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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**



**ANNUAL MEETING SECOND MONDAY IN APRIL**

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT**

## **VILLAGE/TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE – 888-6370**

The Village/Town Clerk's Office is located in the Municipal Office Building at 43 Portland Street.

Office Hours are: Monday - Thursday 8:00 to 4:00 and Friday 8:00 to 1:00.

## **BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees meet the first and third Wednesday of each month (except on holidays) at the Water and Light Department board room, located at 857 Elmore Street. For the exact date and time call 888-3348.

VILLAGE/TOWN CLERK	888-6370
WATER & LIGHT OFFICE	888-3348
SEWER DEPARTMENT	888-3138
VILLAGE STREETS	888-3398

### **Emergencies 911**

Fire Department	888-3575
Police Department	888-4211
Rescue Squad	888-5628
Town Highways	888-6369
Zoning Administrator	888-6373
Listers' Office	888-6371
Health Officer	888-6373
Animal Control Officer	888-5629
Fire Warden (pager)	826-2626
Emergency Management	888-5147
Select Board Office	888-5147
School Board Office	888-4541
Public Library	888-3853
Post Office	888-3557
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## DEDICATION – WALTER L. WARD



This year's annual report is dedicated to Walter L. Ward, a retired employee of Morrisville Water & Light (MW&L) who passed away November 22, 2017.

Walter started at MW&L in August 1984 on the brush crew, and started lineman training school with two other MW&L employees in January 1985. Walter was a bit older than most apprentice linemen when he began his employment, but the maturity and confidence that come with age made him an excellent role model for the two younger apprentices training with him.

Upon reaching first-class lineman status, Walter's leadership skills and knowledge were put to use training three generations of MW&L linemen. Three of our current staff members were trained by Walter: Ed Cote, Jeremy Tatro, and Frank Ferrante.

Walter worked at MW&L for nearly 20 years until his retirement in December 2004. During that time, much of our system was upgraded to newer, taller poles and higher voltages. Walter contributed to these upgrades in many ways: by cutting right of way to set new poles, removing old poles, climbing poles, or working out of a bucket truck. Whatever the task, Walter was up to it. He was a steady and reliable worker who always pulled his weight and never complained. Nearly every inch of our system was touched by Walter or has a story of him associated with it.

Walter brought his easygoing nature to work, making tough situations bearable. Working outages during storms, when conditions were cold, wet and dark was a bit easier thanks to Walter's quick wit, his joke-telling ability, and his laughter. He adhered pretty strictly to his dress code, which consisted of a blue chambray or flannel work shirt. A couple of Wally-isms can still be heard echoing in the halls of our office today: the phrases, "crawling eye," (from a 1958 horror movie), and "So many donuts, so little time!"

Aside from his time in the armed forces, Walter was a lifelong resident of Lamoille County. He grew up around his parents' sawmill on Ward's Pond, and shared stories of diving to retrieve sunken logs so they could be milled. Following his graduation from Peoples Academy he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served as a paratrooper in the esteemed 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne division out of Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. He and his wife Mary Lou were married for 48 years. Their daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Jim, had

two sons, Aaron and Seamus. Walter loved being a grandfather and spending time with his family.

As an adult, Walter was sometimes referred to as the “Mayor of the Back Side of Lake Elmore.” He and his family were among the first full-time residents on that side of the lake, and were very well known and respected throughout Morrisville and Elmore.

Walter had a unique eye for art, which led to some interesting finds during his days as a lineman. He collected ground rods that would get twisted when old utility poles were dug up, and worked them into his quirky collection of lawn sculptures.

Walter coined the phrase “mental health day” for the rest of us at MW&L. He was the first one to use that reason for taking a day off, and Jim Fox, MW&L general manager at the time, bought into it.

Walter made a lasting impression on all who knew him at MW&L. We are grateful for the 20+ years Walter shared with us. Stories and fond memories of Walter live on in the history of our organization.

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### ANNUAL MEETING VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

**Informational Meeting:** Wednesday April 3, 2019 at 5:30 PM  
*Water & Light Board Room 857 Elmore Street*

**Floor Vote:** Monday April 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM  
*Morristown Municipal Building 43 Portland Street*

#### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by **March 8, 2019**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:**

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

#### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form. If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

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

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

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

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your Town Clerk or any election official for help.**

#### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

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

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:**

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

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS: Floor Vote**

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a colored piece of paper. This is your ballot.
- Show ballot if you wish to speak.
- Show ballot if a voice vote is called.
- If a paper ballot is called, deposit completed ballot in ballot box and return to checklist table to receive new colored ballot

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**  
**VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**  
**APRIL 8, 2019**

The legal voters of the Village of Morrisville are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Community Meeting Room of the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in said Morrisville, Vermont on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Village Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Village Officers required by law:

- Village Clerk for a term of one (1) year
- Village Treasurer for a term of one (1) year
- Village Trustee for a term of five (5) years (by ballot)
- Collector of Delinquent Village Taxes for a term of one (1) year
- Village Agent to Convey Real Estate for a term of one (1) year

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters compensate the Village Trustees a salary, and if so, in what amount?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for the Village General Government operating expenses of \$9,410 all of which shall be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Village establish a reserve fund to be called the ***Village Special Projects Reserve Fund*** to be used for special projects in or for the benefit of the Village with all spending from said fund subject to the approved Village Special Projects Fund Policy and the Village Trustees?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Village raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,300, approximately \$.005 on the Village grand list, to fund the Village Special Projects Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2019 by delivery to the Village Treasurer before 4:00pm on that date with only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks accepted as postmarked mail. Delinquent taxes and assessments will have charged against them an eight percent (8%) penalty after the due date and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month. Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month. (32 V.S.A. § 5136)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters vote to indemnify and hold all elected and appointed officials harmless from and against all liability claims and suits of any type brought against them as a consequence of their service, except those caused by and arising out of their intentional or willful misconduct, said indemnity to include all damages, costs and attorneys fees?

ARTICLE 9: To transact any non-binding business.

Dated at Morrisville, Vermont this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 by the Village Trustees:

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Todd Deuso, Chair

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Chris Audy

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carl Fortune

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bradley Limoge

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Snipp

Received, filed & recorded March 7, 2019 by the Village Clerk:

  
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Sara Allyn Haskins, Village Clerk

## VILLAGE OFFICERS

(Terms are for one year unless specified.)

Moderator:

David Polow

Clerk & Treasurer:

Sara Allyn Haskins

Trustees:

Todd Deuso, chair	Term expires	2019
Chris Audy	Term expires	2020
Bradley Limoge	Term expires	2021
Carl Fortune	Term expires	2022
Tom Snipp	Term expires	2023

Agent to Convey Real Estate:

Todd Thomas

Collector of Delinquent Taxes:

Sara Allyn Haskins

Water, Light & Wastewater Departments:

General Manager	Craig Myotte
Controller	Penny Jones
Plant Superintendent	Kevin Newton

Board of Civil Authority for the Village of Morrisville:

Trustees	Todd Deuso, Chair
(Serving during term of office)	Chris Audy
	Carl Fortune
	Bradley Limoge
	Tom Snipp

Justices of the Peace  
(Elected to serve from 2/1/17 – 1/30/19)

Margaret "Peg" Demars  
Shelley Nolan  
Steve Leach

# MANAGER'S AND TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR 2018

By Craig Myotte, General Manager

Another year has passed and it is my pleasure to summarize the highlights of 2018 for Morrisville Water & Light, our 128<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

**Safety** is of utmost importance to us. Water & Light's goal is to send every employee home safely at the end of each day. We met this goal in 2018.

**Financially**, we saw positive net positions for our electric, water and sewer departments. Our 2018 financial records were audited early in 2018 by Kittell, Branagan and Sargent. We received an unqualified opinion (our financial records and statements are fairly and appropriately presented, and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).

We had a busy year on the **power supply** front investigating solar projects, relicensing our hydro projects and maintaining our hydro plants. Each is described further below.

Morrisville explored several **solar projects** in 2018. We filed and received a permit for a 850 kW +/- solar project on our Trombley Hill property. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2019. In addition, we are pursuing solar projects at 3 other sites in our service territory. Solar power complements our hydro, and the addition of local solar moves us towards our goal of having 100% renewable resources in our power portfolio.

We have been working for 9 years to renew our **hydro license** with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), including Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VT ANR) to allow us to operate our hydro for another 30 years. Needless to say, this process has been extremely frustrating, time consuming and expensive (over \$1,000,000). New WQC conditions mandated by the VT ANR would reduce the amount of energy we can generate from an existing renewable resource by 30%. In addition, the new conditions make the Green River Dam uneconomic to operate. We appealed these conditions in the Vermont Superior Court, Environmental Division. Following a nine day trial, we received a favorable decision from the Judge for our Morrisville and Cady's Fall hydro plants. We remain concerned about the economic viability and future of the Green River dam/hydro facilities. The VTANR and other parties have appealed the decision to the Vermont Supreme Court. The case is scheduled to be in front of the Supreme Court in March 2019. We continue to operate under our current license conditions during the appeal. We have included several Op Eds in this Annual report written by Ken Nolan of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority and the Village Trustees.

We initiated the overhaul and repair of the Morrisville #1 **hydro** unit at the Morrisville plant in 2017. The unit was disassembled and the condition of all parts was assessed in 2017. Part repairs were initiated. The unit was reassembled and back in service in April 2018.

Morrisville's net metering kW was 12% of total peak demand in 2018. We believe the new net metering rules for 2017 are still overpriced compared to alternatives, but a nonbypassable fee was included in the revised rules. The cap has been removed, but we intend to closely monitor the growth and may request an annual cap to ensure the cost of the program does not trigger the need for a rate increase.

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Hatcher D'Agostino, apprentice lineworker, ended his employment with MW&L in 2018. Denis Chase was hired to fill the vacancy created after Renaud Demers left MW&L in 2017. In addition, a new three-year contract covering 2019-2021 was negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

We know **rates** for our services are always a major concern for our customers. We strive to minimize rate increases. We did not implement any rate increases for water, sewer or electric services in 2018.

The water department replaced the water line on Lower Bridge Street in 2018. This follows the completion of the Upper Bridge Street water line in 2016.

We continue to employ Utility Partners to operate our Waste Water Treatment Facility. The sewer department staff initiated an investigation into high levels of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) at the plant. Extensive sampling was done in 2018 at various locations in the sewer collection system. Sampling was increased at the WWTF from one 8 hour composite sample per month to four 24 hour composite samples per month.

The sewer department replaced the sewer line on East High Street to A Street in 2018. The sewer department also assisted Utility Partners in sampling wastewater in various manholes in the collection system and tackled a much needed update of the Sewer Ordinances. These sewer ordinances are expected to be approved in 2019. Staff spent significant effort analyzing test results and communicating with high strength wastewater dischargers in 2018. We also looked at billing rates for the high strength dischargers to our sewer system to ensure billing levels match up with the cost of treatment for high strength wastewater discharges.

The **electric** department had a safe and productive year in 2018. As mentioned previously in this report, there were no lost time accidents in 2018. We have continued to focus on tree trimming efforts as a result of increasing electric service outages related to tree contact. A system study was completed in 2018. The objective of this study was to analyze the Morrisville Water and Light distribution system and provide a plan for system upgrades over the next ten years. We also prepared a permit application for upgrades to be done at Substations #3 and #5 in 2019. In addition, we completed the installation of security cameras at Substation #3.

We had several major weather events in 2018 that caused widespread outages. We had high wind events April 4 & 5, and again May 5 & 6 with high winds and heavy rain wreaking havoc in much of Vermont and the rest of New England. In addition, we had a heavy snowstorm system strike Morrisville's service territory on November 27, 2018. The storm system resulted in heavy wet snow loading on trees and resulted in tree contact with electric lines causing widespread outages. One of the tree contacts was a birch tree that bent in from the edge of the right of way under the weight of the snow on it and made contact with the 34.5 kV transmission line and the 12.5 kV distribution underbuild between Morrisville's substation #3 and the VELCO substation in Stowe. This caused a power surge resulting in a number of claims of appliance damage received from customers.

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Despite these events, we were below the baseline of our Service Quality and Reliability Plan, with customers experiencing on average 2.23 outages with average duration of the outage being 2.49 hours.

**Purchased power**, which includes transmission costs, represents over 65% of our expenses for providing electric service. Purchased power came in at \$4,200,000 in 2018. These costs are projected to be relatively flat over the next 5 years due to favorable long term power supply contracts and stable natural gas/oil prices. Purchased power costs came in on budget in 2018. Higher energy costs were offset by lower transmission expense. We had poor performance from our hydro with 6,125,000 kWh of generation in 2018, which is about 30% lower than normal. The primary reasons for the low output of the plants was low river flows for the majority of the year (excluding November and December), equipment failure at the Cady's Falls Plant in January and February, and plugged intake racks at the Cady's Falls Gatehouse during November.

Metered delivered system **energy** for 2018 was 49,500,000 kWh. Our peak demand was 9,143 kW (in the month of July). Total metered energy was up slightly compared to 2017's 48,400,000 kWh.

Water & Light continues to look at a combination of efficiency and other technologies to reduce greenhouse gases. We continue to depend on Efficiency Vermont to carry out efficiency programs in our service territory. We are investigating deployment of smart meters and heat pumps. In addition, we are promoting electric vehicles and exploring storage battery technology to use the renewable energy in our power portfolio to the maximum extent possible for improving the environment. We completed the installation of a heat pump at our office in 2018.

The Trustees dedicate this report to **Walter Ward**. Walter retired at the end of 2004 from MW&L after being employed as a line worker for **20 years**. Walter worked on a number of construction projects and worked diligently to keep the lights on through all types of weather conditions. Additional details are provided at the beginning of this Annual Report.

Finally, no report would be complete without acknowledging the work of our employees this past year. The Village is fortunate to have bright, talented, hardworking and dedicated employees who are focused on ensuring the satisfaction of our customers. Our employees work in all kinds of weather, and anyone that has lived in Vermont for a while knows the extreme conditions Mother Nature can throw at us. We are fortunate to have experienced employees to entrust the operation and maintenance of our facilities to. Their pictures and names can be found in the Annual Report.

Respectively Submitted by the Village Trustees and Manager:

Chairman: Todd Deuso

Trustees: Chris Audy, Brad Limoge, Carl Fortune and Thomas Snipp

General Manager: Craig Myotte

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2018 - 2019



Board of Trustees



Todd Deuso - Chair



Chris Audy - Clerk



Brad Limoge



Carl Fortune



Tom Snipp

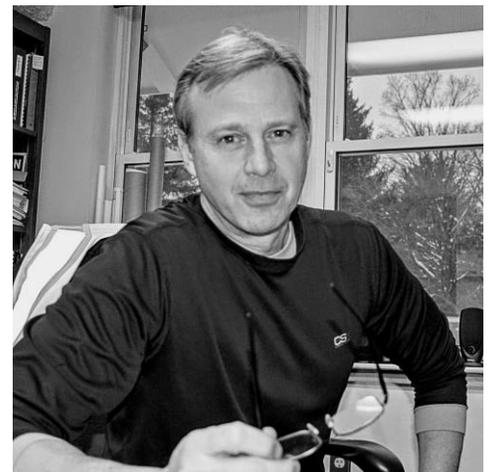
Morrisville Water & Light Management



Craig Myotte  
General Manager



Penny Jones  
Controller



Kevin Newton  
Superintendent



David Heller – Line Foreman



Tammy Gamble



Frank Ferrante





John Tilton: Operations Foreman



Christy Snipp



Linda Osgood





Jeremy Tatro



Misty Baker



Eric Waterhouse

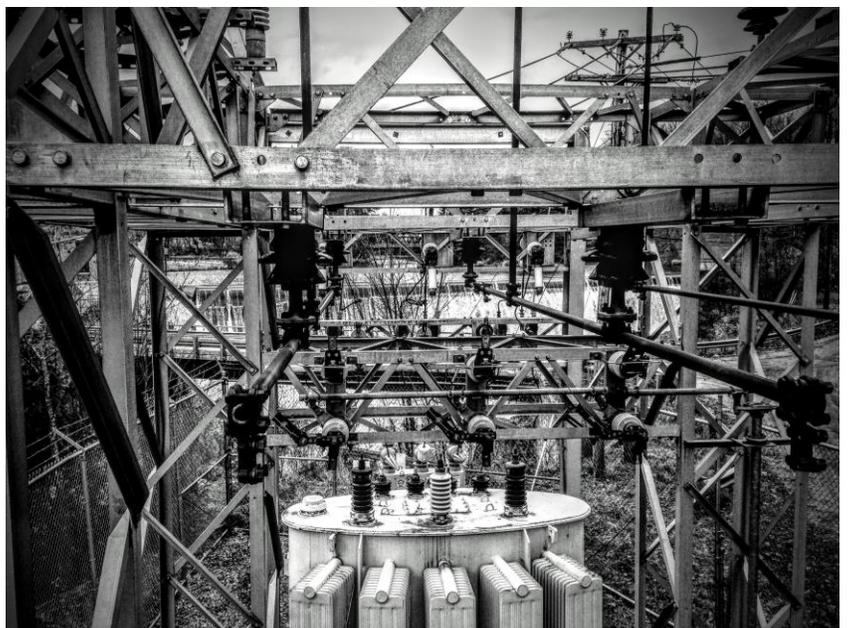
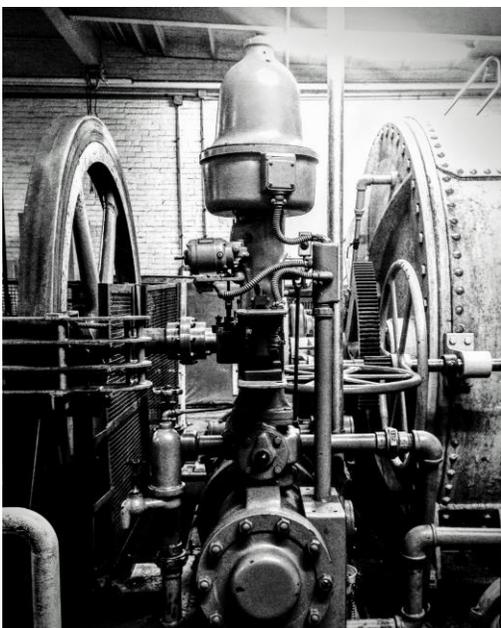




Brian Quad



Denis Chase



**Morrisville Water & Light**  
**Municipal Utility Service Quality & Reliability Plan Reporting Form**  
**Report Period: January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018**

Performance area		4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	Annual Rolling Average	Baseline
<b>1</b>	Call Answer Performance						
<b>2a</b>	Percent of bills not rendered within 7 days of monthly billing cycle					0	
<b>A</b>	Bills not rendered within 7 days of scheduled billing cycle	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b>	Total bills scheduled to be rendered	12,191	12,114	12,090	12,081	12,119	
<b>C</b>	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<=1.0%
<b>2b</b>	Bills found inaccurate						
<b>A</b>	Number of bills rendered inaccurate	2	5	11	1	5	
<b>B</b>	Total number of bills rendered	12,191	12,114	12,090	12,081	12,119	
<b>C</b>	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	<=1.0%
<b>2c</b>	Payment posting complaints						
<b>A</b>	Number of customers complaining about payment posting	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b>	Total Number of Customers	12,739	12,679	12,555	12,482	12,614	
<b>C</b>	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<=0.05%
<b>3</b>	Percent of actual meter readings per month						
<b>A</b>	Number of meter readings not read	2	1	-	-	1	
<b>B</b>	Number of meter readings scheduled	12,739	12,679	12,555	12,482	12,614	
<b>C</b>	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<=10.0%
<b>4a</b>	Percent of customer requested work not completed on or before promised delivery date						
<b>A</b>	Number of jobs not completed on or before promised delivery date	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b>	Total number of jobs promised complete in reporting month	163	168	162	110	151	
<b>C</b>	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<=5.0%
<b>4b</b>	Average number of days after the missed delivery date						
<b>A</b>	Total days of delay	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b>	Total number of delayed jobs in the reporting month	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>C</b>	(A/B)	-	-	-	-	-	<=5 days
<b>5</b>	Rates of complaints to DPS/Consumer Affairs as reported to Utility						
<b>A</b>	Number of escalations to DPS/Consumer affairs	-	-	-	-	0	
<b>B</b>	Total number of customers	4,246	4,226	4,185	4,161	4,205	
<b>C</b>	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	<=.07%, minimum 2
<b>6a</b>	Lost time incidents (report annually in January)						
<b>A</b>	Total incidents that cause injury to an employee, occur while employee is working for utility and result in missed work beyond day of injury					2	<=2
<b>6b</b>	Lost time severity (reported annually in January)						
<b>A</b>	Cumulative number of work days missed by utility employees in calendar year as a result of injuries sustained while performing work for utility					0	<=18
<b>7a</b>	System average interruption frequency (reported annually in January)						
<b>A</b>	SAIFI as defined in PSB Rule 4.901 with the exception of Major Storms					2.23	3.00
<b>7b</b>	Customer average interruption duration (reported annually in January)						
<b>A</b>	CAIDI as defined in PSB Rule 4.901 with the exception of Major Storms					2.49	2.50
<b>7c</b>	Worst performing areas: Attach worst performing areas analysis (reported annually in January)						

**Service guarantees**

List service guarantees provided by utility and indicate number of times each guarantee was provided to customers during the month and quarter

Guarantee	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter
<b>1a) Line Crew Appointments</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>1b) Meter Work</b>				
Customer requested Meter Readings	0	0	0	0
Meter Accuracy Verification	0	0	0	0
Final / Initial Meter Readings	0	0	0	0
<b>1c) Delay Days</b>	0	0	0	0

Village of Morrisville  
**Water & Light Department**

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Morrisville, Vermont 05661-8408  
(802) 888-3348  
Fax: (802) 888-5911  
customersupport@mwlvt.com

TRUSTEES  
Todd Deuso, Chairman  
Chris Audy  
Brad Limoge  
Carl Fortune  
Tom Snipp

MANAGER  
Craig Myotte

Morrisville Water & Light retained the services of Kittell Branagan & Sargent-Certified Public Accountants to perform an audit on the 2018 Financial Statements. A copy of these audited statements can be obtained electronically by visiting our website at [www.mwlvt.com](http://www.mwlvt.com) or by calling our office at 802-888-3348.



## GENERAL GOVERNMENT- 2019 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

### CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2018

General Government		\$ 1,405.90
Reserves: Bi-Ped Committee	\$ 1,135.95	
Reserves: Village Special Projects	\$ 4,767.86	
<b>Reserves Total</b>	<u>5,903.81</u>	<b>\$ 5,903.81</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,309.71</b>

### 2019 ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

General Government	\$ 9,410.00	
Reserves: Village Special Projects	\$ 7,300.00	
<b>Total</b>	<u>16,710.00</u>	<b>\$ 16,710.00</b>

### 2019 ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

General Government	\$ (9,410.00)	
Reserves: Bi-Ped Committee	\$ (1,135.95)	
Reserves: Village Special Projects	\$ (12,067.86)	
<b>Total</b>	<u>(22,613.81)</u>	<b>\$ (22,613.81)</b>

**Estimated Cash on Hand: December 31, 2019** **\$ 1,405.90**

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT- REVENUES</b>				
	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	2018 Actual	2019 Proposed
Property Taxes	\$ 17,131.85	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 16,763.48	\$ 16,710.00
Current Use	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 3.27	\$ -	\$ 1.30	\$ -
Pilot	\$ 95.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,234.12</b>	<b>\$ 16,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,764.78</b>	<b>\$ 16,710.00</b>

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EXPENSES</b>				
	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	2018 Actual	2019 Proposed
Insurance-Treasurer's Bond	\$ 92.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Village Reports	\$ 319.50	\$ 350.00	\$ 292.00	\$ 325.00
Advertising	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 193.20	\$ 200.00
Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 6,029.00	\$ 5,720.00	\$ 5,720.00	\$ 5,835.00
Salary - Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 365.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 360.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 655.53	\$ 900.00	\$ 798.21	\$ 835.00
Office Supplies	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Copier Program	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Tax Bill Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Audit Expense	\$ 962.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 987.50	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,178.78</b>	<b>\$ 9,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,195.91</b>	<b>\$ 9,410.00</b>

<b>VILLAGE RESERVES REVENUE</b>				
	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	2018 Actual	2019 Proposed
Morristown Bi-Ped	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village Special Projects	\$ 7,384.47	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,369.24	\$ 7,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,784.47</b>	<b>\$ 7,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,369.24</b>	<b>\$ 7,300.00</b>

<b>VILLAGE RESERVES EXPENSES</b>				
	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	2018 Actual	2019 Proposed
Morristown Bi-Ped	\$ 1,418.29	\$ -	\$ 207.62	\$ -
Village Special Projects	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 2,685.85	\$ 7,300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,718.29</b>	<b>\$ 7,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,893.47</b>	<b>\$ 7,300.00</b>

<b>2018 APPROVED VILLAGE SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>		
9/5/2018	Christmas lights on Bridge Street Bridge	\$2,750



*Photo credit: Jasmine Farrell*

# VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Special Projects Fund</b>	<b>Department:</b>	Village Trustees
<b>Policy Number:</b>		<b>Version:</b>	
<b>Date Authorized by Village Trustees</b>	<b>February 6, 2019</b>	<b>Authorized Signature &amp; Title</b>	

**HISTORY.** At various Annual Village meetings, voters have approved Articles that, in addition to the grand list tax rates, have raised tax dollars for special projects in or for the benefit of the Village.

**POLICY.** Organizations, individuals, or the Village itself can make funding requests for proposed Special Projects. The Village Trustees are charged with evaluation of proposals and determining which are funded at their sole discretion.

**GUIDELINES.** The following serve as guidelines for the Special Projects Fund:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, but no later than the first Monday of April of the succeeding year, the Village Trustees will review the balance of the Special Projects fund.
2. At the Annual Village Meeting held the second Monday in April each year, Village voters have approved, and in the future may approve, Special Projects Fund dollars.
3. After the Annual Village Meeting, if funds are available for projects, the Manager will post a Notice in the locations listed below informing the public that funds are available and applications for projects will be accepted. If funds are not available, no communication with the general public will be made. Locations for the Notice to include at a minimum:
  - the Village Office;
  - the Town Office;
  - the local newspaper; and
  - Front Porch Forum email list-serve.
4. Request for funds shall be made to the Village Trustees in writing. Adequate detail must be provided in order for the Trustees to ascertain the suitability of providing funding for the proposed project.
5. The Trustees will approve or disapprove projects for funding as requests are received. The General Manager will respond to all requests on behalf of the Trustees on the first day following the Trustee meeting during which projects were approved or disapproved.

6. Projects are expected to be completed prior to December 31 of the current calendar year that the award is received. Projects not completed before December 15 run the risk of not being reimbursed unless there were unforeseen circumstances as determined at the sole discretion of the Village Trustees.
7. In November, The Village Clerk will collect any funds that may have been approved by Village voters under Article 5 of the Village Annual meeting.
8. Reimbursement for projects will only be made after Village Taxes have been collected in November, unless subject to (13) below.
9. Payment will be made either directly to qualified vendors, or as reimbursement to individuals or organizations, following satisfactory completion of the project and satisfactory documentation of expenses.
10. General guidelines for Special Project requests are: beautification; recreation; safety; business promotion and general environmental projects. Special Projects may be above and beyond those that can be reimbursed by the Amy Wade fund. Examples include, but are not limited to: flowers; trees; VAST trail maintenance; cross walk signs and other pedestrian improvements; downtown and business informational signs; and recycling containers.
11. The following guidelines apply to projects that consist of individual tree or shrub planting projects on residents' private property:
  - a. Each 911 address can apply every other year.
  - b. Tree planting has to be a native species of tree or shrub with a high survival rate.
  - c. The award amount will not exceed \$75 per address.
  - d. Trees cannot be planted in any electric, water, or sewer right of way.
  - e. Individuals need to provide a photo of tree in final location, including home, road or other landmark for visual verification.
  - f. Individuals must provide the Trustees with a copy of purchase invoice.
  - g. All trees or plants must be purchased from a nursery in Lamoille County.
  - h. The Trustees will consider a reasonable number of grants per year based upon number of requests received and funds available.
  - i. Projects need to be completed by December 15 of each year.
12. The Amy Wade Fund, a separate fund, is governed by a separate Policy.
13. The Village of Morrisville Water or Sewer Dept. may, at its sole discretion, provide advance reimbursement of completed projects prior to November.

However, such advance reimbursement will be on a case-by-case basis and only as authorized by the Village Trustees.

The Village Trustees will review this policy from time to time, and revise it as they deem appropriate.

<b>Special Project Fund Time Line</b>	
Jan	
Feb	
Mar	Amount of Dollars Available Determined for Amy Wade Fund for the year.
Apr	Amount of dollars (if any) determined for the Special Project fund per Village Annual Meeting Article plus rollover dollars from prior year. Warn availability of funds (if any).
May	Start to Accept Applications
Jun	Approve Project Requests starting with the First Trustees Meeting of June Continue to accept and approve project requests for unspent funds Project Work – May 15 to Dec. 15
Jul	↓
Aug	↓
Sep	↓
Oct	↓
Nov	↓
	Collect tax monies. Reimburse Approved Completed Projects.
Dec	Projects complete by December 15. Close out all projects – Funds not spent returned to Fund Balance December 31.
	Approved Projects will be reimbursed only upon completion and proper documentation of costs.

**Village of Morrisville  
General Fund Income Statement  
and Change in Fund Balance  
December 31, 2018**

	General Fund			Amy Wade
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Trust
<b>Revenues</b>				
Tax revenues	\$ 16,763	\$ 16,575	\$ 188	\$ -
Donation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Current Use		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1,576
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 16,765</b>	<b>\$ 16,575</b>	<b>\$ 190</b>	<b>\$ 1,576</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Grants to Village organizations				
Insurance-Treasurer's Bond	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Village Reports	\$ 292	\$ 350	\$ 58	\$ -
Advertising	\$ 193	\$ 175	\$ (18)	\$ -
Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 5,720	\$ 5,720	\$ -	\$ -
Salary - Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 798	\$ 900	\$ 102	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
Copier Program	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Bill Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -
Audit Expense	\$ 988	\$ 1,000	\$ 13	\$ -
Beautification	\$ 2,893	\$ 7,300	\$ 4,407	\$ -
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,089</b>	<b>\$ 16,650</b>	<b>\$ 4,561</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 4,675</b>	<b>\$ (75)</b>	<b>\$ 4,750</b>	<b>\$ 1,576</b>
Inter-fund transfers	\$ -			\$ -
Net assets, 12/31/17	\$ 2,634			\$ 135,698
<b>Net assets, 12/31/18</b>	<b>\$ 7,310</b>	<b>\$ (75)</b>	<b>\$ 4,750</b>	<b>\$ 137,274</b>

**VILLAGE GRAND LIST AND TAX RATE  
10 Year History**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2018	\$ 1,473,847.61	\$ 0.0114
2017	\$ 1,476,893.27	\$ 0.0116
2016	\$ 1,462,766.63	\$ 0.0090
2015	\$ 1,425,863.93	\$ 0.0092
2014	\$ 1,429,007.13	\$ 0.0092
2013	\$ 1,433,938.06	\$ 0.0095
2012	\$ 1,432,566.67	\$ 0.0101
2011	\$ 1,438,582.89	\$ 0.0081
2010	\$ 1,437,310.16	\$ 0.0082
2009	\$ 1,438,719.98	\$ 0.0079
2008	\$ 1,437,652.42	\$ 0.0079

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
December 31, 2018**

	General Fund	Amy Wade Trust
<b>Assets</b>		
Money market account	7,310	
Union Bank CD		137,274
Accrued interest receivable		0
Due (to) from other fund		
	7,310	137,274
<b>Liabilities &amp; net assets</b>		
<b>Net assets</b>		
Reserved	5,904	21,487
Unreserved	1,406	115,787
Unrestricted Fund balance		0
Total liabilities & net assets	7,310	137,274
Variance	0	0

**Village of Morrisville  
Balances of Amy Wade Fund  
as of December 31, 2018**

	<i><b>Total</b></i>	<i><b>Fund Balances</b></i>			<i><b>Total</b></i>
	<i><b>Assets</b></i>	<i><b>Reserved</b></i>	<i><b>Unreserved</b></i>	<i><b>Approp.</b></i>	
Balances, 12/31/2017	135,698	21,487	114,211	0	135,698
2017 Activity				0	0
Donation-Copley Country Club				0	0
Interest earned on Union Bank CD	1,576			1,576	1,576
Inflation adj added to principal <sup>[1]</sup> **			1,576	(1,576)	0
Balances, 12/31/2016	137,274	21,487	115,787	0	137,274

Account Summary:

Union Bank Certificate of Deposit	135,698	(invested through Electric Dept)
	135,698	

[1] 12 mos inflation rate as of Dec 2018      1.72%

\*\* Inflation amount calculated at \$2,389, however there was not enough appropriated dollars to cover the reclass, so it was shorted by \$813.

**Definitions:**

Reserved: Those portion of the assets that are restricted by the donor of the original gift. This is a legal restriction that can not be changed except by a Probate Court.

Unreserved: Those portion of the assets that are restricted by vote of the Board of Trustees. This restriction can be changed, modified and/or removed by vote of the Board of Trustees.

Appropriated: Those portion of the assets set aside for a future expenditure as determined by the designated authority.

## AMY WADE FUND

Alexander Hamilton Copley owned a one-family home in Brockton, Massachusetts, and he provided his long-time secretary, Amy Wade, with a life lease in the residence. Following her death in 1961, and at Mr. Copley's direction, this real estate became the property of the Village of Morrisville. Village voters approved its sale which yielded proceeds totaling \$12,000. Over the next 19 years, this sum was invested and increased to \$21,487.25. Beginning in 1980, voters approved utilization of additional interest earned toward beautification of village streets and properties. In 2002, Village voters authorized the sale of .8 acres off Elmore Street, with the proceeds to be dedicated to the Amy Wade Fund. In 2004, \$80,000 was invested from the sale proceeds and interest income.

The Trustees have determined the following guiding principles for use of income earned from the Amy Wade Fund:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, but no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year, the Village Trustees will review how much interest was generated but not spent on eligible projects.
2. The Trustees will then decide if unspent interest will remain classified as interest, or if it is converted to principal. In making this decision, the Trustees will be guided by their desire to ensure that the current principal increases each year by at least the rate of inflation.
3. The Trustees have full authority to spend any interest generated in a current year, as well as any unspent interest accumulated from previous years but not converted to principal.
4. Village voters must approve any expenditure that will require a reduction in principal of the Fund.
5. MWL staff has no authority to authorize expenditure of Amy Wade Funds.
6. Request for funds shall be made to the Village Trustees in writing by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Adequate detail must be provided in order for the Trustees to ascertain the suitability of the proposed project.
7. The Trustees will review, consider, and respond to all requests by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.
8. Payment will be made directly to qualified vendors or as reimbursement following satisfactory completion of the project.

March 1, 2019

Richard Sargent, Co-Trustee  
PO Box 696  
Morrisville, VT 05661

Gloria Wing, Co-Trustee  
PO Box 641  
Morrisville, VT 05661

RE: Copley Fund

Dear Dick and Gloria:

The following is a listing of the Book Value and Market Value of assets held by the Copley Fund on December 31, 2018

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Money Market Accounts	\$ 125,712.21	\$ 125,712.21
Equities	\$ 549,954.15	\$ 8,438,677.76
	<u>\$ 675,666.36</u>	<u>\$ 8,564,389.97</u>

Distributions were made as follows:

Lamoille Community Food Share	\$ 1,000.00
Lamoille County Civic Association	\$ 8,000.00
River Arts	\$ 3,000.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 8,000.00
Morristown Centennial Library	\$ 4,000.00
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	\$ 22,000.00
Lanphear Memorial Library	\$ 4,000.00
Johnson Public Library	\$ 4,000.00
Varnum Memorial	\$ 4,000.00
Merritt Kelley Library	\$ 4,000.00
Stowe Free Library	\$ 4,000.00
Central Vermont Council of Aging	\$ 30,000.00
Lamoille Community Food Shelf	\$ 10,000.00
Home Share Now	\$ 1,000.00
Capstone	\$ 10,000.00
134 checks @ \$1,000.00	<u>\$ 134,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 251,000.00

Sincerely,

*Lura L. Jacques*

Lura L. Jacques, CTFA  
Vice President/Managing Director

**THE COPLEY FUND**  
**2018**

Account of Richard Sargent and Gloria Wing, as Trustees under agreement and letters of trust with Alexander H. Copley, dated July 8, 1942 as amended August 29, 1945, providing, in substance, for the establishment of a home for elderly ladies in Morrisville, Vermont, under the terms, conditions and circumstances in said trust letters set forth at length; and including additions to said trust purposes pursuant to the late Levi M. Munson, Esquire of said Morrisville, VT.

Credit.

Trust Assets forward December 31, 2017		\$ 678,126.55
Adjustments to Book Value	\$ (1,380.12)	
Dividends	\$ 207,061.51	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	
Interest on Money Market Account	\$ 4,065.35	
Realized Gain/Loss	\$ 57,529.26	
		<u>\$ 268,276.00</u>
		<u>\$ 946,402.55</u>

Debit.

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Management Fee	\$ 5,002.43	
Tax Preparation Fee	\$ 1,316.65	
Legal Fees	\$ 236.78	
Postage	\$ 74.50	
Service Fee	\$ 9,699.83	
Taxes	\$ 3,406.00	
Income Disbursed	\$ 251,000.00	<u>\$ 270,736.19</u>
Trust Assets December 31, 2018		<u>\$ 675,666.36</u>

THE COPLEY FUND

Pro Rata Share of Equities	\$ 94,593.29	
Pro Rata Share of Money Market Accounts	\$ 40,539.98	
		\$ 135,133.27

MUNSON ESTATE

Pro Rata Share of Equities	\$ 378,373.16	
Pro Rata Share of Money Market Accounts	\$ 162,159.93	
		<u>\$ 540,533.09</u>
		<u>\$ 675,666.36</u>

We certify that the foregoing is a true accounting:

Richard Sargent  
Richard Sargent

Gloria Wing  
Gloria Wing

Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 6 day of March, 2019

Subscribed and Sworn to before me  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

Elizabeth Chase  
Notary Public

Elizabeth Chase  
Notary Public

**MINUTES  
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

**APRIL 9, 2018**

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**VILLAGE MEETING**

The inhabitants of the Village of Morrisville, who are legal voters of said Village were notified and warned to meet in Annual Village Meeting at the Community Meeting Room of the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in said Morrisville, Vermont on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:31 o'clock in the evening local time. There were 16 Village voters in attendance.

Attention was drawn to the dedication of the Annual Report to Peter Bourne. Peter was a Village Trustee for 23 years and was involved in numerous significant projects during his tenure as a Trustee. Manager Craig Myotte offered his sincere appreciation for Peter's many years of service and his invaluable involvement in his years on the board. Craig also recognized Jonathan Sturges who recently resigned for the Board of Trustees.

Todd Thomas made the motion to waive the entire reading of the Village warning. Jonathan Sturges seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.**

Mary West nominated David Polow for moderator. David Polow was elected moderator of the Village Meeting for the ensuing year on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2: Will the Village vote to eliminate the office of Village Auditor, and in so doing, authorize the Village Trustees to contract with a public accountant licensed in the State of Vermont to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the Village?**

Todd Thomas made a motion to accept the article. Jonathan Sturges seconded it. The motion passed by a paper ballot count of 15 yes to 1 no.

**ARTICLE 3: To elect the following Village Officers for a term of one year unless otherwise noted:**

- **Village Clerk:** **one year term**  
Todd Thomas nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Village Clerk on a voice vote.
- **Village Treasurer:** **one year term**  
Todd Thomas nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Village Treasurer on a voice vote.
- **Village Trustee:** **five year term (2022)**  
Todd Deuso nominated Tom Snipp. Tom Snipp was elected Village Trustee on a voice vote.
- **Village Trustee:** **four year term (2021)**  
Todd Thomas nominated Carl Fortune. Carl Fortune was elected Village Trustee on a voice vote.
- **Collector of Delinquent Taxes:** **one year term**  
Jonathan Sturges nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes on a voice vote.
- **Village Agent to Convey Real Estate:** **one year term**  
Todd Deuso nominated Todd Thomas. Todd Thomas was elected Village Agent to Convey Real Estate on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4: Will the Village vote to act upon the reports of the several Village officers and those presented for the 2018 Village Meeting and to reaffirm the reports and action taken at the 2017 Village Meeting?**

Jonathan Sturges made a motion to accept the article. Craig Myotte seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5: Will the Village, in Annual Village Meeting, vote to pay members of the Board of Trustees a salary, and if so, in what amount?**

Todd Thomas made a motion to accept the article. Jonathan Sturges seconded it. Jonathan Sturges moved to amend the motion to read: *to pay the Village Trustees a salary of \$50 for each regular meeting, \$50.00 for participation at each special meeting for a total annual cost to be capped not to exceed \$10,000 to be paid from the Morrisville Water & Light Department.* Todd Thomas seconded the amendment. The motion as amended passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 6: Will the Village in Annual Village Meeting, vote to authorize the addition of \$.005 to the Village grand list tax rate, raising approximately \$7,300 to provide funding for projects in the Village, with all spending from said money subject to the approval of the Village Trustees?**

Todd Thomas made a motion to accept the article. Etienne Hancock seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 7: Will the Village, in Annual Village Meeting, vote to authorize the expenditure of \$9,350 for the operation of its General Government of which \$9,350 is to be raised by taxes?**

Jonathan Sturges made a motion to accept the article. Craig Myotte seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 8: Will the Village vote to pay its real and personal property taxes to the Treasurer in one payment, with said taxes to raise a sum of money on the Grand List to be appropriated in Article 6 and Article 7 for the year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Delinquent taxes and assessments will have charged against them an eight percent (8%) penalty after the due date and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month. Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month. (32 V.S.A. § 5136) Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:30 P.M. on or before November 15, 2018. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted as postmarked mail. (32 V.S.A. § 4773).**

Todd Thomas made a motion to accept the article. Jonathan Sturges seconded it. Todd Thomas amended the motion to read: *Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on or before November 15, 2018.* Justin Pittinaro seconded the motion. The motion as amended passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 9: Will the Village in Annual Village Meeting, authorize the Village Trustees to borrow money and pledge the credit of the Village therefore to pay the running expenses of the Village in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?**

Mary West made a motion to accept the article. Jonathan Sturges seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 10: Will the Village, in Village Meeting, vote to indemnify and hold all elected and appointed officials harmless from and against all liability claims and suits of any type brought against them as a consequence of their service, except those caused by and arising out of their intentional or willful misconduct, said indemnity to include all damages, costs and attorneys fees?**

Etienne Hancock made a motion to accept the article. Todd Thomas seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**ARTICLE 11: Will the Village vote to provide notice of the availability of the annual Village Report to the voters and residents of the Village in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2)? The notice of availability will be made public by posting notice at the Town/Village Clerk's Office, Morrisville Post Office, Morrisville Water & Light website, and the newspaper of record, or by mail upon request.**

Ron Bomer made a motion to accept the article. Jonathan Sturges seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

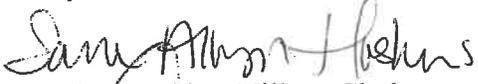
**ARTICLE 12: To do any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

- Todd Thomas encouraged discussion with the Selectboard regarding transferring the ownership of the Copley Golf Course to the Town, under its Recreation Department, to help ensure that the State continues to look at the golf course as municipally owned and therefore a tax exempt entity.
- Chris Ransom asked the Village Trustees to look at the Village street lights and their defined light pattern. Mr. Ransom also asked about installing crosswalk warning signs for the diagonal crosswalk on Washington Highway, just above Maple Street.
- Many Village residents expressed concerns about traffic flow and pedestrian safety in the Village especially near the senior center, the hospital and the schools. Many residents were in favor of a rectangular rapid flash beacon crosswalk signage being installed at the crosswalk near the senior center.
- Judith Nepveu asked the Trustees if they had control over the Copley Municipal Parking lot. She voiced that the decorations should be removed from the parking lot to allow for more parking spaces.
- Craig Myotte gave a brief history and update regarding the ongoing fight in environmental court with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources regarding the relicensing of the Village's hydro facilities, especially the hydro and dam at Green River Reservoir. Trustee Todd Deuso and Craig explained that if the proposed State water quality permit conditions are not overturned in Environmental Court, there would be a loss of approximately \$215,000 a year in revenues from the Green River project that could cause an increase in electric rates to users. In addition, replacement energy would need to be purchased for the loss of 350,000 kwhs of renewable energy production. Craig

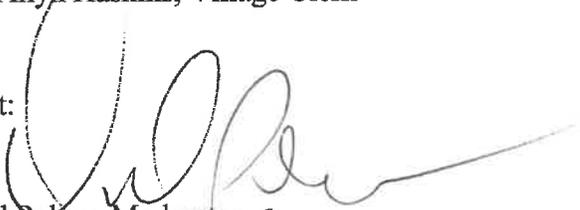
expressed his frustration with the relicensing process and environmental regulation for a renewable energy resource.

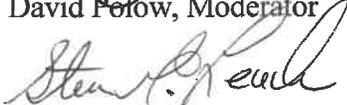
With no further business to legally come before the said meeting, the 2018 Annual Village Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mary West and seconded by Ron Bomer at 7:33 PM.

I certify that this is a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

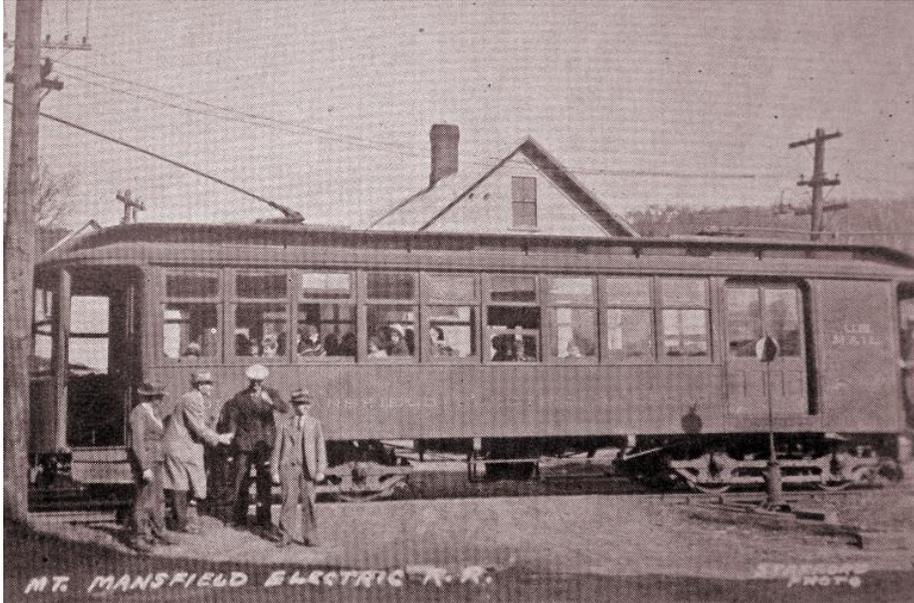
  
Sara Allyn Haskins, Village Clerk

Attest:

  
David Polow, Moderator

  
Steve Leach, Board of Civil Authority

Excerpts from  
"History of the Water and Light Department  
of the  
Village of Morrisville, Vermont"



Mt. Mansfield Electric Railroad Car at Stowe

For some years the Mt. Mansfield Electric Railway had been in operation between Waterbury and Stowe powered by a small steam plant located near their line. They, being desirous of obtaining a more dependable source of power, contacted the Water and Light Department with the result that in 1909 a line was built to Stowe to furnish power for the railroad who continued to be a customer until abandonment of operations in 1931. With the building of the line to Stowe, the Village of Stowe organized an electric system and purchased power from Morrisville until 1949.

In those days when a speed of from 55 to 65 cycles was satisfactory it was not unusual for the Mt. Mansfield Railroad, particularly when heavily loaded or bucking snowdrifts, to bring these generators to a near standstill or to trip out the circuit breaker on the switchboard before they reached the top of Shutesville Hill or broke through the hard-packed crust on the right of way. If the circuit breakers didn't trip, the lights went out or nearly so all over the system until the generator came back to normal speed. By watching the fluctuation in the lights, one could easily trace the trolley line through the entire distance from Stowe to Waterbury and when at last it achieved its final destination the lights would settle down to approximately normal voltage and frequency.

During the abnormal dry weather of 1947 and 1948, the river nearly dried up and it was the usual thing to generate about 100 Kw in both

plants, or only seven percent of normal generation. Residents were implored to cut down on the use of power and wholesale customers had to be curtailed as well as local industries. The tie line over Woodbury Mountain just wouldn't carry the load.

Therefore in 1949 a new 33,000-volt transmission line was built to Stowe to connect with the main line of the Green Mountain Power Corporation and a ten-year contract was entered into for stand-by power. The municipal systems of the Village of Stowe and Johnson made other arrangements for their needs of power and terminated their contract with us so that we were once more able to get our load down to within our generating capacity, except for unusual peak load period.

### HISTORY OF THE GREEN RIVER DAM

To review the history of the Green River as it relates to power development, C. L. Gates, A. A. Pike and A. G. Small were in the lumber business in that area between 1907 and 1916 under the style of the "Morrisville Lumber and Power Company", which shows that they were cognizant of the possibilities of power development. When they went out of business following the mill fire, they thought that the Village of Morrisville would be interested in acquiring the land and power rights so tried to sell them to the Village. However, the Village had recently installed an immense 250 Kw generator at Cady's Falls and was fixed for power forever, or so they thought, so turned down the proposition which could have been bought for a few thousand dollars. The Gates-Pike-Small Co. then sold out to the Curtis Brothers from New Jersey, who planned to put in a big dam and power house and furnish power for an electric railway chartered to be built between Stowe and Newport via Morrisville and Hyde Park. This never came about.

However, the dam site was cleared in 1923 and considerable exploratory work was done by the Curtis', but in 1928 the Curtis Brothers sold out to one of the large western utility holding companies, who went bankrupt and the project became the property of the Green Mountain Power Corp. of Montpelier.

In the meantime, the 1927 flood had run its course and the following year the Army Engineers surveyed the Green River as well as other streams in the area with a view to Flood Control. It is interesting to note that they planned a dam built to the same height as the one later built by this Department, but it was not to have any spillway. A dike was to be built to the same elevation in the southeast corner in approximately the same location as the present dike, but was to be so designed that if the reservoir filled, it was to wash out the dike and dump the entire pond down the Baldwin Brook into North Wolcott and thence into the Lamoille River. This project never materialized. (This was before the days of the "Governmental Santa Claus".)

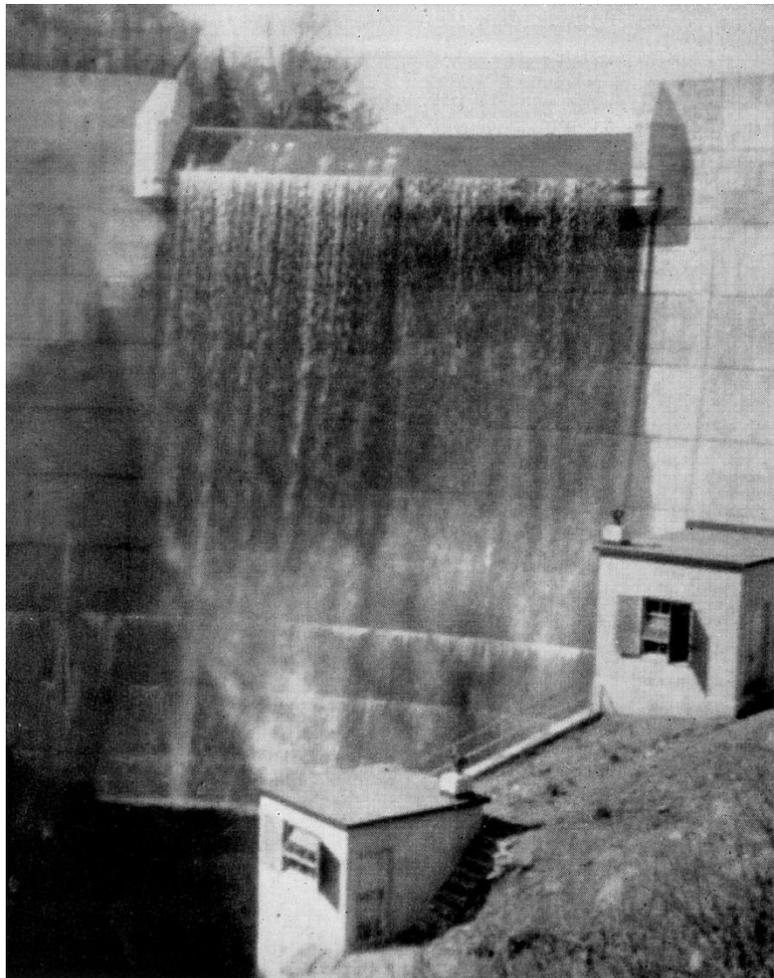
The Green Mountain Power Corp. planned to develop the project but upon study and investigation it was found that such a development would not coordinate with their operations which were all on the Winooski River, and would only benefit the Village and Public Electric Light Co. on the Lamoille. Therefore, they dropped the project and proposed to sell the entire holding to the Village of Morrisville.

From 1938 until 1946 various studies and surveys were made by this Department, the results of which were so pleasing to both the Village and the Public Electric Light Company, that a contract was drawn up between the parties whereby the Village would own and develop the project and the Public Light Company and the Village would share the expense over a 38-year period on the basis of benefits to the respective parties.

Contracts were awarded for the construction early in 1946 and the work was carried to completion in 1947, just in time to run into a three-year dry period in which precipitation and run-off were to be about 75 percent of normal.

At the same time a new 1,000 KVA generator and water wheel were installed in a new addition to the Cadys Falls Plant in order to get greater efficiency from the water impounded by the Green River Dam. A bond issue of \$900,000.00 was made in 1948 to cover both the Green River and Cadys Falls projects, the last of the bonds of the Morrisville Plant development being paid in 1949.

Here, again, was a dam that would never fill, according to the sidewalk civil engineers, and promises were made and bets laid to that effect. However, with the return of normal precipitation in 1950, the dam was full and running over on May 1, 1951.



Green River Dam. Built 1946-1947

Excerpts from

"Willard K. Sanders' Annual Superintendent Reports"

"Thus far 1961 has been a stinker and in retrospect 1960 wasn't much better. If [1962] were for sale, I don't know as we would want to buy it."

1956: "The transformer, 20 feet tall, 10 feet square, weighing some 40,000 pounds and costing about 75 cents per pound, was landed near its permanent site and after three days of tugging, lifting, straining and freezing it was finally landed on its foundation. The men of our line and water crews are to be complimented upon bringing this work to a successful conclusion under conditions which were most discouraging. One being the lack of proper equipment with which to handle such a large piece of equipment. Several winch cables and one or two of the Ten Commandments were broken during the process."

1961: I want to tell you about a very strange incident which happened on our system this past summer and how very lucky some folks are. It happened that on the west side of Lake Elmore a man, from some distance away, decided to build a cottage, so he bought a lot and started building. On weekends he spent his time getting the first floor erected, and finally put up his rafters and started boarding his roof. As he neared the ridge of the roof, he suddenly discovered that he was building his house squarely under one of our distribution lines and that these two wires were going to rest on the ridge. Nothing daunted, he continued with his boarding and when he reached the wires, he merely picked them, boarded under them, then let them rest on the roof.

Now when, with considerable amazement, we discovered what was transpiring, it seemed incredible to one who can't go up on a low roof without falling off and breaking things, that he could put up his steep roof without falling off and more incredible that he could with his bare hands pick up one of these wires carrying 2400 volts and board up under it. Discovering the situation, we immediately dispatched a letter by registered mail telling him that it was timely that he cease and desist; that he was already living on borrowed time, and that those wires carried considerable more voltage than the State feels is necessary to operate the electric furniture in the State's prison at Windsor.

He got the letter and called on the phone in a somewhat shaky voice, saying that he supposed those wires were only carrying 110 volts! Dry weather, dry second-hand lumber, the fact that he touched but one wire at a time, and that he had the blessing of Heaven, only prevented him from becoming a charred corpse. No further building went on for a while and we removed the line to a more retired location where, we hope, no one will build a house.

1963: With a sheet of paper rolled into the typewriter preparatory to writing this annual report, and with fingers running up and down the keys while trying to think of something with which to begin, I fell to contemplating the ever increasing problem of the shortage of utility engineering students in the colleges but when one considers that a young man has a choice of spending four years of hard study in getting an education at a cost of thousands of dollars, then having to work his way up to a position of importance; or letting his hair grow long, learning to pluck a guitar while he bleats pure nonsense into a microphone, as the girls swoon, and becomes a millionaire in no time at all, it is perhaps understandable why many take the easy way out, all of which has little or nothing to do with this report.

1954: 1954, should anyone care to recall it, will be remembered as the year of the monsoon, of those three furious Carol, Edna, and Hazel, of hurricane fame, and perhaps more acutely, as the year that Paramount Pictures came to town to make "Trouble with Harry".

There is probably no question that Paramount had more trouble with the weather than it did with Harry and many days were spent in the American Legion Barracks shooting interior shots when outdoor work had been previously scheduled. Day after day, Main Street was lined with busses, property trucks, kitchen trucks, Vista Vision generator trucks, and a miscellany of lesser vehicles and it was not unusual to come face to face with a famous actor on the street at most unexpected times.

This Department was associated with the project indirectly in two ways: first, we sold \$40.43 worth of power at the Barracks, and, second, one of our electric meters was in the "moo'm pitchers", right out front on the out- side of one of the property houses in plain sight. It would be unfair to reveal the name of the manufacturer of this meter but it was a modern instrument in every way, and on location for almost four weeks. Since its return to us it has proved to be very temperamental, so much so we have been unable to make it respond properly to ordinary use; if it can't work for "Paramount" it won't work for anybody.



## **A Sophie's Choice for Morrisville Water and Light**

*By Ken Nolan, General Manager of VPPSA*

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources ("VANR") has mandated new Water Quality Certification conditions in the relicensing process for the Green River Reservoir dam, and other small hydroelectric generators. These conditions threaten the facility's very future, the Green River Reservoir itself, and undermine Vermont's climate action goals. The new requirements placed on the Green River dam will damage the ability of Morrisville Water and Light (MWL) to generate power and revenue from the facility and could also compromise the dam's safety.

As the General Manager of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA), I have the privilege of supporting twelve Vermont municipalities, each of which owns and operates an electric utility that is governed by local voters. All combined, these twelve utilities serve a total of 50 Vermont communities and over 30,000 customers reaching from Enosburg in the north to Jacksonville in the south. Six of these utilities own small hydroelectric generators that they use to meet local energy and capacity needs. These hydro facilities are key resources for supporting Vermont's climate action goals with clean, local and affordable power.

My role has given me a front row seat to the impact that the VANR's water quality standards can have on the municipal utilities who rely on these small hydroelectric facilities. Most of the generators, including MWL's Green River Reservoir dam, were constructed over 100 years ago and are increasingly in need of repairs and upgrades. The improvements would normally be paid for using revenue from the power they produce, but that revenue is now in jeopardy because the conditions imposed by VANR drastically reduce power production. This in turn places financial strain on the owning utility. Nowhere are these impacts so dire as on MWL's Green River Reservoir facility.

VANR's conditions would limit the amount of water that MWL is able to draw down at Green River dam, particularly when the spring snow melt raises the reservoir's water levels. This is not how the Green River dam was originally designed to operate. It was designed to store water in the reservoir so that power could be generated when it was needed later. Limiting the amount of water that MWL can draw down could compromise the dam's ability to operate safely and has serious impacts on the value of power produced. It will likely make it uneconomical for MWL to continue operating the facility.

The present approach creates a classic Sophie's choice for MWL. On one-hand the state is counting on small hydro generators to help meet its aggressive climate action goals as utilities are required to quickly move to reduce carbon emissions. On the other hand, VANR is implementing rules that will potentially force utilities to shut down small scale hydroelectric facilities that have produced local, clean, affordable power for decades. Utilities like MWL are forced to choose.

MWL will either need to operate their hydroelectric facilities at a loss to meet the higher water quality requirements, or they need to decommission them and build new facilities,

like solar or wind, to meet state climate goals. In either case, the state mandates will lead to additional rate pressure for Vermont consumers. In MWL's case an even more severe outcome is possible - the decommissioning of the Green River dam and draining of the reservoir. This would in turn lead to an unimaginable loss to the wildlife and people who enjoy the reservoir's stunning resources, to the tourists it attracts and to our state coffers from the loss of more than one million dollars in annual revenue generated by the associated Green River Reservoir State Park.

The municipal leaders VPPSA supports want to protect the environment as much as anyone else. They struggle every day to balance the environmental and economic needs of their communities with state government directives. They should not be put in the position of choosing which local natural resources they are going to destroy in order to meet conflicting, rigid statewide environmental goals. Instead, they should be supported by state policies that are internally consistent and applied with both flexibility and common sense to maximize use of our existing resources while strengthening our communities.

## **Caught Between A Rock and A Hard Place**

*By Village/MW&L Trustees*

Morrisville Water and Light (MWL) is one of 2,200 not-for-profit public power utilities in the United States. We serve approximately 4,000 residents and businesses in the Morrisville area with electric service. Our goal as a member of the community is to help move Morrisville toward its vision of a vibrant economy, a sustainable future and an excellent quality of life for all residents.

MWL currently owns and operates three hydroelectric dams. One of these facilities, the Green River Reservoir Dam, sits on the Green River and creates the Green River Reservoir. This dam, and the reservoir itself, are important resources to MWL, the surrounding communities, and the state of Vermont. The dam provides clean and reliable power to the community while the reservoir and State Park surrounding it provide visitors with an unparalleled outdoor experience. With one of the longest stretches of undeveloped shorelines in the state, visitors can enjoy a gorgeous, untouched and natural piece of Vermont. Additionally, the Green River Reservoir provides immense economic benefit to the state. The Green River State Park is the third most visited in Vermont and draws in nearly \$800,000 in revenue from park fees, along with an additional \$400,000 from money spent in nearby communities by visitors to the park.

MWL has long been committed to protecting our environment and providing our customers and community with a sustainable future. In 1999 MWL sold the land that today makes up the 5,503-acre park to the State for below market price. This sale was to ensure the land could be forever preserved and enjoyed by all. We have carefully balanced the needs of the State Park, nesting loons, kayakers and MWL's need to generate energy for the past 20 years. The reservoir and the fish in the Green River have thrived under our stewardship. We remain devoted to this special piece of Vermont and recognize the immense benefits it brings to our community and state.

Unfortunately, new Water Quality Certification conditions mandated by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in the relicensing process for the dam put its future at risk. These new requirements would limit the amount of water that MWL is able to draw down at critical times throughout the year, particularly when the spring snow melt raises the water levels in the reservoir. This will result in water spilling over the dam. This is contrary to the purpose and design of the dam (store and release) and would compromise the dam's ability to operate safely and MWL's ability to generate power and revenue from the facility. Additionally, as the dam was constructed in the 1940s and hydro facilities were added in the 1980s, significant upgrades are needed if it is to continue to operate as a functional hydroelectric facility.

In addition, the Green River dam is classified as a high hazard dam meaning there is a risk of loss of life and significant property damage if the dam were to fail. MWL is currently liable for the dam and is responsible for maintaining an Emergency Action

Plan (EAP) and periodically running exercises with surrounding communities to be prepared to respond to a failure of the dam in addition to a number of other tasks associated with our license.

The conditions imposed by ANR, and the required upgrades to the facility put MWL in a very difficult predicament. If we comply with ANR's new requirements and invest in much-needed upgrades to the dam, MWL will be operating at a significant loss. This would be counter to our mission and would run afoul of our commitment to the residents and ratepayers of the communities we serve.

MWL cannot, in the interest of our customers, operate the Green River Dam at a loss. While we run on a not-for-profit basis, we are funded by the people of Morrisville and the other six surrounding communities in our franchise area, which means that our revenues must be sufficient to cover our costs and ensure the viability of operating the Green River hydro facilities. We have been exploring all available opportunities to address this challenge and it is our hope that we can work collaboratively with the State of Vermont to come to a resolution that allows MWL to operate in the black while also ensuring the preservation of the Reservoir and the park. It is clear that a solution that meets these goals will benefit the residents of our communities and all those who enjoy the beauty of the park.

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## THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

“Whereas application in writing has been made to the undersigned selectmen of the Town of Morrystown in Orleans County, State of Vermont, signed by more than seven freeholders of said town requesting us to lay out and establish bounds and limits to the village near Safford’s Mills in said Morrystown, we hereby certify that in compliance with said application, we have layed out and established limits and bounds to said village as follows: viz. beginning at the bridge below Jedediah Safford’s mills and running up the Lamoille River on the south side thereof to the east line of Jedediah Safford’s land and running thence south on said Safford’s line to the south east corner of the Safford’s land thence west on said Safford’s south line to the brook that crosses the road near Calvin Burnett’s; thence down said brook to the river thence up said river to the bridge or bound begun at.

Given under our hands at Morrystown the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 1829.

Luther Brigham  
Isaac Allen  
Selectmen”

*(From Morrystown Two Times.)*

The Village of Morrisville was created by Public Law No. 255 of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont in 1888. In its first meeting on June 13, 1890, the Incorporated Village of Morrisville voted to accept the act of the legislature.

LAND AREA: 3.5 square miles

POPULATION: 2,009 inhabitants in the 2000 Census  
1,958 inhabitants in the 2010 Census

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Monday, April 8, 2019**