowe Lecture Hall of Vermont Studio Center.



Hotel Johnson sat on the South side in the center of Main Street. Once a community center and tavern, it later the building became Hill's furniture store and now houses apartments. Look closely and you can also see the dentist office sign and livery in background.



Butternut Mountain Farm store on Main Street. Composed of the joining of two historic buildings. Left part once Johnson Fire Dept. Right portion was a school on Railroad Street which was moved to become blacksmith shop on Main Street.



Early C.H. Stearns grist mill on Pearl Street at the Gihon River. You can see the dam on right supplying power shared by grist mill and Woolen Mill.



The Stiles Farm on the South side of Route 15 West of Johnson village in its heyday. Now the campus of Laraway Youth & Family Services.



Agriculture



One of Johnson's beautiful bustling farms was the Sumner Andrews farm on RT 15 in the early 20th century. It was located across from current Jolley's store and operated on both sides of Route 15 West.

Boiling sap on Sinclair Road in East Johnson, the Lehouillier Maple Sugar House still operating 2022!



Cold Spring was deeded to the town for public use by the Mattie Baker family and is located on the south side of Upper Main Street. It remains in use since its construction in the early 20th century.



Scenes from some typical Johnson Memorial Day parades throughout the years. Spectators show up to support the many proud veterans who served from Johnson and surrounding areas.