



Village News

February 2025

Happy New Year to all! It has been a busy fall/winter season in the village! Congratulations to Marla Emery, our Village Accounts Receivable Specialist! Marla was awarded the **Carol A. Tracy Customer Service Award** from the New England Public Power Association (NEPPA). The Carol A. Tracey Award is presented to employees of NEPPA member utilities who deliver outstanding service to their customers, either through sustained, exceptional performance in serving their customers, or the development of new and/or innovative programs to meet customer needs. Marla fits ALL of those criteria and is the cornerstone of our utility office staff.

The Village Manager, with support from LCPC, applied for and won a competitive VT Department of Public Service (DPS) grant to purchase a new electric vehicle for staff use. We purchased the new Ford Mach-E in December and received the reimbursement check for the entire cost (including VT registration and a set of snow tires) from DPS in early January. The car is working great and saving fuel costs while cutting emissions. Your village is going Green!

The Village Water & Light Garage major rehab project is moving forward with great momentum. We are just a couple weeks from requesting bids from general contractors to complete the work this spring through fall. This project is largely (if not completely) being funded by multiple grants the Village Manager and the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) were able to land over the last 2 years and the ARPA funds that were previously set aside by the Trustees to help with this much needed project.

The Johnson Fire Department has received and finished fit-up on its new wildland/deep water rescue UTV and put it into service. In fact, in early January it had its first backcountry rescue, and performed flawlessly! This key piece of equipment was purchased largely with generous donations from RL Vallee Inc, Mr. Tim Vallee, the Green Mountain Riders ATV Club, and others. Thanks to all who helped make this resource possible.

Village of Johnson Water & Light customers have exclusive access to great rebates. Whether you want to get a new, efficient appliance, switch to a heat pump, or weatherize your home, we've got you covered. To learn more, call 888-921-5990 or follow the link below.

<https://www.encyvermont.com/vppsa>

Respectfully submitted by Erik Bailey, Village Manager

The Village of Johnson Water & Light Department (Johnson) has submitted its 2025 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC) for review. The IRP represents Johnson's plan for meeting the public's need for energy services safely, reliably and at the lowest present value life cycle cost, including environmental and economic costs. The plan includes an analysis of Johnson's energy needs and supply resources; its planned improvements to its electrical system, including vegetation management; environmental impacts; and the costs associated with the plan. Utilities must file IRPs with the PUC and the Public Service Department at least every three years. Johnson's IRP can be accessed through Vermont Public Power Supply Authority's webpage: (<http://www.vppsa.com/>) by clicking on "Members" at the top of the page and then "Johnson." It is also available for review on the PUC's electronic filing and case management system, "ePUC," at <https://epuc.vermont.gov/>. Search by Case Number 25-0012-PET.

Customers wishing to intervene in this proceeding or request that the PUC hold a public hearing may do so by making a filing in this case in ePUC by March 11, 2025. Comments on Johnson's IRP may be filed at any time with the PUC through ePUC into Case Number 25-0012-PET, by email at: puc.clerk@vermont.gov, or by mail to: 112 State Street, 4th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-2701. Please reference Case Number 25-0012-PET in your comments.