

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY & MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 REPORTS



Lynda Cluba & Friend

2008 Town Report Honoree

This year's Town Report honoree is Lynda Cluba. Lynda was born in 1951 in Connecticut. Her family moved around a lot following her father's work but she mostly grew up there. Her love of animals surfaced early and included studies to become a vet. She moved to Montgomery when she was 21 and that was the beginning of her love affair with our town; she always considered this the place she was "from".

She met her husband, John, at Kilgore's Trout Saloon (now Trout River Traders) in 1974 and they were married in East Berkshire in 1982. They settled in town and raised their two kids, Morgan and Elliot, who are now young adults and living ("at the moment") in Arizona and Hawaii. She was also a Prom Queen of Montgomery's annual Peoples' Prom.

Lynda served the Town in a variety of positions including Lister, Library Board, Cemetery Commissioner, Rec Center, Dog Officer (both official and unofficial), and as both Assistant Town Clerk, and Town Clerk/Treasurer; the last of which was for 6 years and included the School Treasurer as well. She also delivered "Meals on Wheels".

The most important things in her life are her family and her animals. With her kids grown, and after over 14 years of rescuing animals, she established "Friends Of Pax Inc"*, a 501.c.3 non-profit dog care and adoption organization. Her vocation also saw her travel to New Orleans after Katrina where she worked as a volunteer to help animals displaced by the hurricane.

Our community was fortunate to have had Lynda living with, and working for us. We miss her already. Our sincerest **thanks** to Lynda for helping to make Montgomery such a great community, and best wishes for happiness in the future. (If it's okay with her we prefer to think she's just away visiting. We're told she and John will be back for many summers...)

* Tax deductible donations can be made to Friends of Pax, Inc at P.O. Box 101, Montgomery, Vt. 05470

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MEETING***

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Montgomery Select Board will conduct a public informational meeting on Saturday February 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall in Montgomery Center to allow public discussion or questions relative to items in the current Town Report.

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“Carry The Weight, Save Freight”

The story of an innovative packing case made in Montgomery, Vt.

Background/Context: From the end of the Civil War to the 1940s, the timber industry was a major part of Montgomery’s economy, as it was in many small New England towns. As the memory of the Civil War faded (Montgomery’s chapter of the Grand Army Of The Republic closed in 1898 due to a lack of members), and a new prosperity emerged, whole neighborhoods grew out of the forests as mills were built and workers moved in to harvest the timber. Montgomery’s population reached its peak of nearly 1,900 people at the turn of the century and there were a dozen schools. In the 1890s there were 16 mills producing wood products in Montgomery. Products included butter & sugar tubs, cheese boxes, bobbins, furniture, veneer, building materials, and plywood. This natural resource and Montgomery’s geography also led to as many as 11 covered bridges being built.

At the turn of the century the United States also saw a booming economy and as new wealth expanded many now had income for “non-essentials” and could afford entertainment. During the first three decades of the 20th century a prime amusement was the new Talking Machine (phonograph). Millions were produced with Victor Talking Machines Company being the most well known brand.

The railroads were a growing and integral part of the country’s transportation infrastructure during this period. Companies, like Victor, could now ship their products across the country reliably and cheaply. Or could they???

Innovation: At the turn of the century, Atlas Plywood Company owned plants in Maine, North Troy, Richford, and Montgomery, VT, and extensive timber lands throughout Vermont and northern New England. In 1921 they published a catalog touting an innovation they felt would revolutionize the shipping industry, a lighter yet stronger packing crate manufactured from three ply hardwood (maple and birch) veneer. This new, patented, packing case was also less bulky taking less volume for shipping.

These thin plywood cases replaced solid wood crates, usually made from solid boards. The Company argued that their management of the entire manufacturing process from cutting the logs, to specialized fabrication machines, to printing the sides made their cases cheaper to produce. They were also stronger so the railroads did not limit the weight of the freight they carried, also making them cheaper to ship.

Fast Facts: (All Four Plants)

The Company had 16 veneer lathes and 500 running feet of dryers

750,000 sq ft of veneer could be dried per day

1,600,000 sq ft of veneer and cleats were produced per week

Over 11 tons of glue were used per week

Produced 45 rail cars per week of shooks.

Orders could be filled and shipped to Boston in as little as 48 hours

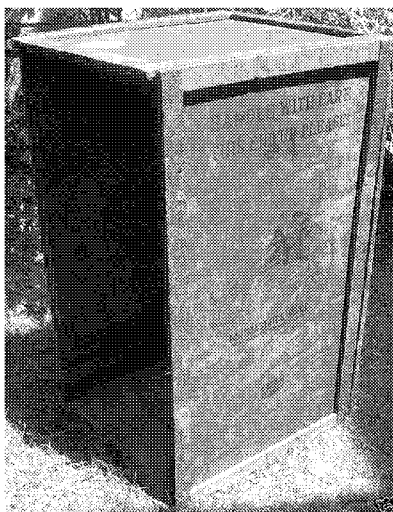
Typical workers had a 10 hour day and earned 9 cents/hour in 1908 in Montgomery

Quotes of Note from the 1921 Catalogue: “Nelson and Hall Company’s plant, located in Montgomery Center Vermont, is surrounded by thousands of acres of the finest veneer timber growing. The shipping station for this plant is East Berkshire, Vermont on the Central Vermont Railway.”

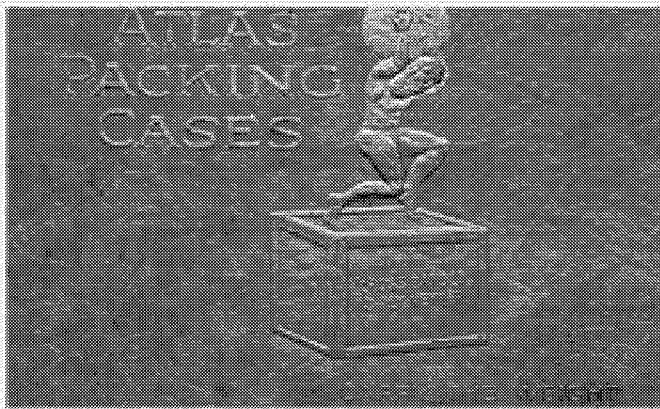
“Our four plants, located in four separate towns, small enough to be free from labor troubles but large enough to furnish an ample supply of labor, have contributed much to the economical manufacture of “Atlas” Plywood Box Shooks.”

Epilogue: By the 1930’s the Great Depression, the invention of radio, and other forces combined to kill the Talking Machine market which was Atlas’ principal account. While Atlas packing crates were used for other products, railroads declined as trucking and aircraft began to take more and more of their market, and new materials for packing became available. Atlas continued to make plywood for other applications but the plant in Montgomery would close in the 50’s. It remained a large timberland holder in Montgomery until it sold its holdings to Wagner Woodlands in the early 60’s. A large portion of the land was eventually put into a conservation trust.

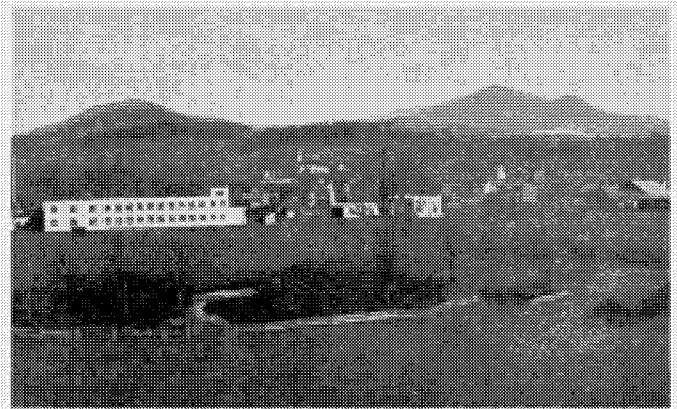
Principal Sources: Atlas Plywood Corp 1921 Catalogue, 1896 Montgomery Town Report, “Milestones in the History of Plywood” American Plywood Association, “Montgomery, Vermont: The History of a Town” by Sara Taylor and W.R. Branthoover.



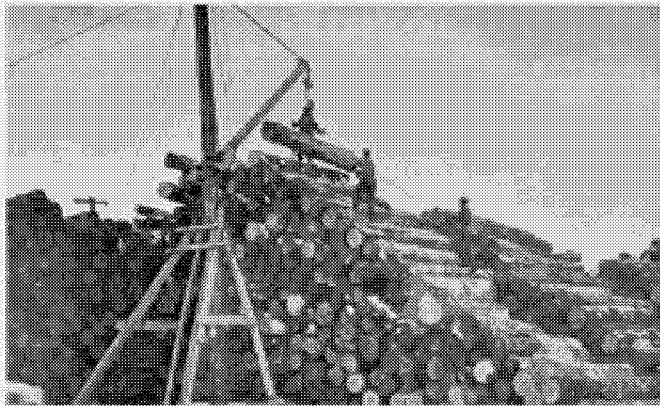
Packing Case Manufacture In Montgomery Circa 1920
Acquired By The Montgomery Historical Society in June of 2008 in Dayton, Ohio.



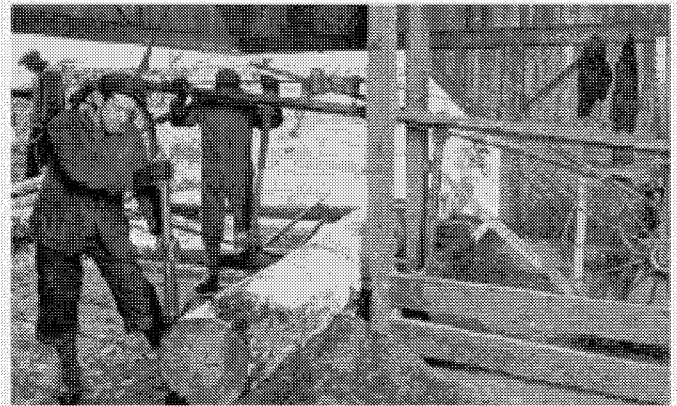
1. Catalogue Cover



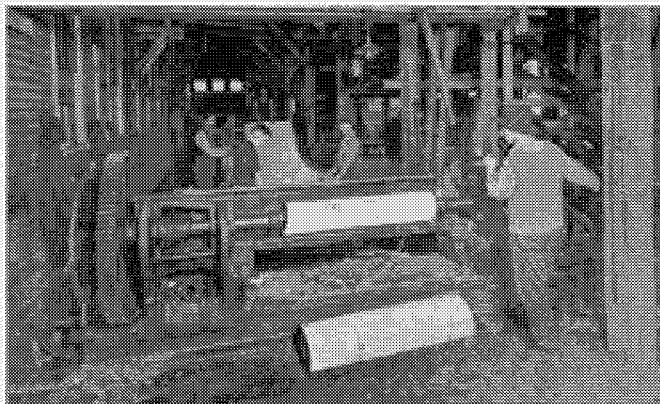
2. Nelson and Hall Mill, Jay Mountains



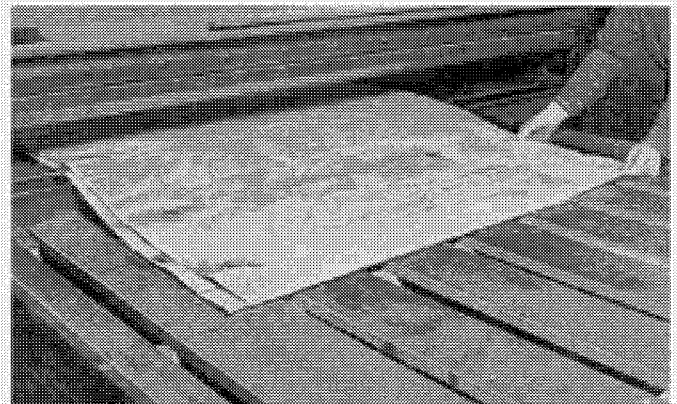
3. Plenty Of Raw Materials



4. Log Being Cut for Veneer Lathe



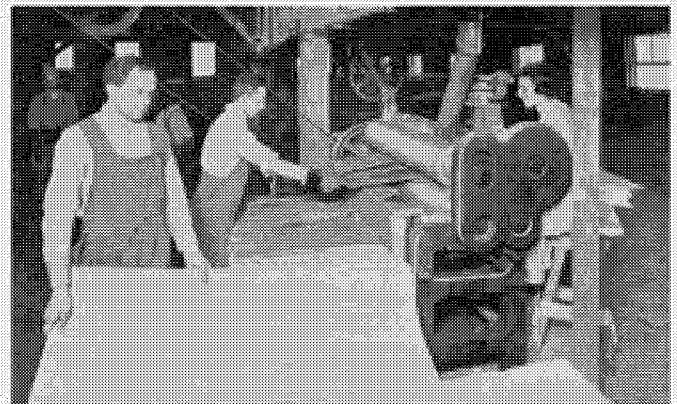
5. Veneer Lathe



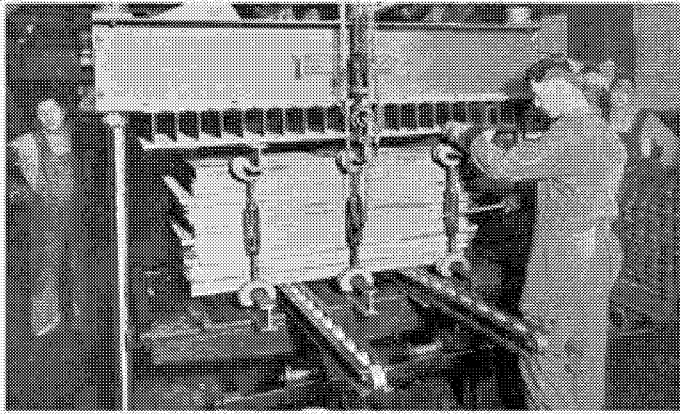
6. Veneer Sheet Being Cut on a Slasher



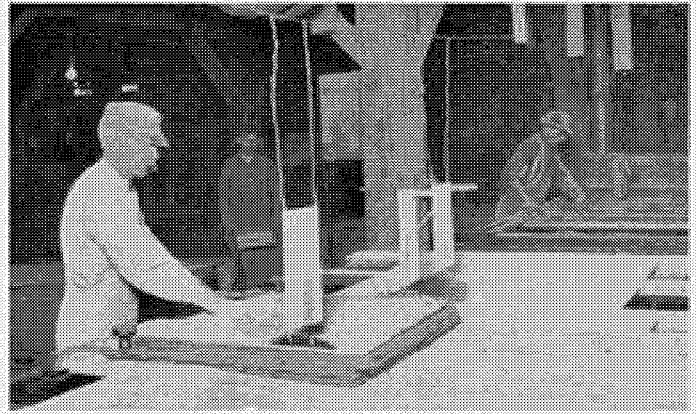
7. Sheets Being Fed Into a Dryer



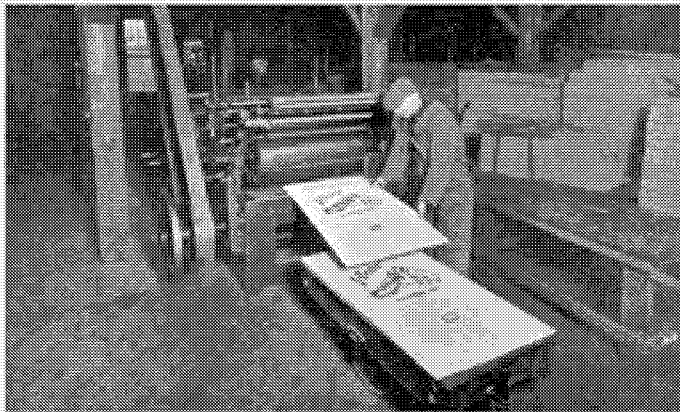
8. Three Sheets Being Glued at Cross Grain



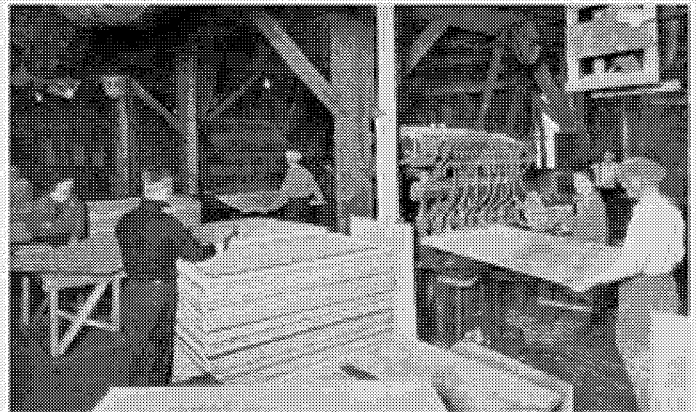
9. Glued Panels In a Press



10. Panels Being Squared



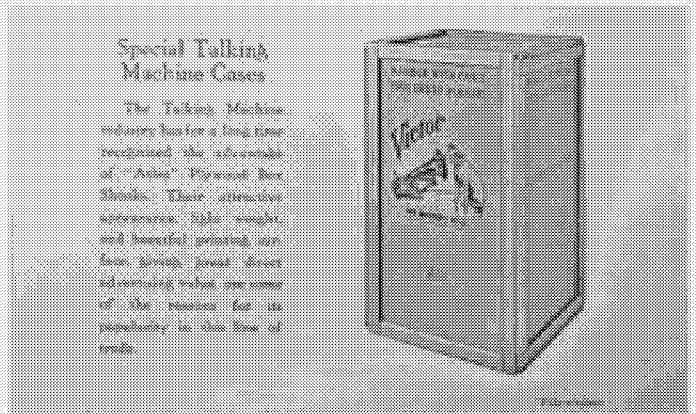
11. Panels Being Printed With Victor Logo



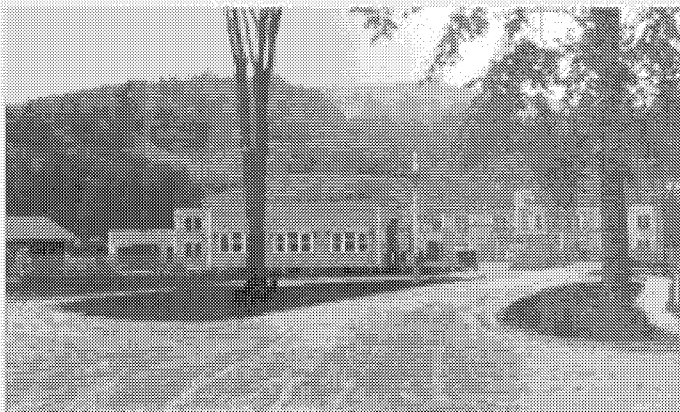
12. Cleats Being Nailed On & Final Inspection



13. Broken Down Cases Loaded on Railroad



14. Victor Was Nelson and Hall's Main Client



15. Atlas HQ, Factory in Background



16. Site Today

Special Thanks to Rita Tatro for donating the catalogue and other items.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Tim Murphy 1 year Term – Expires 2009

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Renée J Patterson 3 year Term – Expires 2009

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Perry 3 year Term – Expires 2011
Merrill Cabana 2 year Term – Expires 2010
Kenneth Cota 3 year Term – Expires 2009
Mark Brouillette 2 year Term – Expires 2009
Wendy Howard 3 year Term – Expires 2010

LISTERS:

Sharon Perry 3 year Term – Expires 2011
Carol McGregor (resigned-Joel Magnuson appointed) 3 year Term – Expires 2009
Parma Jewett 3 year Term – Expires 2010

AUDITORS:

Suzanne Wilson 3 year Term – Expires 2011
Marsha Phillips 3 year Term – Expires 2010
Elizabeth Curboy 3 year Term – Expires 2009

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: Anita Woodward 3 year Term – Expires 2011

FIRST CONSTABLE: Brent Godin 1 year Term – Expires 2009

TOWN AGENT: Merle Van Geison 1 year Term – Expires 2009

TOWN GRAND JUROR: Select Board 1 year Term – Expires 2009

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Center

Lynda P Cluba (resigned-Deanna Robitaille appointed) 5 year Term – Expires 2013
Annie B Purrier 5 year Term – Expires 2009
Lyndol Elkins 5 year Term – Expires 2010
Charles R Purrier 5 year Term – Expires 2011
Earl Lumbra 5 year Term – Expires 2012

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Village

Joy Bosley 5 year Term – Expires 2013
Vivian Deuso 5 year Term – Expires 2009
Joann Lanphear 5 year Term – Expires 2010
Lois Lumbra 5 year Term – Expires 2011
Penny Lumbra 5 year Term – Expires 2012

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

James Abbott 5 year Term – Expires 2013
Janis Hess 5 year Term – Expires 2009
Bill Harlow 5 year Term – Expires 2009
Elizabeth Crane 5 year Term – Expires 2010
Jody Jones (resigned – Vacant) 5 year Term – Expires 2010
Lynda Cluba (resigned - Vacant) 5 year Term – Expires 2011
Jay Kerch 5 year Term – Expires 2012

FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

William Baker Sr 2 year Term – Expires 2010
Randy St Onge 2 year Term – Expires 2009

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Parma Jewett 3 year Term – Expires 2011
Amy Koontz..... 3 year Term – Expires 2011
Barry Kade 3 year Term – Expires 2009
Wendy Howard 3 year Term – Expires 2009
Remi Gratton III..... 3 year Term – Expires 2010

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: 2 year Terms – Expire Feb 2011
Sally Newton Elizabeth Curboy Laurie Murphy Annie Purrier Erin St Onge

OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS
(Annual appointments unless otherwise noted)

AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE: Merle Van Gieson

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Sharon Perry Suzanne Wilson Billy Cabana Gary Marrier Kenneth Cota

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:

Thomas Smith..... 3 year Term – Expires 2011
Ralph Chilton 3 year Term – Expires 2009
Merle Van Gieson 3 year Term – Expires 2009
James Cota..... 3 year Term – Expires 2010
Mark Brouillette..... 3 year Term – Expires 2010
Alternate: Vacant 3 year Term – Expires 2011
Alternate: Barry Kade..... 3 year Term – Expires 2009
Alternate: Andre Labier 3 year Term – Expires 2009

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CIVIL DEFENSE:..... Stephen Jewett

FENCE VIEWERS: Listers

FIRE WARDEN: Brent Godin 5 year Term – Expires Jun 2012

HEALTH OFFICER: Mark Brouillette..... 3 year Term – Expires 2010

INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD Gary Marrier

NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:..... Barry Kade, Darlene Marrier

NORTHWEST SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP: Barry Kade..... 3 year Term – Expires 2009

POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Gabrielle Marquette Scott Perry Lynda Cluba Mark Brouillette Vacant

POUND KEEPER (dog officer) Amy Cochran

RECREATION BOARD:..... 3 year Terms – Expire 2009

Michelle Legault Peg Doheny Karen Frascella Lisa Perry
Marsha Phillips Sue Regan Stephanie Machia

ROAD COMMISSIONER William Baker Jr

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER Donna Bartsch

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION Mark Brouillette

TREE WARDEN Carol McGregor

WEIGHER OF COAL Jackie Kaufman

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Darlene Marrier..... 3 year Term – Expires 2011

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURE

A distillation of 700 pages of *Robert's Rules of Order*, thousands of pages of Vermont legislation and judicial decisions, and 350 years of New England tradition as edited by Timothy Murphy.

- Any citizen on the voter's checklist has the right to speak on any debatable subject. Others not on the checklist may observe, but not participate, unless granted permission by 2/3 vote.
- First, be recognized by the moderator;
- Second, rise and identify yourself to the assembly and the Town Clerk for the record;
- Third, speak clearly for all to hear.

Following is a brief summary of those motions most commonly utilized to assure an orderly meeting and complete the work that needs to be done by the assembled citizens of the Town.

Main Motion: introduces and article for consideration by the assembly.

Subsidiary Motions: alters or eliminates the main motion.

- Lay on the table: postpones consideration until a later time at the same meeting.
- Call the previous question: ceases debate on an item and brings it up for a vote.
- Limit or extend debate: sets the amount of time to debate an article.
- Postpone to a certain time: delays until a specified time or order in the agenda.
- Amend: changes the main motion. An amendment may be amended.
- Passover: the colloquial term that describes two different procedures:
 - a. If moved prior to debate, it is a motion to object to the consideration of a question.
 - b. If moved after commencement of debate, it is a motion to postpone indefinitely.If passed, either motion effectively kills the item being considered.

Privileged Motions: takes precedence over main and subsidiary motions, but are not related to any pending question.

- Set the time to which the assembly shall adjourn: Vermont courts have found that a town meeting may not be adjourned while warned articles are pending unless the meeting is adjourned to a time certain.
- Recess: request for a break for a specific amount of time.
- Raise a question of privilege: addresses a matter of some urgency for the assembly.

Incidental Motions: deals with procedures pertaining to the business under consideration.

- Appeal: questions the decision of the moderator.
- Reconsider: raises again a question just voted on. Must be moved before the next article is put up for debate. Must be moved by one who voted on the prevailing side.
- Division of a question: divides a motion to consider the parts separately.
- Division of the assembly: following a vote, any individual may request a show of hands to more accurately count the votes. Any seven members may request a ballot vote.
- Point of Order: request the moderator either follow the rules or explain them.
- Suspend the rules: temporarily changes the rules of the meeting for a specific purpose.

General rules of debate:

- The maker of a motion which has been seconded is entitled to speak first on that motion.
- No member may speak more than twice on the same question, not for longer than ten minutes.
- Members do not address each other during debate. All remarks go through the moderator.
- Debate is confined to the question before the assembly. Personal comments and questions of another's motives are out of order. Words like "fraud," "liar," or "cheat" must never be allowed, and the moderator must prohibit such comments or other inappropriate language immediately.
- In accordance with **17 V.S.A. 2659**, the moderator is charged with the responsibility of preserving order at Town Meeting. This provision provides that "if a person, after notice, is persistently disorderly and refuses to withdraw from the meeting, the moderator may cause him to be removed, calling upon the constable or other person for that purpose." A \$200 fine may be levied if the person will not leave the meeting.

MOTIONS BY RANK

*Indicates the motion is in order when another has the floor.

Motion	Second Required	Debatable or not	Amendment possible	Vote required
Privileged				
• Set adjournment	YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY
• Recess	YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY
• *Privilege			usually moderator decides	
Incidental				
• *Appeal	YES	YES	NO	MAJORITY
• *Reconsider	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY
• Division of a question	YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY
• *Objection to Consideration	NO	NO	NO	2/3
• *Point of order			usually moderator decides	
• Suspend the rules	YES	NO	NO	2/3
• Withdraw motion	NO	NO	NO	MAJORITY
• Close Nominations	YES	NO	NO	2/3
Subsidiary				
• Lay on the table	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY
• Previous Question	YES	NO	NO	2/3
• Limit debate	YES	NO	YES	2/3
• Postpone definitely	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY
• Amend amendment	YES	YES	NO	MAJORITY
• Amend	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY
• Take from the table	YES	NO	NO	MAJORITY
• Postpone indefinitely	YES	YES	NO	MAJORITY
Main Motion	YES	YES	YES	MAJORITY

Minutes

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2008

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Tosca Smith nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott Perry moved to accept the reports as written and was seconded. Scott explained a correction to the projected tax rate on page 20 to \$0.4173 due to a change in the grand list value.

Tim Murphy brought attention to the Town Meeting Procedure as summary of Robert's Rules to make a correction on page 9 General Rules of Debate, bullet #5 should be in accordance to 17 V.S.A 2659 instead of 24 V.S.A.

Carol Farmer asked why Police revenue wasn't carried over into police budget. It appears it was an error. Police Prior Yr reserve should be increased by \$4,134 for a total of \$14,835.

3. Shall the Town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?

Ken Cota made a motion to appoint a Road Commissioner and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:

- (a) A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot.

Scott Perry nominated Merle Van Gieson. Sharon Perry nominated Merrill "Billy" Cabana. Ballot count Merle – 18, Billy – 39.

- (b) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot.

Sue Wilson nominated Scott Perry. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Scott Perry.

- (c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot.

Sue Wilson nominated Sharon Perry. Sharon declined the nomination and nominated Parma Jewett. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Parma Jewett.

- (d) A Lister for the remainder of a three year term expiring in 2010.

Tosca Smith nominated Sharon Perry. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Sharon Perry.

- (e) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot.

Tosca Smith nominated Sue Wilson. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Sue Wilson.

- (f) An auditor for the remaining two years of a three year term by ballot.

Sue Wilson nominated Marsha Phillips. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Marsha Phillips.

- (g) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year.

Tosca Smith nominated Barry Kade. Barry declined. Wendy nominated Merle Van Gieson. Merle was elected by voice vote.

(h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a term of five years.

Tosca Smith nominated Lynda Cluba. Lynda was elected by voice vote.

(i) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years.

Merle Van Gieson nominated Joy Bosley. Joy was elected by voice vote.

(j) A Library Trustee for a term of five years.

Tosca Smith nominated Jim Abbott. Jim was elected by voice vote.

(k) A Library Trustee for the remaining four years of a five year term expiring in 2012.

Sue Wilson nominated Jay Kerch. Jay was elected by voice vote.

(l) A Library Trustee for the remaining year of a five year term expiring in 2009.

Sue Wilson nominated Bill Harlow. Bill was elected by voice vote.

(m) A Library Trustee for the remaining three years of a five year term expiring in 2011.

Sue Wilson nominated Lynda Cluba. Lynda was elected by voice vote.

(n) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years.

Sue Wilson nominated Billy Baker Sr. Billy was elected by voice vote.

(o) A First Constable for a term of one year.

Sue Wilson nominated Brent Godin. Brent was elected by voice vote.

(p) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years.

Tosca Smith nominated Parma Jewett. Parma was elected by voice vote.

(q) A Planning Commission member for the remaining year of a three year term expiring in 2009.

Scott Perry nominated Wendy Howard. Wendy was elected by voice vote.

(r) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years.

Tosca Smith nominated Amy Koontz. Amy was elected by voice vote.

(s) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year.

Tosca Smith nominated the Selectboard. The Selectboard was elected by voice vote.

5. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:

(a) Fire Department: 2007 - \$20,000, 2008 - \$20,000.

Billy Baker Sr moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Rescue Department: 2007 - \$18,000, 2008 - \$18,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$18,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Summer Roads: 2007 - \$60,000, 2008 - \$63,000.

Ken Cota moved to appropriate \$63,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Winter Roads: 2007 - \$65,000, 2008 - \$67,000.

Ken Cota moved to appropriate \$67,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2007 - \$43,000, 2008 - \$43,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$43,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Bridges: 2007 - \$25,000, 2008 - \$10,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2007 - \$9,900, 2008 - \$9,900.

Barry Kade moved to appropriate \$9,900 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2007 - \$20,000, 2008 - \$20,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(i) Public Safety Building: 2007 - \$10,000, 2008 - \$12,000

Ken Cota moved to appropriate \$12,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(j) Recreation Department: 2007 - \$12,000, 2008 - \$12,000.

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$12,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(k) Reappraisal Fund: 2007 - \$4,000, 2008 - \$4,000.

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$4,000 and was seconded. Sharon explained the status of the Common Level of Appraisal and the Co-efficiency of Dispersion. Motion passed by voice vote.

(l) Police Services: 2007 - \$0, 2008 - \$0.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Carry over amount is enough to support the Constable duties. Motion passed by voice vote.

(m) Montgomery Youth Center: 2007 - \$0, 2008 - \$5,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$5,000 and was seconded. Amy Koontz, Director of the Youth Center explained the activities and participation of the Youth Center and referred to her report in the current Town Report pg 43 and the budget pg 42. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?

(a) Town Clerk: 2007 - \$12,000, 2008 - \$12,000.

Tosca Smith moved to pay the Town Clerk \$15,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Town Treasurer: 2007 - \$8,000, 2008 - \$8,000.

Lynda Cluba moved to pay the Treasurer \$8,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2007 - \$1,000, 2008 - \$1,000.

Tosca Smith moved to pay the Selectboard \$1,000 each and was seconded. Rita Tatro moved to amend the amount to \$2,000 and was seconded. Ken, Wendy, Mark, and Scott indicated that they did not want an increase. Vote on the amendment failed by voice vote. Motion to pay the Selectboard \$1,000 each passed by voice vote.

(d) Listers:

2007 - 1st yr. members - \$9.00/hr., 2nd yr. and on members - \$10.00/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage,

2008 - 1st yr. members - \$14.00/hr., 2nd yr. and on members - \$15.00/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage

Lynda Cluba moved to accept as requested for 2008 and was seconded. Merle Van Gieson moved to amend to pay \$12/hr for each Lister plus the IRS mileage rate and was seconded. Amendment failed by voice vote. Scott Perry moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Original motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Auditors:

2007 - 1st yr. members - \$8.00/hr., 2nd yr. and on members - \$9.00/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage

2008 - 1st yr. members - \$8.00/hr., 2nd yr. and on members - \$9.00/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage.

Scott Perry moved as requested for 2008 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Board of Civil Authority:

2007 - \$7.53/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage,

2008 - \$7.53/hr., plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage.

Lynda Cluba moved as requested for 2008 and was seconded. Sue Wilson moved to amend to Vermont minimum wage plus the IRS rate for mileage and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion to pay the BCA the Vermont minimum wage plus the IRS rate for mileage passed by voice vote.

7. Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?

(a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior HelpLine: 2007 - \$1,800, 2008 - \$1,800.

Scott Perry made a motion to appropriate \$1,800 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2007 - \$1,440, 2008 - \$1,440.

Sue Wilson made a motion to appropriate \$1,440 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2007 - \$500, 2008 - \$500.

Mark Brouillette made a motion to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund: This money would be applied towards the cost of sending three or more children from Montgomery to the Hazen's Notch Association's Summer Camp. 2007 - \$1,000, 2008 - \$1,000.

Mark Brouillette made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Northwestern Counseling: 2007 - \$1,100, 2008 - \$1,100.

Barry Kade made a motion to appropriate \$1,100 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Maple Leaf Farm: 2007 - \$285, 2008 - \$285.

Scott Perry made a motion to appropriate \$285 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(g) Family Center of Northwest Vermont: 2007 - \$400, 2008 - \$400.

Barry Kade made a motion to appropriate \$400 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$185,656 for Contingent Selectboard? 2007 - \$143,813, 2008 - \$185,656.

Barry Kade made a motion to appropriate \$185,656 and was seconded. Sharon Perry moved to amend to \$192,790 and was seconded. The difference due to the increase in the Town Clerk's pay and an error in the Police Dept carry over funds. The motion to amend passed by voice vote. Scott Perry explained the items included in the Contingent Selectboard amount. There was discussion regarding line items for Village Water Bond, Wastewater Study and Flood Mitigation. Sharon moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

Tosca Smith moved to recess for lunch and was seconded. Motion failed by voice vote.

9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to purchase a new ten wheel, fourteen yard dump truck with snow plow and wing to be paid out of the Machinery Replacement Fund and to borrow up to \$140,000, with the first payment not due until 2009?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept Article 9 as read and was seconded. Lee Forman moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard and departments to receive and expend for town purposes any additional grants, gifts or other revenue in excess of those calculated in determining the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

11. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes, not to exceed the sum of \$60,000.00 for the period March 4, 2008, to March 3, 2009, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Brent Godin made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

12. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow for the Water Department for use in case of an emergency, not to exceed the sum of \$50,000 for the period March 4, 2008, to March 3, 2009, and execute and deliver the notes to the Town, if needed?

Sarah Cushing made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

13. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good practices?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Jim Abbott moved to amend to add after the word purchase "for a nominal amount" and was seconded. Hand count Y – 23, N – 26. Motion to amend failed. Motion to accept as read passed by voice vote.

14. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contract with new business or the expansion of old business to fix the municipal tax applicable to such real property at a percentage of the annual tax? (Such contracts are for the municipal tax only. Any such contracts for school taxes require approval from the State Legislature.)

Sharon Perry moved to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

15. Shall the Town vote to collect interest, as prescribed by law, on its delinquent taxes and delinquent water bills, 1% per month or a fraction thereof?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

16. Shall the Town vote to publish names and the amounts of delinquent tax, and ambulance bills due in the Annual Report?

Sharon Perry made a motion to accept as read and was seconded. Barry Kade moved to amend to add the word "delinquent" before ambulance and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Scott Perry moved to call the question and was seconded and passed by affirmation. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

17. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.


Barry Kade made a motion to have the Town of Montgomery censure Congressman Peter Welch for not pursuing investigations that may lead to impeachment of George W Bush & Richard B Cheney per the resolution passed at town meeting March, 2007 and for offering reasons of only political expediency. Sharon Perry objected to the motion. Vote to objection passed by more than 2/3rd.

Morgan Daybell reminded everyone the Annual School District meeting will be held next Monday, March 10, 2008 @ 7:30pm at the Montgomery Elementary School and, that new EMT classes begin tomorrow night and to contact him if interested.

Ken Cota announced that there are numerous vacancies for town offices and people should contact the Selectboard if anyone was interested in filling any of them.

Ken Cota made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.

A true record this 10th day of March, 2008

ATTEST: 
Renee J Patterson, Town Clerk

ATTEST: 
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST: 
Kenneth Cota, Select-board Chairperson

State of the Town

Town Meeting 2009

The “State of the Town” is good. We remain financially sound and continue to effectively manage our accounts and debt. An audit of all municipal accounts for 2007 was completed in 2008 by Kittell, Branagan, and Sargent as required by Federal regulations without significant findings. We will undergo another 100% audit of our 2008 accounts in 2009 since we will be completing a couple of programs involving FEMA, EPA, and USDA grants.

Our 2008 ranking for the Municipal Tax Rate (which is what is determined at Town Meeting) is 91st lowest of 261 Cities/Villages/Towns and Gores. Montgomery’s Homestead Total Tax Rate remains below the State median. The Non-Homestead Total Rate is now higher than the median, due in part to the State school funding process.

We are committed to doing better. We have made an extra effort with this year’s budget to curb spending in anticipation of the ripple effect of the worsening economy. In this vein the Selectboard has agreed to forego their annual stipend for this 2009.

The Selectboard met about 35 times since Town Meeting 2008 to carry out the Town's business. In addition, members of the Board attended numerous other meetings representing the Town. We would like to review some of the developments and accomplishments of the past year, as well as highlight some of the additional challenges we see facing us all. All of the Town’s meetings are open to the public. The Town Report includes a listing of the principal groups and when/where their Regular meetings are held for your reference. Warnings, minutes and other Town information is also available on the Town website (www.montgomeryvt.us).

1. Proposed 2009 Budget:

a. This year’s budget reflects many of the forces affecting the larger economy and was our most challenging in many years. We had to deal with unanticipated expenses and revenue shortfalls including: an increase in delinquent taxes; higher fuel prices; less interest income; higher ambulance costs; higher insurance fees; and an error by the Board. The Board is recommending a number of one time actions that, taken in total, will level fund the 2009 budget and keep the municipal tax rate about the same as last year. This includes:

- 1) Using \$39,503 in Reserve funds from the Operating Fund and Sidewalk Fund.
- 2) Not making a payment into the Capitol Improvement and Repair Fund for 2009 (\$20,000)
- 3) A reduction in the annual appropriation for the Reappraisal Fund (\$4,000)
- 4) Suspension of Selectboard stipend (\$5,000)

b. Light at the end of the tunnel?: In putting together the 2009 budget the Budget Committee and the Selectboard adjusted projections in an attempt to better estimate future revenue reductions and expense increases. In 2010 we will not have a grader payment, and the Library debt will be paid off. In 2011 we will finish paying for the Waste Water Study.

2. **Water:** The Municipal Water Project is complete, and we have been providing users with water from the new well since March a year ago. We expect final reimbursements from USDA in the

next three months. We hope to transition to a metered use fee system sometime this year but need to gather more data from the system to set the rates with confidence.

3. Town Hall Repair and Town Office Equipment: Work on the drainage and other repairs to the Town Hall were completed in 2008. Additionally an upgrade to the Town Office computer network, which provides much better security and backup, was completed. A dedicated server is needed to improve the network's reliability and has been budgeted. New rain gutters were also installed on the Town Office.

4. Roads/Bridges: This comprises about 50% of the municipal budget, and 41% of the required tax revenue. Budget expenses increased by about \$10,000 over 2008. This is largely due to health care, winter roads, and diesel fuel costs.

a. Garage Repairs: The Board is investigating the possibility of a grant from USDA to build a new facility.

b. Paving: We hope to resurface the Fuller Bridge Road this year with State highway funding if it is released.

c. Summer Floods and Flood Mitigation: The Town received substantial State and Federal grant support to pay for the costs associated with this summer's flood damage to roads and other infrastructure. The house at the bottom of West Hill will be removed by this summer. We intend to apply for an additional FEMA hazard mitigation grant to replace the large culvert on the Gibou Road with the Town's share coming from the Bridges Reserved Fund. We will also be updating the Town's Hazard Mitigation plan this year.

d. Covered Bridges: Restoration activity on the Hutchins and Creamery Bridge is underway. The Hectorville Bridge will remain in storage.

5. Law Enforcement/Public Safety: The Vermont State Police remain Montgomery's principal law enforcement agency. Expenses for the Town Constable will be met from previously approved funds.

6. Ordinances/Policies: The Montgomery Municipal Water System bylaws were updated and enacted as an ordinance.

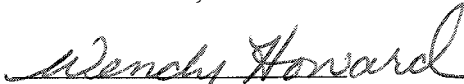
7. Health Care: We have reluctantly capped municipal employee health care insurance for 2009 at its 2008 level, about \$18,000 each. Employees will have to make up the difference. Annual health care premiums under our current plans are now approximately \$21,000 each, more than double what we were paying for the same coverage in 2004.


Respectfully yours,


Kenneth Cota, Chairman


Scott Perry, Vice-chairman


Mark Brouillette


Wendy Howard, Clerk


Merrill Cabana

WARNING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2009

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Franklin are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2009 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

- 1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.**
- 2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.**
- 3. Shall the Town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?**
- 4. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:**
 - (a) A Town Clerk for a term of three years. (Renee Patterson - term expires)**
 - (b) A Town Treasurer for a term of three years. (Renee Patterson - term expires)**
 - (c) A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot. (Mark Brouillette appointed - term expires)**
 - (d) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot. (Ken Cota - term expires)**
 - (e) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Carol McGregor resigned, Joel Magnuson appointed - term expires)**
 - (f) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Betty Curboy - term expires)**
 - (g) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Merle Van Giesen - term expires)**
 - (h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for the remainder of a five year term expiring in 2013. (Lynda Cluba – resigned, Deanna Robitaille appointed)**
 - (i) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Annie Purrier – term expires)**
 - (j) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years. (Vivian Deuso – term expires)**
 - (k) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Janet Hess – term expires)**

- (l) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Bill Harlow – term expires)**
- (m) A Library Trustee for the remaining two years of a five year term expiring in 2011. (Lynda Cluba resigned, vacant)**
- (n) A Library Trustee for the remaining year of a five year term expiring in 2010. (Jody Jones resigned, vacant)**
- (o) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Randy St. Onge – term expires)**
- (p) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Brent Godin appointed – term expires)**
- (q) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Wendy Howard – term expires)**
- (r) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Barry Kade – term expires)**
- (s) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard – term expires)**
- (t) A Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the remaining two years of a three year term. (Anita Woodward appointed)**

5. Shall the Town vote to use the following amounts of reserved funds totaling \$39,503 to avoid raising the municipal tax rate, keeping it approximately the same as 2008:

- (a) Operating Fund: \$36,000**
- (b) Sidewalk Fund: \$3,503**

6. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:

- (a) Fire Department: 2008 - \$20,000; 2009 – \$20,000**
- (b) Rescue Department: 2008 - \$18,000; 2009 – \$19,666**
- (c) Summer Roads: 2008 - \$63,000; 2009 – \$63,000**
- (d) Winter Roads: 2008 – \$67,000; 2009 – \$70,000**
- (e) Machinery Replacement: 2008 - \$43,000; 2009 – \$54,100**
- (f) Bridges: 2008 - \$10,000; 2009 – \$10,000**

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2008 - \$9,900; 2009 – \$9,900

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2008 – \$20,000; 2009 – \$0

(i) Public Safety Building: 2008 – \$12,000; 2009 – \$11,400

(j) Recreation Department: 2008 – \$12,000; 2009 – \$12,000

(k) Reappraisal Fund: 2008 – \$4,000; 2009 – \$0

(l) Police Services: 2008 – \$0; 2009 – \$0

(m) Montgomery Youth Center: 2008 – \$5,000; 2009 – \$5,000

7. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?

(a) Town Clerk: 2008 – \$15,000; 2009 – \$15,000

(b) Town Treasurer: 2008 – \$8,000; 2009 – \$8,000

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2008 – \$1,000; 2009 – \$0

**(d) Listers:
2008 – 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2009 – same.**

**(e) Auditors:
2008 – 1st yr members – \$8.00/hr, 2nd yr and on members – \$9.00/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2009 – same.**

**(f) Board of Civil Authority:
2008 – \$7.53/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2009 – Vermont minimum wage plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage.**

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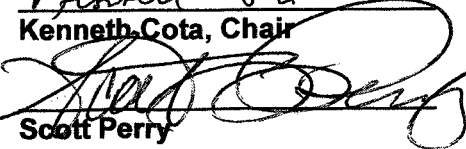
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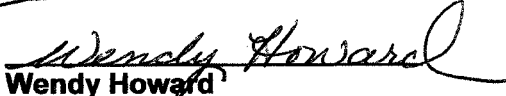
Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 26th day of January, 2009 AD.

Selectboard


Kenneth Cota, Chair


Merrill Cabana


Scott Perry


Wendy Howard


Mark Brouillette

Attest:



Date:

1/27/09

Town Of Montgomery Auditors Report

The auditors have reviewed the Town's books and financial statements for the year 2008. As of 2/6/2009 there were no outstanding payables past due.

Recommendations:

- Bank statements should be reconciled under dual control by an auditor and the town's Treasurer by the 10th of each month. Cash receipts should be done at the same time.
- Auditors should meet quarterly to review the town's books and financial statements.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Curboy, Chair
Suzanne Wilson, Clerk
Marsha Phillips

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

1	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2006	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	CHANGE 09- 08 BUDGET
2	Unreserved Funds	(\$18,869)	(\$8,126)	(\$8,126)	(\$43,389)	(\$43,389)	\$35,264
3	* Reserved funds (warned article 5)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$39,503	(\$39,503)
4	Delinquent Taxes	\$34,614	\$54,556	\$56,025	\$55,897	\$44,762	\$11,263
5	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$14,928	\$13,929	\$14,637	\$17,966	\$15,273	(\$636)
6	State Aid - Roads	\$77,938	\$77,801	\$78,000	\$77,667	\$69,900	\$8,100
7	Town Machinery	\$66,406	\$74,730	\$69,000	\$75,089	\$72,075	(\$3,075)
8	Flood Mitigation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,371	\$0	\$0
9	FEMA Hwy Flood Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$127,515	\$0	\$0
10	VT Muni Equipment Loan Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$0
11	Grants	\$2,391	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,516	(\$3,516)
12	Judicial Fines	\$9,842	\$1,589	\$1,000	\$2,687	\$1,000	\$0
13	Rent - US Postal Service	\$10,725	\$10,233	\$9,900	\$11,900	\$9,900	\$0
14	Rent - TD Banknorth ATM	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
15	Licenses & Vital Records	\$6,215	\$5,336	\$5,000	\$7,378	\$5,000	\$0
16	Recording Fees	\$10,894	\$11,304	\$11,000	\$10,449	\$11,000	\$0
17	Office Fees	\$1,433	\$1,810	\$1,500	\$2,045	\$1,500	\$0
18	Copier/Fax	\$1,389	\$680	\$500	\$567	\$500	\$0
19	Interest	\$17,678	\$12,332	\$9,000	\$3,807	\$3,000	\$6,000
20	Zoning Fees	\$3,449	\$3,125	\$2,500	\$4,124	\$3,855	(\$1,355)
21	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$9,900	\$9,915	\$9,900	\$16,486	\$9,900	\$0
22	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$20,898	\$21,588	\$20,000	\$24,945	\$22,477	(\$2,477)
23	PILOT	\$619	\$643	\$300	\$735	\$300	\$0
24	Sale of Town Equipment	\$2,250	\$2,575	\$0	\$25,775	\$0	\$0
25	Town Hall Rental	\$1,024	\$940	\$1,000	\$420	\$500	\$500
26	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	(\$1,000)
27	Miscellaneous	\$7,395	\$9,230	\$2,500	\$6,349	\$2,800	(\$300)
28	Sub-Total	\$283,219	\$306,291	\$285,736	\$613,882	\$276,472	\$9,265
29	Property Taxes	\$350,124	\$380,856	\$483,615	\$381,297	\$482,880	\$735
30	TOTAL REVENUE	\$633,343	\$687,147	\$769,351	\$995,180	\$759,351	\$10,000
31	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS						
32	ADMINISTRATION						
33	Town Officers	\$40,128	\$40,209	\$45,000	\$51,525	\$45,000	\$0
34	Social Security	\$3,070	\$3,080	\$3,213	\$3,942	\$3,213	\$0
35	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$8,971	\$9,547	\$13,500	\$15,655	\$13,500	\$0
36	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$2,096	\$2,734	\$3,255	\$3,255	\$3,422	(\$167)
37	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/Rtrmnt	\$14,080	\$16,337	\$18,100	\$18,134	\$19,708	(\$1,608)
38	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$10,782	\$12,153	\$9,780	\$10,971	\$10,252	(\$472)
39	Ins-Property & Liability	\$9,651	\$10,515	\$10,276	\$10,276	\$12,322	(\$2,046)
40	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$7,825	\$10,142	\$13,000	\$15,857	\$13,000	\$0
41	Restoration of Records	\$3,110	\$3,058	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
42	Town Reports & Postage	\$611	\$1,897	\$2,000	\$1,588	\$2,000	\$0
43	Office Building	\$6,076	\$5,546	\$5,700	\$8,482	\$6,000	(\$300)
44	Office Building Fuel	\$1,287	\$1,349	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$0
45	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$480	\$500	\$0
46	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$107,687	\$116,567	\$126,824	\$143,165	\$131,417	(\$4,593)
47	ASSESSMENTS						
48	County Tax	\$12,860	\$13,297	\$13,997	\$13,997	\$14,160	(\$163)
49	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,063	\$1,063	\$1,063	\$1,063	\$1,063	\$0
50	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$1,309	\$1,350	\$1,383	\$1,383	\$1,458	(\$75)
51	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$813	\$813	\$813	\$813	\$813	\$0
52	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$0
53	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$16,420	\$16,898	\$17,631	\$17,631	\$17,869	(\$238)
54	FIRE AND RESCUE						
55	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$17,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
56	* Rescue Operating Expenses	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$19,666	(\$1,666)
57	TOTAL FIRE AND RESCUE	\$33,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$39,666	(\$1,666)

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

58	EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2006	ACTUAL 2007	BUDGET 2008	ACTUAL 2008	BUDGET 2009	CHANGE 09- 08 BUDGET
59	HIGHWAYS						
60	Social Security	\$5,010	\$5,727	\$7,250	\$6,720	\$7,000	\$250
61	Employee Health & Retirement	\$26,271	\$31,378	\$26,600	\$25,729	\$28,709	(\$2,109)
62	Town Garage	\$3,099	\$3,724	\$4,000	\$5,768	\$4,200	(\$200)
63	Town Garage Fuel	\$4,033	\$3,832	\$4,500	\$4,188	\$4,500	\$0
64	* Summer Roads - Town	\$58,902	\$62,561	\$63,000	\$63,799	\$63,000	\$0
65	Summer Roads - State Aid	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
66	2008 Flood Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,165	\$0	\$0
67	* Winter Roads - Town	\$65,004	\$71,355	\$67,000	\$87,091	\$70,000	(\$3,000)
68	Winter Roads - State Aid	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0
69	Construction - State Aid	\$39,596	\$46,717	\$40,000	\$0	\$31,900	\$8,100
70	* Machinery Replacement	\$42,784	\$34,896	\$43,000	\$201,855	\$54,100	(\$11,100)
71	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$32,397	\$40,343	\$35,000	\$54,691	\$35,000	\$0
72	Diesel Fuel	\$24,095	\$23,095	\$33,000	\$43,780	\$36,000	(\$3,000)
73	* Bridges	\$60,885	\$15,373	\$10,000	\$3,168	\$10,000	\$0
74	TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$400,076	\$377,001	\$371,350	\$614,954	\$382,409	(\$11,059)
75	LIBRARY						
76	* Operating Expense & Payroll	\$8,800	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$0
77	Debt Service	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$7,653	\$7,653	\$7,660	(\$7)
78	TOTAL LIBRARY	\$12,800	\$13,900	\$17,553	\$17,553	\$17,560	(\$7)
79	MISCELLANEOUS						
80	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maint	\$10,111	\$11,987	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
81	Delinquent Taxes	\$69,218	\$54,556	\$56,025	\$82,760	\$82,760	(\$26,735)
82	Flood Mitigation	\$44,150	\$0	\$28,313	\$98,161	\$0	\$28,313
83	Legal Ads	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$514	\$0	\$0
84	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$8,688	\$3,906	\$4,500	\$4,685	\$4,500	\$0
85	* Reappraisal Fund	\$1,818	\$1,868	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
86	Street Lights	\$8,047	\$8,484	\$8,900	\$9,802	\$9,800	(\$900)
87	Town Hall - Grange	\$5,146	\$3,826	\$5,000	\$7,815	\$5,000	\$0
88	Town Hall Fuel	\$2,804	\$1,755	\$2,600	\$4,380	\$2,600	\$0
89	* Public Safety Building (PSB)	\$6,118	\$5,931	\$6,000	\$6,659	\$5,400	\$600
90	* PSB Fuel	\$4,468	\$3,993	\$6,000	\$6,114	\$6,000	\$0
91	Village Water Bond	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0
92	Waste Water Study	\$0	\$12,893	\$12,893	\$12,893	\$12,893	\$0
93	Miscellaneous	\$5,720	\$7,288	\$6,500	\$5,953	\$6,000	\$500
94	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$180,025	\$130,224	\$174,468	\$253,473	\$148,690	\$25,778
95	POLICE/CONSTABLE						
96	* Operating Expenses	\$44,716	\$12,350	\$0	\$3,590	\$0	\$0
97	TOTAL POLICE	\$44,716	\$12,350	\$0	\$3,590	\$0	\$0
98	RECREATION						
99	* Operating Expenses	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
100	TOTAL RECREATION	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
101	REQUESTS						
102	* Champlain Valley Agcy on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
103	* Franklin County Home Health	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$0
104	* Franklin County Industrial Dev	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
105	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
106	* Montgomery Youth Center	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
107	Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,785	\$1,785	\$1,785	\$0	\$1,785
108	TOTAL REQUESTS	\$4,740	\$6,525	\$11,525	\$11,525	\$9,740	\$1,785
109							
110	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$810,464	\$723,465	\$769,351	\$1,111,891	\$759,351	\$10,000
Contingent Selectboard = TOTAL 2009 EXPENSES at Line 110 minus BUDGET 2009 REVENUES Sub-Total at Line 28							
minus total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on highlighted by asterisk (*)							
Contingent Selectboard	=	\$759,351	-	\$276,472	-	\$279,806	
Contingent Selectboard	=	\$203,074					
* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting							

	A	B	C
1	09 Proposed Budget & Tax Percentage Breakout		
2			
3	Proposed 2009 Municipal Budget Revenue		
4	Other Revenue	\$276,472.00	36.41%
5	2008 Taxes	\$482,880.00	63.59%
6	Total Municipal Budget	\$759,352.00	
7			
8	Proposed 2009 Municipal Budget Percentages By Major Expense Category		
9	Administration	\$131,417.00	17.31%
10	Assessments	\$17,869.00	2.35%
11	Fire & Rescue	\$39,666.00	5.22%
12	Highways	\$382,409.00	50.36%
13	Library	\$17,560.00	2.31%
14	Miscellaneous	\$148,690.00	19.58%
15	Recreation	\$12,000.00	1.58%
16	Requests Total	\$9,740.00	1.28%
17	Total Municipal Expenses	\$759,351.00	
18			
19	Proposed 2009 Municipal Tax Percentages By Major Expense Category		
20	Fire & Rescue	\$39,666.00	8.21%
21	Library	\$9,900.00	2.05%
22	Recreation	\$12,000.00	2.49%
23	Summer Roads	\$63,000.00	13.05%
24	Winter Roads	\$70,000.00	14.50%
25	Bridges	\$10,000.00	2.07%
26	Machinery Replacement	\$54,100.00	11.20%
27	Bldg Cap Improvement/Repair	\$0.00	0.00%
28	Reappraisal Fund	\$0.00	0.00%
29	PSB	\$11,400.00	2.36%
30	Requests Total	\$9,740.00	2.02%
31	Contingent	\$203,074.00	42.05%
32	Total Municipal Taxes	\$482,880.00	
33			
34	Proposed 2009 Municipal and School Budgets		
35	Total Proposed School Budget	\$2,344,518.00	75.54%
36	Total Proposed Municipal Budget	\$759,352.00	24.46%
37	Total 2009 Town Budget	\$3,103,870.00	
38			
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42			

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE HISTORY 1993-2009

YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL** AGREEMENT TAX RATE Veteran Exemption	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	SCHOOL TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
2009 PROJECTED					
Homestead	\$0.4165	\$0.0031	\$0.4196	\$1.2896	\$1.7092
Non-Homestead	\$0.4165	\$0.0031	\$0.4196	\$1.8211	\$2.2407
2008 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.2808	\$1.7016
Non-Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.7233	\$2.1441
2007 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.1643	\$1.5489
Non-Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.5704	\$1.9550
2006 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3628	----		\$1.1907	\$1.5535
Non-Homestead	\$0.3628	----		\$1.4515	\$1.8143
2005 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3623	----		\$1.1834	\$1.5457
Non-Homestead	\$0.3623	----		\$1.3695	\$1.7318
2004 Actual*					
Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.0166	\$1.3816
Non-Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.2174	\$1.5824
ACT 68 +	~~~~~	ACT 68 +	~~~~~	ACT 68 +	~~~~~
	MUNICIPAL	MUNICIPAL	STATE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	TAX RATE	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	TAX
		TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	RATE
2003	\$0.50	\$0.36	\$1.24	\$1.60	\$2.10
2002	\$0.49	\$0.44	\$1.20	\$1.64	\$2.13
2001	\$0.47	\$0.41	\$1.13	\$1.54	\$2.01
2000	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$1.11	\$1.61	\$2.08
1999	\$0.47	\$0.29	\$1.19	\$1.48	\$1.95
1998	\$0.46	\$0.42	\$1.14	\$1.56	\$2.02
FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~
1997	\$0.43	----	----	\$1.45	\$1.88
1996	\$0.35	----	----	\$1.42	\$1.77
1995	\$0.34	----	----	\$1.42	\$1.76
1994	\$0.27	----	----	\$1.35	\$1.62
1993	\$0.29	----	----	\$1.19	\$1.48
* Townwide reappraisal					
** Local Agreement rate reflects 2007 Town Meeting approval of increasing the Veteran's Assessment exemption from \$10,000 to \$40,000					

Town of Montgomery Liabilities as of 12/31/08

Public Safety Building (Library) – TD Banknorth Group (10-year loan)

\$7,067.26 Principal

295.41 Interest @ 4.18%

Payment due 10/20/09 \$7,362.67

Water Project: USDA-RD

Bond #1 – Principal Balance \$151,353.97

Payment due 5/13/09 \$3,758.00

Payment due 11/13/09 3,758.00

Bond #2 – Principal Balance \$363,346.96

Payment due 5/13/09 \$10,625.00

Payment due 11/13/09 10,625.00

Bond #3 – Principal Balance \$336,417.29

Payment due 6/10/09 \$8,718.00

Payment due 12/10/09 8,718.00

Grant Anticipation Note – Principal Balance \$450,900

Payment due in full 6/25/09

Grader Loan: Key Government Finance – Principal \$28,673.97

Payment due 8/25/09 \$29,895.77

2009 International Truck: State of Vermont – Principal \$110,000

Payment due 6/30/09 \$24,200.00

Wastewater Treatment Study:

VT/EPA – Principal \$38,678.99

Payment due 12/1/09 \$12,892.99

MONTGOMERY TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES 2008

SELECTBOARD:

Mark Brouillette	1,000.00	
Kenneth Cota	1,000.00	
Wendy Howard	1,000.00	
Scott Perry	1,000.00	
Merrill Cabana	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,000.00

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Renee J Patterson \$22,922.78

ASSISTANT CLERKS:

Lynda Cluba	6,747.00	
Jeanine Poirier	60.00	
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	3,905.00	
	<hr/>	\$10,712.00

BOOKKEEPER: Merrill "Billy" Cabana \$4,786.00

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Anita Woodward, 4% of Delq Tax collected \$6,477.36

LISTERS:

Sharon Perry	4,627.50	
Carol McGregor	4,335.00	
Parma Jewett	4,053.25	
	<hr/>	\$13,015.75

CLERK OF THE SELECTBOARD:

Darlene Marrier \$720.00

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Darlene Marrier \$3,300.00

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:

Darlene Marrier (Clerk) \$504.00

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY:

Elizabeth Curboy	99.84	
Laurie Murphy	224.64	
Sally Newton	180.48	
Annie Purrier	67.20	
Karen Scheffler(election worker)	80.64	
	<hr/>	\$652.80

MONTGOMERY TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES 2008

AUDITORS:

Elizabeth Curboy	56.25	
Marsha Phillips	98.00	
		\$154.25

POUND KEEPER: Amy Cochran \$100.00

CONSTABLE: Brent Godin \$2,226.00

JANITORS:

Moriah Eaton - Public Safety Bldg	480.00	
Moriah Eaton - Office Building	477.00	
Moriah Eaton - Town Hall	15.00	
		\$972.00

Snow Shoveling

Harold Roberts Jr - Office Building	57.50	
Harold Roberts Jr - Public Safety Bldg	55.00	
		\$112.50
Total Janitors		\$1,084.50

Total Town Officers \$71,655.44

ROAD CREW:

William Baker, Jr	\$46,235.00
William Baker, Sr	\$1,440.00
Shane M Reed	\$46,488.00
Ronald Hathaway	\$720.00
	\$94,883.00

**Report of Unreserved Funds
December 31, 2008**

Balance:	TD Banknorth Sweep Acct	\$308,774.85	
	Outstanding Deposit	15,314.41	
	Outstanding Checks	<u>-36,364.91</u>	
			\$287,724.35
Less Reserved Funds:			
	Fire Dept	\$38,123.82	
	Rescue Dept	15,059.59	
	Recreation Dept	18,436.44	
	Teen Center	3,865.67	
	Library	14,638.73	
	Operating Fund	36,000.00	
	Sidewalks	3,503.00	
	Bridges	16,458.70	
	Restoration of Records	3,835.62	
	Bldg Capital Improvement & Maint	76,492.36	
	Highway Construction	40,000.00	
	Police Services Dept	11,245.37	
	Reappraisal Fund	<u>53,454.50</u>	
			<u>\$331,113.80</u>
	Unreserved funds		<u><u>-\$43,389.45</u></u>

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2009 BUDGET
Law Enforcement**

	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Change Budget08/09
Revenues					
Sale of Vehicle	2,575	675	775	0	-675
Judicial Fines	1,559	500	2,687	1,500	1,000
Total Revenue	4,134	1175	3,462	1,500	325
Expenses					
Constable Expenses	1,347	2500	2,396	2,500	0
Communications	275	300	327	350	50
Contracted Services	10,271	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	457	500	867	850	350
Total Expenses	12,350	3300	3,590	3,700	400

Annual Crime Statistics for ST Albans Barracks:

Total cases investigated:	6855
Total arrests:	683
Total tickets issued:	1843
Total warnings issued:	937
Fatal Accidents Investigated:	4
Burglaries Investigated:	239
DUI's	200

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Total Cases:	147
Total Arrests:	15
DUI's	7
Accidents w/ Damage:	7
Accidents w/ Injury:	3
Vandalisms:	4
Alarms:	2
Burglaries:	6

Summary: It has been another good year for the Barracks and we hope to continue our partnerships and cooperation with our local communities in our collective goals of making our highways and communities safe for all those who live in and visit Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

**LT Robert L. Evans
Station Commander
St. Albans Barracks**

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2009 BUDGET
Fire Department

	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Change Budget08/09
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Town of Westfield	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Grants	1,183	0	2,500	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	2,898	2,500	4,909	3,500	1,000
Interest	1,263	1,000	836	1,000	0
Total Revenue	27,344	25,500	30,245	26,500	1,000
Expenses					
Vehicle Fuel	292	500	291	430	-70
Telephone	260	250	339	350	100
Insurance	7,427	7,500	7,471	7,500	0
Dispatch Fees	1,895	1,200	2,720	3,300	2,100
Radio Repair	1,377	1,500	341	1,000	-500
Office supplies	28	100	42	50	-50
Vehicle Repairs	257	2,500	206	2,500	0
Training	0	300	0	300	0
Miscellaneous	2,201	1,500	2,745	1,500	0
Association Dues	250	250	263	200	-50
Equipment	0	1,000	56	1,000	0
Payroll	2,310	2,000	2,200	2,200	200
Social Security	168	150	168	170	20
Building Maintenance	147	150	0	0	-150
Capital Improvements	0	6,000	0	6,000	0
Grants	1,091	0	4,350	0	0
Total Expenses	17,703	24,900	21,192	26,500	1,600

Beginning Balance 01/01/08

General Fund	41,907	
Dry Hydrant	3,505	
Capital Improvement	<u>31,472</u>	
		<u><u>76,884</u></u>

Total Receipts 30,245

Total Expenses 21,192

Ending Balance 12/31/08

General Fund	36,469	
Dry Hydrant	1,655	
Capital Improvement	<u>47,813</u>	
		<u><u>85,937</u></u>

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2009 BUDGET
Rescue Department

	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Change Budget 08/09
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	18,000	18,000	18,000	19,666	1,666
Ambulance Billing	11,515	27,090	19,736	21,000	-6,090
Donations	1,624	0	653	0	0
Total Revenue	\$31,139	\$45,090	38,389	40,666	-4,424
Expenses					
Equipment	1,147	500	0	400	-100
Communications	2,095	500	1,488	400	-100
Insurance	4,945	5,000	4,732	5,000	0
Education	622	1,500	1,305	1,000	-500
Medical Supplies	1,361	1,200	1,282	1,000	-200
Uniforms	0	200	0	0	-200
Payroll & Social Security	12,775	7,000	4,439	4,500	-2,500
Office expense	131	250	80	100	-150
Maintenance (Veh.& Equip)	348	1,000	712	1,000	0
Dues	75	100	0	0	-100
Infection Control	0	250	0	0	-250
EMS Dispatch Fee	1,895	1,895	2,720	3,281	1,386
Building Expense	5	200	37	100	-100
Contracted Services: EAS	6,420	19,134	18,619	19,666	532
Contracted Services: Billing	0	2,709	1,973	2,100	-609
Diesel fuel	0	0	95	0	0
Miscellaneous	74	291	212	0	-291
Total Expenses	\$31,893	\$41,729	37,694	38,547	-3,182

General Fund Reserve for Rescue Dept.

18000 Ambulance Replacement

-2940 Cash on Hand

15060

Delinquent Ambulance Bills 2000-2006**2000**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount past due</u>
Roger Ryea	701.00

2001

Joshua Hartung	726.00
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2002

Jason Gaudio	525.00
Matthew Goodsell	1,420.00

2003

Dennis D. McLaughlin	746.00
Justin D. Brouillette	690.00
Charlotta Mack	815.00

2004

Daniel D. Donna, Sr.	45.39
Ryan Deuso	710.00
Victoria M. LaFountain	730.00
Robert E. Bushey, Jr.	706.00
Brad Lowell	600.00

2005

Daniel D. Donna, Sr.	377.75
Lee Farrar	830.00
Christopher L. Collins	146.00
Edwin G. Lowell	87.80

2006

Lissa E. Guyette	722.00
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Total Delinquencies	10,577.94
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Montgomery Rescue – 2009 Report

We wish to apologize for not having submitted a narrative for last year's Annual Report. It may have led to the perception that Montgomery Rescue has ceased to exist. Montgomery had to partially contract out to Enosburgh Ambulance Service (EAS) in the summer of 2007 because there were not enough Montgomery Rescue members in town during the weekdays to provide reliable, consistent coverage. When more Montgomery Rescue members left town that fall, EAS was contracted to provide around-the-clock coverage.

Under our current agreement EAS will be dispatched to all Montgomery 911 calls unless Montgomery can field enough members to respond to the call. When Montgomery has a crew to respond and transport, EAS is contacted and cancelled.

BUT, while Montgomery Rescue has seen a dramatic loss of our volunteers this does not mean that we have a complete absence of volunteers.

Montgomery Rescue is still around! We maintain a core of trained and dedicated staff and continue to respond to as many calls as we can throughout the year. Montgomery Rescue was able to respond to 45 out of 78 emergency-911 calls in 2008 despite our reduced staff. The ambulance was able to make 22 transports while EAS transported 40 times.

In the past 15 years I have seen many changes to our squad. We began as a first response service. Montgomery became an auxiliary unit of EAS for a number of years. In 1998 Montgomery Rescue made the commitment to become a separate ambulance service and take on the responsibility of providing the service while also providing revenue to our town for this service provided. And 2008 marked a somewhat tumultuous 10th anniversary of our ambulance.

We lost several key members since 2007. When Barry and Denise Domina moved out of town, Montgomery Rescue was greatly impacted. They have been the driving force for Montgomery Rescue for over 20 years. It was due to their vision, commitment and inspiration that brought an ambulance to Montgomery. I would like to publicly acknowledge all of their hard work and dedication, and thank them for their many years of service to Montgomery Rescue.

Our 2009 budget seeks to maintain a self-sustaining ambulance presence in town. We have cut every expense that we have control over in order to keep our ambulance viable. We are asking for town support in the amount of \$19,666, which is the amount we are obligated to pay under the current contract with EAS. It is our hope that we will be able to respond to enough calls and generate enough income to cover Montgomery Rescue's expenses. We are also optimistic because we currently have three additional EMT-B students who should become certified and available to respond to calls by the time of Town Meeting Day. Montgomery will still require the contracted services of Enosburgh Ambulance Service until the time comes again where we can find enough squad members available at all times, but especially during the weekdays. This problem is one faced by very many volunteer squads throughout the state.

Thank you for your continued support of Montgomery Rescue and those who continue to be available when an emergency call goes out.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Scheffler
Montgomery Rescue Business Manager, EMT-B

Montgomery Rescue 2008 Calls

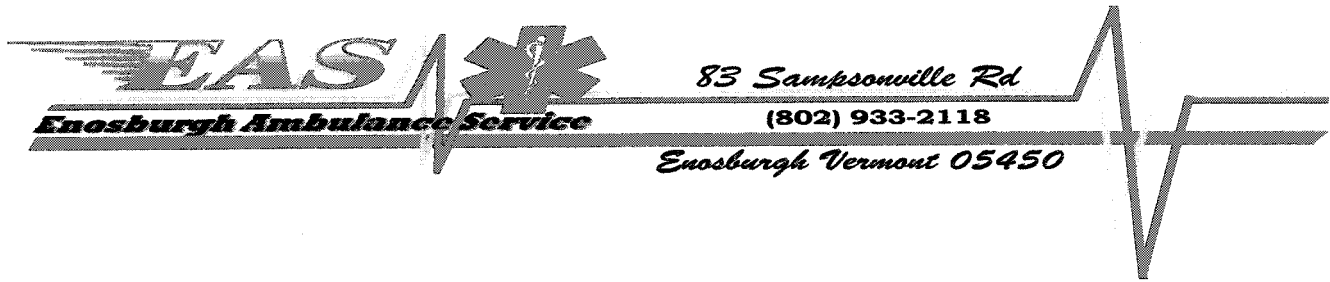
Trauma	12
Medical	32
Transports	22
First Response	23
Call to quarters	1

EAS 2008 Calls to Montgomery

Trauma and Medical	56
Transports	40

Of the 78 emergency-911 calls to Montgomery in 2008:

- 20 were handled exclusively by Montgomery Rescue
- 33 were handled exclusively by EAS
- 25 calls had participation by both services in various combinations



Enosburgh Ambulance responded to 769 runs in 2008. The following is a run breakdown for each town.

Bakersfield - 71, Berkshire - 53, Enosburgh - 371, Franklin - 17, Montgomery - 60, Richford - 18, Sheldon - 104, Transports - 75

This year we saw about a 20% increase in our calls from 2007.

In September we were called once again to deploy a ambulance and crew to Mississippi to help in relief efforts from Hurricane Gustav. Our deployment lasted approximetly 2 weeks. This time we were not contracted through FEMA. It was done through a private ambulance company called AMR (American Medical Response). We were stationed in Jackson, Mississippi, and did deployments to the Gulfport region. Not only for the financial part of these deployments, it is very good training for EMT's to learn how to handle a large scale emergency if it ever occurs in our area.

Six years ago, we initiated a "**911 Address Sign**" program, offering highly visible, inexpensive signs to all the households of our communities. We are far from our goal of having near 100% of the population displaying a noticeable "**911 Address Sign**", one that we can locate while searching for a residence under adverse conditions. If you already purchased a sign from us, we thank you. If you haven't purchased a sign, and are not displaying a noticeable sign yet, please consider doing so prior to having to call 911. Call us at (802)-933-2118 for more information.

This year we are asking our supporters for an increase in the per capita in our appropriations. Due to increases in wages, health insurance and vehicle expenses.

The staff of Enosburgh Ambulance would like to take this time to thank all the communities that we serve for their continued support. We look forward to serving you in 2009.

Robert Gleason Jr.
Director
Enosburgh Ambulance Service

2008 Montgomery Recreation Center Report

The Montgomery Recreation Center would like to congratulate the community on another successful year. Thank you to all who volunteered your services, participated in the Arts for Parks fund-raising auction and the community lawn sale.

The new ball field at Riverwalk Park was filled with players and spectators from April-October. Many compliments came from other towns on what a great new field we have, and the kids took great pride in having such a nice field to play on. Little League was able to host the boys' all-star games. On June 19, the baseball field was dedicated in memory of Kaleb Sylvester. A beautiful rock and plaque sit behind home plate. The youth soccer program was a big hit again this year with over 50 pre-K thru 4th graders participating. Thursday night Volleyball relocated to Riverwalk Park with a new playing area. We'd like to thank Success by Six for the new playground equipment at Riverwalk Park and look forward to adding more in the future.

The Recreation Center Summer Daycamp continued this year with many fun structured and safe activities for kids to enjoy. We were able to have lunch provided and prepared by Wendy Abbott for free through a grant. The July 4th parade and activities brought out many community members to enjoy BBQ chicken and local music. The Pavillion served as great gathering place for the community block party and potluck in August.

We hope you all notice the new Grange sound system while at town meeting. The Rec. Center bought a well needed new system for the entire community to use.

Planning forward, there are needed repairs to the Rec. Center Field itself. The field can handle very little rainwater and is damaged easily when played on. It has been over 20 years since any major improvements have been made to the field. We are researching the most cost efficient ways to handle the repairs.

As always, thank you for your committed support to the community Recreation Center. The facilities and programming offered is provided through much fund-raising, grants, volunteerism and town funding.

Best wishes,

The Montgomery Recreation Center Board

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2009 BUDGET

Recreation Department

Revenues	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Change Budget08/09
Town of Montgomery	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers	10,599	10,000	10,352	10,000	0
Grants	0	5,000	10,000	0	-5,000
Facility Rent	440	500	0	0	-500
Total Revenue	23,039	27,500	32,352	22,000	-5,500
Expenses					
Heating Fuel	540	1,500	1,669	1,500	0
Electricity	840	950	803	1,000	50
Water	0	360	270	360	0
Telephone	342	400	314	400	0
Payroll & SS	5,535	6,800	5,525	6,800	0
Building Maintenance	1,586	2,000	1,209	2,000	0
Equipment	0	2,500	5,466	2,500	0
Grounds Maintenance	4,453	8,640	6,127	8,000	-640
Tennis Maintenance	2,645	2,000	0	2,000	0
Office & Postage	116	150	110	150	0
Advertising	0	100	275	200	100
Activity Exp & Supplies	1,847	2,000	1,510	2,000	0
Capital Impr: Escrow	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	0
: Riverwalk	14,039	1,000	0	0	-1,000
Rec Center Fields	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	75	0	240	0	0
Total Expenses	35,018	31,400	23,518	39,910	8,510

General Fund reserve for the Rec Dept

12,000 Capital Improvement Fund

6,436 Cash on Hand

18,436 Total

MONTGOMERY YOUTH CENTER - 2008 BUDGET

Revenues	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Change Budget08/09
Town of Montgomery	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers	1,919	3,000	940	5,034	2,034
Grants	0	12,800	16,500	10,000	-2,800
Total Revenue	1,919	20,800	22,440	20,034	-766
Expenses					
Salaries	3,341	15,750	14,060	18,000	2,250
SS & Medi	256	1,250	1,076	2,000	750
Telephone	167	500	409	500	0
Activity Exp & Supplies	519	2,300	3,334	1,500	-800
Office Supplies/Postage/Equip	269	500	480	1,100	600
Resources & Training	0	1,000	65	600	-400
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	200	200
Total Expenses	4,551	21,300	19,424	23,900	2,600

General Fund Reserve for the Teen Center

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MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY

2008 showed a significant increase in library attendance. 4267 patrons visited in '08, compared with 2933 in '07 and 2930, '06.

Most notable increases in usage were:

- 1) Use of library computers and Internet (1220 users in '08, vs 855, '07 and 735 in '06)
- 2) Checked out Children's books and videos (1611 in '08 vs 1174, '07 and 983 in '06)
- 3) Library programs (944 participants in '08 vs 252 in '07 and 490 in '06)

Library director Debbie Landauer has demonstrated a continued library program increase--notably with Grants awards to the library. A prime example: a \$1500 grant to establish a Teen Advisory Board which promotes local teen program decision making.

Other than specifically directed grants, however, increase in library use in general translates to increase in expense--notably in management and administration. Library Trustees and personnel are voluntary positions, the Library Director's is not. Library director, Debbie Landauer, requested and received 2 additional hours per week (from 14 to 16) from the Library Trustee Board.

The board requested a comparable raise in funding from the Town, but--because of our current lean economic time--the Town Budget committee recommended keeping funding the same. This was accepted by the Library Board in the accompanying budget proposal. Cuts were made in a number of other areas with an intention to attempt additional fund raising events during the year.

The Library Board may ask for a Town increase NEXT year, but this year asks for your support for "level funding" from the Town. Thanks again for support already given in our mailing campaign--with congratulations to randomly picked donors Ed and Joan Grossman! (2 nights lodging at the Phineas Swann--thank you Jay Kerch!). And thanks in advance for supporting future Library Book 'n Bake sales, Book sales, or whatever!

The Library Trustee Board

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2008 BUDGET

Library Department

	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Change Budget 08/09
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	9,900	9,900	9,900	9,900	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	4,873	2,900	4,548	3,223	323
Memorial Gifts	0	0	130	150	150
Interest	25	15	32	30	15
Grants	1,135	1,100	1,850	2,600	1,500
Total Revenue	15,933	13,915	16,460	15,903	1,988
Expenses					
Books & Subscriptions	2,705	3,150	3,784	3,000	-150
Equipment & Repairs	220	750	422	560	-190
Furniture & Shelving	399	200	1,455	0	-200
Supplies	984	575	1,050	575	0
Mileage Reimbursement	90	150	570	153	3
Miscellaneous	255	200	232	200	0
Postage	529	600	292	600	0
Printing	214	300	0	300	0
Programming	194	750	1,360	750	0
Payroll & SS	5,090	7,690	7,652	9,224	1,534
Utilities(Phone & Internet)	894	900	944	948	48
Paul Post-Books & Shelves	506	129	100	0	-129
Workshops & Memberships	211	150	362	150	0
Grant Expenditures	not broken out	0	917	0	0
Total Expenses	12,291	15,544	19,140	16,460	916

Cash on Hand

Checking	6,018	932
Savings	9,767	0
Petty Cash	37	37
Due from Gen Fund(P/R)	2427	14639
Total	18,249	15,608

2008 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT: REAPPRAISAL COMING IN 2010

The values of homes and property in Montgomery continue to buck the national trends despite the downturn in the economy and the national home mortgage crisis. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns projects a "growth in home prices in 2008 of 0.7 percent, a drop of 1.3 percent in 2009, and then a 0.1 percent increase in 2010" statewide. The only impact of the economy the Board is currently observing is that properties in Montgomery are remaining on the open market for a longer period of time. Montgomery property values, as reflected in actual sales over the past three years, have exceeded their assessed value resulting in a Common Level of Appraisal of just under 74 percent. As an example, if your property is assessed for \$74,000, the estimated fair market value would be around \$100,000. Because of this, in the fall of 2008, the State ordered the Town of Montgomery to accomplish a 100% reappraisal.

With the help of the State, the Board of Listers proposed an alternative to a full blown reappraisal like that done in 2004. The alternative will be more convenient to Montgomery citizens and will save the Town a significant amount of money. In order to do this the Board of Listers performed a Data Quality Study from September to November 2008 to determine the accuracy and validity of data in the listers' records; the data in the records was collected during the last reappraisal and has been updated through the zoning permit process and property inspections since 2004. After the study's completion, the Selectboard sent a letter to the Vermont Tax Department detailing the methodology and results of the study. In response to that letter, the Property Valuation & Review Division (PVR) of the Tax Department approved the Board of Listers' plan to conduct a reappraisal without extensive data collection. In the 2004 reappraisal, data collection accounted for about 25 percent of the total reappraisal cost.

Based on the experience level of the current listers, the Board plans to accomplish the reappraisal in-house with assistance from the PVR district advisor to Montgomery, Doug Lay, in order to save the Town money. Since 2004, the Reappraisal Reserved Fund has grown to \$53,435. An additional \$9,300 from the State will be added in 2009. Hopefully in 2010, the fund will grow by another \$13,300 with additional funds coming from the State (\$9,300) and a Town appropriation of \$4,000. By 2010, the Reappraisal Reserved Fund will have a total of about \$76,000 to complete the reappraisal. Right now, the Board does not see any need for additional funding above \$76,000 for the 2010 reappraisal and hopes to complete it for less.

The Board of Listers will be completing the reappraisal for the 2010 Grand List. This reappraisal will be accomplished by updating the land values using recent land sales and updating building cost tables using 2008 or 2009 building costs. The values generated based on these updates will be validated by reviewing property sales in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and adjusted as necessary.

The Board plans to follow a similar process to update property owners on the progress of the reappraisal as done for the 2004 reappraisal. The Board will have a presentation at each Town Meeting and will schedule an informational meeting prior to the release of the Change of Appraisal (COA) books. Once the COA books are mailed to all property owners in May or June 2010, the Board will conduct informational meetings for individual property owners. Two weeks after the COA books are released, the Board will begin the normal grievance process. Prior to the end of grievances, the Board will afford every property owner an opportunity, as requested, to review and discuss their individual property assessment(s) and record(s).

If, after reading this report, you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board of Listers on Thursdays and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to noon, at 326-4719, or by email montgomerylisters@fairpoint.net.

Sincerely,

Board of Listers

Sharon Perry

Parma Jewett

Joel Magnuson

For more information about CLA, Act 60 and Act 68, you can visit the following website:
<http://www.voicesforvtkids.org/wp-content/uploads/Documents/CLAbooklet-final-2006.pdf>

**LISTER REAPPRAISAL FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT - 2008**

Beginning Balance 1/1/08 40,192.00

RECEIPTS

Taxes	4,000.00	
VT - Reappraisal	<u>9,262.50</u>	
		<u>13,262.50</u>
		53,454.50

EXPENSES

Maps	0.00	
		<u>0.00</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/08		<u><u>53,454.50</u></u>
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**MACHINERY REPLACEMENT FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT - 2008**

Beginning Balance 1/1/08 21,934.69

RECEIPTS

Taxes	43,000.00	
Equipment Sold	25,000.00	
Proceeds from Equip Loan Fund	<u>110,000.00</u>	
		<u>178,000.00</u>
		199,934.69

EXPENSES

Grader Payment	29,895.77	
New Truck	171,959.00	
		<u>201,854.77</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/08		<u><u>-1,920.08</u></u>
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Respectfully Submitted,
Renee J Patterson, Treasurer

**MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT - 2008**

Beginning Balance 01/01/08

Checking	380.82	
CD - 110	7,367.82	
CD - 225	4,767.06	
CD - 233	15,064.26	
CD - 274	8,970.47	
CD - 892	54,810.88	
Charles Lumbra Fund	<u>2,022.62</u>	
		<u><u>\$93,383.93</u></u>

RECEIPTS

Interest Income	5,496.29	
Lots Sold	<u>900.00</u>	
		\$6,396.29

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	0.45	
Grounds Maintenance	<u>4,059.00</u>	
		\$4,059.00

Ending Balance 12/31/08

Checking	221.44	
CD - 110	7,656.27	
CD - 225	5,207.32	
CD - 233	15,521.58	
CD - 274	9,055.19	
CD - 892	55,968.44	
Charles Lumbra Fund	<u>2,090.53</u>	
		<u><u>\$95,720.77</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
Renee J Patterson

JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE
Financial Report 1/1/08 to 12/31/08

Beginning Balance 1/1/08		
Saxon Ind Stock	2,940.00	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	11,273.80	
Checking - TD Banknorth	<u>548.76</u>	
		14,762.56
INCOME:		
Interest from Certificates		251.59
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Care of Old Cemetery	300.00	
Probate Court	<u>25.00</u>	
		325.00
		<u>14,689.15</u>
ASSETS: as of 12/31/08		
Saxon Ind Stock	2,940.00	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	11,273.80	
Checking - TD Banknorth	<u>475.35</u>	
		<u>14,689.15</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine St Onge, Treasurer

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Financial Report 2008

Beginning Balance 1/1/08		
CD's	20,700.00	
Checking	<u>745.38</u>	
		21,445.38
RECEIPTS		
CD Interest	705.53	
Dues	15.00	
Sale of 1/2 Lot	50.00	
Perpetual Care	50.00	
Donations	<u>1,592.13</u>	
		2,412.66
EXPENSES		
Mowing	2,314.94	
Insurance	100.00	
Supplies	<u>100.00</u>	
		2,514.94
		<u>21,343.10</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/08		
CD's	20,700.00	
Checking	<u>643.10</u>	
		<u>21,343.10</u>

Respectfully, *Lois Lumbra*

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2009 BUDGET
Water Department

Revenues	Actual 2007	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
Water Rents	63,636	80,672	80,672
Delinquent Interest/Penalties	0	0	300
Refunds/Rebates	726	1	500
Interest on Investments	951	930	930
Town of Montgomery	13,737	13,737	13,737
Sale of Equipment	100	0	0
Total Revenue	79,150	95,340	96,139
Expenses			
Salaries	18,398	19,506	25,000
Technology equip/support	4,919	0	3,500
Utilities	6,623	8,550	9,500
Vehicle Expense	3,651	0	1,000
Tools	0	0	500
Water Testing	1,794	0	500
Office supplies	1,487	1,237	2,000
Equipment	0	4,321	5,000
VT Fees	972	526	1,000
Annual Bond Payment	28,766	46,202	46,202
Association Dues	150	240	300
Chemicals	179	237	250
Hauling Water	500	0	0
New Meters	33,124	0	0
Legal Services	0	0	500
Pagers	0	604	750
Total Expenses	100,563	81,423	96,002

Beginning Balance 01/01/08

Checking	33,302.01	
Savings	42,482.82	
		<u>75,784.83</u>

Total Receipts 95,340.04

Total Expenses 81,423.48

Ending Balance 12/31/08

Checking	7,551.26	
Savings	82,150.13	
		<u>89,701.39</u>

Respectfully submitted, Rita Tatro

Total Delinquent Water Bills as of 12/31/08 2804.24

MONTGOMERY WATER PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORT - 2008

Beginning Balance 01/01/08

Checking	705.36	
Non Arbitrage Borrowing	1,206,703.62	
		1,207,408.98

RECEIPTS

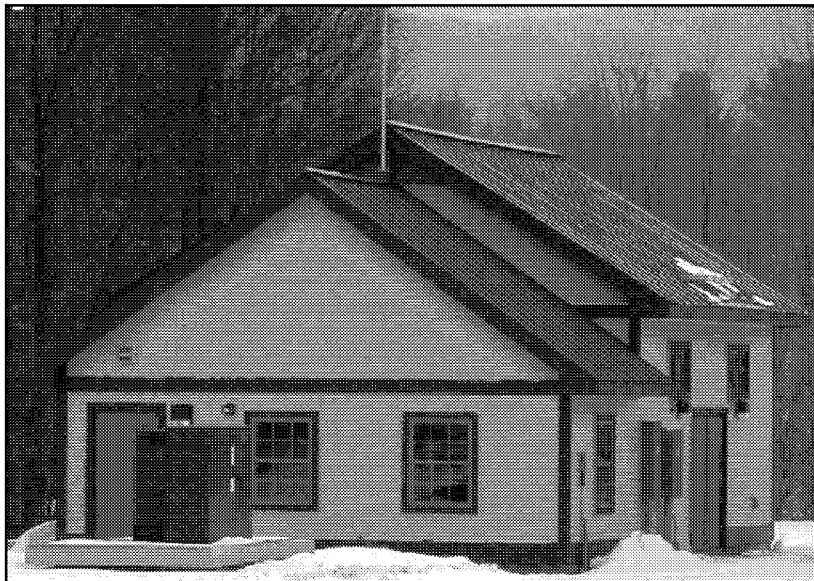
USDA Grant	427,566.72	
EPA Grant	332,529.60	
Interest Earned	32,232.58	
Misc Reimbursement	300.00	
		792,628.90

DISBURSEMENTS

CNB Grant Anticipation Note	850,000.00	
Engineering Costs	108,266.50	
Construction	774,325.83	
Administrative Costs	67,838.08	
		1,800,430.41

Ending Balance 12/31/08

Checking	-4,115.67	
Non Arbitrage Borrowing Acct	203,723.14	
		199,607.47



**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX DUE</u>	<u>TAX COLLECTED</u>	<u>TAX ABATED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>	<u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u>
2002	\$ 89.39	\$ -		\$ 89.39	\$ -	\$ -
2005	\$ 3,877.01	\$ 3,859.69		\$ 17.32	\$ 308.77	\$ 1,021.79
2006	\$ 10,695.61	\$ 8,622.41	\$ 420.92	\$ 1,652.28	\$ 689.78	\$ 1,875.43
2007	\$ 55,368.94	\$ 43,414.62		\$ 11,954.32	\$ 3,473.15	\$ 3,028.90
2008	\$ 153,797.34	\$ 77,986.14		\$ 75,811.20	\$ 6,239.44	\$ 1,328.31
TOTALS	\$ 223,828.29	\$ 133,882.86	\$ 420.92	\$ 89,524.51	\$ 10,711.14	\$ 7,254.43

Taxes Collected:	\$133,882.86
8% Penalties Collected:	\$ 10,711.14
Interest Collected:	<u>\$ 7,254.43</u>
Total Paid to the Treasurer by A. Woodward:	\$151,848.43

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008	
NAME	TAX AMOUNT
2002 PROPERTY TAXES	
Farrar, Lee - 6.035X	\$ 89.39
TOTAL 2002	\$ 89.39
2005 PROPERTY TAXES	
Goodsell, Matthew	\$ 17.32
TOTAL 2005 TAXES	\$ 17.32
2006 PROPERTY TAXES	
Bower, Joette	\$ 66.93
Goodsell, Matthew	\$ 18.15
Malaussena, William	\$ 1,567.20
TOTAL 2006 TAXES	\$ 1,652.28
2007 PROPERTY TAXES	
Bower, Joette	\$ 1,947.18
Combs, Jeffrey	\$ 100.11
**Corcoran, Mark	\$ 775.51
*Damstrom, Thomas	\$ 549.35
Deuso, Olive	\$ 66.47
**Farrar, Lee	\$ 590.32
Fournier, Aaron	\$ 412.50
Fricker, Julie	\$ 1,864.37
Malaussena, William	\$ 2,527.82
Manchester, Stewart	\$ 1,289.72
Smith, James	\$ 1,830.97
TOTAL 2007 TAXES	\$ 11,954.32
2008 PROPERTY TAXES	
Abbott, Matthew and Priscilla	\$ 475.99
Abramowitz, Sanford and June	\$ 1,019.79
Anderson, Terje	\$ 2,466.61
Bargo, Inc.	\$ 902.67
Barnes, Clayton Jr, Barnes, Carlton and Laflame, Audrey	\$ 714.94
Bartsch, Donna	\$ 3,445.83
Benson, Robert	\$ 735.42
Bower, Joette	\$ 2,135.53
Brunton, Stuart	\$ 821.66
Camire, Alexa	\$ 21.44
Chase, Forest and Cota-Chase, Kathie	\$ 1,149.44
*Collins, Christopher and Stark, Judith	\$ 1,407.69
**Corcoran, Mark	\$ 1,463.66
*Cota, Robert and Sandra	\$ 1,135.10
Damstrom, Thomas	\$ 602.49
Davis, Bain	\$ 2,504.30
Desautels, Jodi	\$ 1,169.23
Deuso, Olive	\$ 72.90
Deuso, Roger	\$ 1,226.43
Deuso, Roger	\$ 396.28
Domina, Kenneth and Pudvah, Cathie	\$ 1,196.41

NAME	TAX AMOUNT
Doran, Timothy	\$ 1,214.62
Durona, Chris	\$ 1,445.24
*Earley, Robert	\$ 1,152.45
Elliott, Charles and Katherine	\$ 75.85
**Farrar, Lee	\$ 2,390.67
*Farrar, Stephen	\$ 337.86
**Fleming, Danielle	\$ 836.98
Fournier, Aaron	\$ 452.41
*Francis, Andrew	\$ 856.09
Fricker, Julie	\$ 3,387.67
**Gadpaille, Eric	\$ 1,127.80
**Gadpaille, Eric	\$ 1,684.58
**Gaudette, Shirley	\$ 287.06
Heald, Ovide and Kaia	\$ 861.93
Healy, James	\$ 2,043.32
Hislop, Stephen	\$ 218.70
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	\$ 364.44
Kent, Mark	\$ 1,482.76
Lumbra, Dale	\$ 980.98
Manchester, Stewart	\$ 2,924.55
Malaussena, William	\$ 2,943.85
**Manosh, Roland	\$ 408.82
**Marshall, Henry and Sherry	\$ 250.42
**Morrell, Robert and Sandra	\$ 1,605.74
**Nalette, Sean	\$ 774.02
Nichols, Benjamin	\$ 1,372.22
Nutting Farm LLC	\$ 3,406.97
*Pollock, Robert	\$ 1,126.00
Pye, Frederick and Chantal	\$ 467.53
Roberts, Heather	\$ 1,426.90
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David and Sylvester, Mark	\$ 677.54
Rossi, Robert	\$ 608.93
Sawyer, Thomas	\$ 268.23
Smith, James	\$ 1,790.50
Sylvester, Margaret	\$ 253.94
Tatro, Orson and Phyllis	\$ 1,297.18
*Wedel Trust	\$ 1,437.66
*Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 294.14
Wilson, Peter	\$ 1,389.38
Woodworth, Nicole	\$ 3,211.98
Wry, Kevin	\$ 449.52
Wynn, Ricky	\$ 1,159.96
TOTAL 2008 TAXES	\$ 75,811.20
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 89,524.51
**Paid in full during the period January 1 - February 8, 2009	
*Partial paid during the period January 1 - February 8, 2009	

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

During 2008 the Zoning Office continued to receive many questions about the State taking over all review of wastewater permits. Applicants routinely visit and call the Zoning Office for information or assistance with completing and submitting applications or to get general Zoning information. Applications that require further review or approval are referred to the Development Review Board to be set for a hearing.

Last year 51 Zoning Permits were approved, denied or referred by the Zoning Administrator. Thirteen applications were received and referred to the Development Review Board. There were 3 applications for new dwellings, 3 applications for new camps, 3 garages, 5 deck, 6 porches, 4 sheds, 6 additions, 7 corrective permits, 2 replacement dwellings, 1 Bed & Breakfast, 1 barn, 2 signs, 4 renovations, 1 home occupation and 3 subdivisions. There were 18 Compliance Letters issued.

The fee for a Zoning/Permit to be used for new construction over 150 square feet or a subdivision is \$50.00 plus \$8.00 recording fee. Permits for new construction under 150 square feet are \$10.00 plus \$8.00 recording fee. The fee for a Zoning Compliance Letter is \$35.00. Anyone can receive an application from the Town Office in person or by mail. You may also go on the Town Website under Zoning and download applications.

The Zoning Administrator is in the Town Office on Monday's from 1:00-4:00 p.m. if you require assistance. During that time the Zoning Administrator can be reached at (802) 326-4719. For assistance on other days leave a message at (802) 326-9001 for a return call.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene C. Marrier/Zoning Administrator

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD'S REPORT

There were 13 applications submitted and referred to be set for hearings before the Development Review Board. There were 4 requests for Conditional Use Permit, 2 request for a Variance and 7 requests for Site Plan Approval of sub-divisions accessed via right-of way of record. The Board approved all 13 applications.

The fee for an application for a hearing before the Development Review Board is \$85.00 plus \$8.00 recording fee. Anyone can receive an application from the Town Office in person or by mail. You may also go on the Town Website under Development Review Board and download an application. After completion forward the application with attachments to the Zoning Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene C. Marrier/Clerk of the DRB

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT - 2008

<u>Category</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>State Fees</u>	<u>Special Fees</u>	<u>Late Fees</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>
Spayed/Neutrd	250	4.00	1000.00	762.00	0.00	135.00	1897.00
Male	28	8.00	224.00	85.00	0.00	40.00	349.00
Female	18	8.00	144.00	55.00	0.00	40.00	239.00
Special Permits	19	0.00	0.00	9.00	120.00	0.00	129.00
Special Permits	7	0.00	0.00	6.00	40.00	0.00	46.00
Totals	322		1368.00	917.00	160.00	215.00	2660.00

Dog licenses are due April 1st each year. In addition to the 50% late penalty fee added thereafter, the State of Vermont is increasing it's fee by \$1 after April 1.

	<u>By April 1</u>	<u>After April 1</u>
Neutered/Spayed dog	\$7.00	\$10.00
Unneuterd/Unspayed dog	\$11.00	\$16.00

THERE IS NO RABIES CLINIC IN MONTGOMERY THIS YEAR

Other area clinics are listed for your information.

****Berkshire Rabies Clinic is Wednesday March 25, 2009 beginning at 4:30pm at the Berkshire Town Garage - Pay for vaccinations only, there will not be any office charges.**

Clearwater Veterinary will have two clinics: Sheldon Fire Station March 7, 9am - 12
: Richford Fire Station March 28, 9am-12
- All vaccines are \$10 with no office charge. Call 848-7389 for more information.

2008 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
January 4	Stewart Dockstader Pratt	Michael Stewart Pratt	Christina Anne Suarez
January 11	Robert Paul Kaleb Gendron	Robert Wayne Gendron	Nicole Marie Sylvester
January 14	Ruby Yolande Tillotson	Jeremy Tillotson	Emily Marie Garceau
February 6	Ava Mae Walker	Trevor Jon Walker	Jodi Kathleen Walker
February 8	Isaias JeanMarie Tatro Lagasse	Timothy Alan Tatro Lagasse	Kelly Sue Tatro Lagasse
April 8	Alex Ryan St Onge	Randall Holmes St Onge	Stacey Lynn St Onge
September 6	Annabel Joy Worthington	Erik Shane Worthington	Bethany Worthington
October 3	Tala Patience Alexys Worthington	Travis Robert Worthington	Alexys Eileen Worthington
October 4	Tristan Andrew Gendreau	Scott Andrew Gendreau	Ashley Brunton Gendreau
October 10	Bethany Aldea Guyette	Graton Leonard Guyette III	Jill Yvonne Sylvester
October 12	Elias Lee Elkins	Tyler Lee Elkins	Connie Elaine Bobar

2008 DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
February 3	Dorothy L Howard	Montgomery
February 4	Therese M Chauvin	Montgomery
February 12	Christine M DuRona	Montgomery
February 13	Ethel H Morgan	Montgomery
February 19	Jay M Andoline	Montgomery
April 18	Dorothy Gratton	Montgomery
October	Robert J Benson	Montgomery
November 4	Stanley S Gillis	Montgomery
November 15	Armand D Landry	Montgomery
December 26	Sanford Abramowitz	Montgomery
December 27	Frederick M Kennett	Montgomery

2008 MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
May 31	Martin J Burke Jr	Sandra Jean Baird	Darian, Connecticut
June 19	Nicholas Vittum	Tracey E Durgan	Montgomery
July 19	Patrick J Paldino	Shirley A Carlson	Montgomery
September 6	Matthew Joseph Silva	Sarah Catharine Betts	Montgomery
September 13	Joshua Barret Wirth	Jennifer Lee Gramps	Slatington, Pennsylvania

2008 CIVIL UNIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
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There were no Civil Union Licenses issued in Montgomery in 2008

Montgomery, Vermont

Municipal Web Site Listing/Link Application

Include on
Listing/Link?
Circle One

Name: _____ Yes No

Business Name: _____ Yes No

Street/P.O. Box: _____ Yes No

Town: _____ Yes No

State: _____ Yes No

Zip: _____ Yes No

Phone Number: _____ Yes No

E-Mail: _____ Yes No

Web page address (URL): _____ Yes No

Do you live in, or pay property taxes, in
Montgomery? Yes No

Do you want a listing or a link? Listing Link

What category would you like to be listed under (see next pages for samples)?

FEE:

In Town: | Listing-Free | Link-\$10.00/yr

Out of Town: | Listing-\$10.00/yr | Link-\$20.00/yr

**NOW
FREE!**

The Town of Montgomery reserves the right to determine suitability of any links/listings, and any content for inclusion on the municipal website. The Town Web Site Policy is posted at:
<http://www.montgomeryvt.us/documents.htm>

Signature _____

Date _____

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District Supervisor's Report

The past 12 months have been ones of dramatic change for the Northwest District. District staff moved in to the new Recycling Facility and District Office in December, 2007. The first several months of 2008 were spent getting the facility up and running. The facility continues to be a work in progress. The District has had success processing and marketing recyclables coming to the facility, at least until the last quarter of the year. At that point the District began to feel the impact of the overall economic downturn. Prices for materials have dropped dramatically, and warehouses are full making it hard to move materials. It is expected that the situation may continue for a number of months. Until market conditions improve, it is economically beneficial to send some of the materials collected to the Chittenden MRF, rather than process them at our facility.

The Recycling Center start-up was only part of the District's busy year. In 2009 the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District continued to provide waste arrangement services to Northwest Districts communities, including collection of household hazardous waste, electronics and special collections for difficult to dispose of items such as tires and appliances. The District also operates four drop off sites in District communities and the North Hero Transfer Station.

Overall in 2008, District communities sent 18,131 tons of trash to landfills, approximately 11,035 pounds per person. After recycling, reuse and composting, the average District resident generated 2.8 pounds of waste per day.

Below is a brief outline of some of the District's services and programs. While the list is not all-inclusive, it does provide a good overview of the District's work on behalf of Northwest residents. Please take a moment to review this report. Questions, comments and suggestions may be directed to me at 326-4867 or to District staff at (802)524-5986.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

The District sponsored 12 collections of household hazardous waste in 2008 in eleven District towns, with participants from throughout the District. More than 26,995 pounds of hazardous chemicals were collected for safe disposal, along with propane tanks, lead acid batteries, oil paint and fluorescent bulbs.

Special Waste Collections

Fifteen collections for special waste--bulky, hard-to-dispose of items such as furniture, tires and appliances-- were held throughout the District. 106 tons of bulky items were collected and disposed of, along with 105 refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. The District also collected 25 tons of tires and 40 tons of scrap metal. Residents of all district towns participated.

Computer and Household Electronics Recycling

In order to make it easier for residents to dispose of computers, household electronics, and fluorescent bulbs, the District continued accepting these items at our office on an ongoing basis. During 2008, the District helped residents recycle:

- 24,816 pounds of monitors, televisions, computers and other household electronics
- 8,712 feet of fluorescent lights
- other mercury containing devices

By expanding this service the District has provided residents with a legal and affordable method for disposing of their outdated electronics.

Educational Outreach

District staff conducted educational workshops and presentations for age groups ranging from kindergarten to high school. We also worked with schools within the District to improve their waste management programs.

In addition, the District produces informational materials for residents including brochures, a newsletter, a website and articles for area publications.

Illegal Burning and Dumping

The District's illegal burning and dumping program is considered a model throughout the state. Our enforcement strategy relies heavily on education, but the District does fine repeat offenders. Because of the effectiveness of the District's approach, there appears to have been a decline in illegal burning within the District.

However, district staff still responded to a number of reports of illegal dumping and burning in 2008.

As the Town of Montgomery representative on the District Board of Supervisors, I am available to discuss District activities with town residents. I can be reached at 326-4867 or 933-2490.

Barry Kade, Supervisor



Town Of Montgomery

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The following Social Service and other organizations requested taxpayer assistance for 2009 totaling \$6,105.00. The Selectboard denied their requests because of our tight budget and our view that they did not meet one of the criteria below:

Did not demonstrate specific benefits to the Montgomery.

Had not received consistent taxpayer support in the previous years.

They are all worthy causes and we have published this list with contact information so individuals may make personal contributions as their circumstances allow. Additional information on their requests is available at the Town Office.

The Family Center of Northwestern VT.
524-6574

The Town Of Westfield for the Westfield Rec Center
744-2484

Northwest Unit for Special Investigations
524-7989

Northwestern Counseling & Support Services
524-6554

Franklin County Court Diversion and Community Justice Programs
527-5560

Vermont Trails and Greenways Council
241-3690

Northern Vermont Resource Conservation & development Council
828-4595

Green Up Vermont
229-4586

ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE OFFICERS

OF THE

**MONTGOMERY TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2008

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Timothy Murphy

School Directors

Thomas Smith	Term Expires 2009
Morgan Daybell	Term Expires 2009
Charles Purrier	Term Expires 2010
Bruce Mercy	Term Expires 2010
Karen Soule	Term Expires 2011

In accordance with Vermont Statutes, the Montgomery Town Auditors and the Montgomery School Directors have agreed that the town auditors need not conduct an audit of school district accounts for fiscal year 2008, as the books were audited by the C.P.A. firm of Angolano & Company. A summary of the audit is contained in this annual report. A complete copy of the audit is available for inspection and copying, at cost, from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union, Richford, Vermont.

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES - 2008
ANNUAL MEETING**

Conformably to the Warning, the legal voters of the Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, met at the Montgomery Elementary School in the said Town, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, on Monday the 10th day of March A.D. 2008 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following business:

The meeting came to order at 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

Mark Brouillette nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. To elect one School Director for a term of two years, by ballot.

Mark Brouillette nominated Bruce Mercy. Without objections the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Bruce.

ARTICLE 3. To elect one School Director for a term of three years, by ballot;

Wendy Howard nominated Marijke Dollois. Marijke declined the nomination. Roberta Cota nominated Karen Soule. Without objections the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Karen.

Charlie recognized Marijke for many years of dedicated service to the Montgomery School District and presented her with a plaque. Marijke thanked everyone congratulated Karen Soule on her election to the Board indicating that she was joining a great board and serving a great School District.

ARTICLE 4. To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers.

Mark Brouillette made a motion to accept the reports and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District appropriate \$2,400,445 necessary for the support of schools for the school year beginning July 1, 2008?

Michelle Jewett made a motion to appropriate \$2,400,445 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District authorize the School Directors to receive and expend for school purposes any additional gifts, or other revenue in excess of those calculated in determining the proposed budget for the school year beginning July 1, 2008?

Mark Brouillette moved as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money by the issuance of bonds or notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year beginning July 1, 2008?


Michelle Jewett moved as read and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

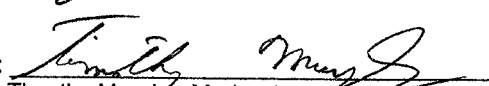
Lynda Cluba moved to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:43 P.M.

A true record this 11th day of March, 2008

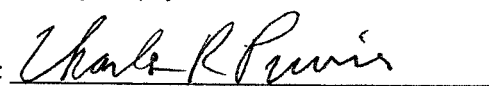
ATTEST:


Renee J. Patterson, Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST:


Charles Purrier, School Board Chairperson

WARNING
MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

The legal voters of the Montgomery Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Montgomery Elementary School, Montgomery, Vermont, on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. to transact the following business, viz:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect one School Director for a term of two years, by ballot;
(Morgan Daybell's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect one School Director for a term of three years, by ballot;
(Thomas Smith's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 4. To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers.
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District appropriate \$2,344,518 necessary for the support of schools for the school year beginning July 1, 2009?
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District authorize the School Directors to receive and expend for school purposes any additional gifts, or other revenue in excess of those calculated in determining the proposed budget for the school year beginning July 1, 2009?
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money by the issuance of bonds or notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year beginning July 1, 2009?
- ARTICLE 8. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called and held for that purpose on January 27, 2009.

School Directors

Charles Purrier, Chair
Bruce Mercy, Vice-Chair
Karen Soule, Clerk
Thomas Smith
Morgan Daybell

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Joint Report of School Directors and Office of Superintendent of Schools

Enrollment as of October 1, 2008

Grades	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	4	16	8	17	13	17	15	19	14					123
Enosburg Falls Middle & High School										2	4	3	3	12
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School										3	5	4	3	15
North Country Union High School										3	5	1	3	12
St. Johnsbury										1	1	0	0	2
														164

Mission

The mission of the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) Learning Community is to adopt, promote, and support high expectations for all its members. FNESU will use data and research-based best practices to make informed decisions so that all children learn and succeed in each area of development.

Vision

FNESU believes that working as a Professional Learning Community will lead to achievement of our mission. FNESU members will:

- **Unite to achieve a common purpose and clear goals;**
- **Work together in collaborative teams;**
- **Seek and implement promising strategies for improving student achievement on a continuing basis;**
- **Monitor each school's progress; and**
- **Demonstrate a personal commitment to the academic success and general well-being of all students.**

Targets

Reading: Reduce by 10% the number of students falling in the bottom two performance levels on state and local assessments in reading, while maintaining or increasing the number of students who are meeting or exceeding the standards.

Writing: Reduce by 10% the number of students falling in the bottom two performance levels on state and local assessments in writing, while maintaining or increasing the number of students who are meeting or exceeding the standards.

Math: Reduce by 10% the number of students falling in the bottom two performance levels on state assessments in math, while maintaining or increasing the number of students who are meeting or exceeding the standards.

Positive School Climate: All students will have a learning environment that is safe and respectful, and where the dignity and uniqueness of each individual are honored.

Superintendent's Report

E. Jake Schuler

“Designing Education For The 21st Century”

It is that time of year again when I sit down and prepare my annual report. Before delving into it, I want to offer some “from the heart” words to the residents of the five towns that make up the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). By now, I expect that the news has spread throughout FNESU that I have chosen to retire as of June 30, 2009, after an incredibly rewarding forty-year career. I can say, without hesitation, that I feel extremely fortunate to have spent twenty-eight of those years here in FNESU, and am honored to have served as your Superintendent of Schools. I believe the Supervisory Union is in excellent condition educationally and operationally, and feel pleased and comfortable turning it over to incoming Superintendent, Jay Nichols. During the upcoming months, I will be working closely with Jay to orchestrate, what I believe, will be a smooth and seamless transition.

Now, on to my annual report. As in previous years, I continue to be impressed at how well our schools work together despite the fact that the biggest thing our schools and towns have in common is their uniqueness. The following are highlights of our professional efforts, but I strongly encourage everyone to read the detailed reports and gain further insight into the many positive educational endeavors taking place in FNESU.

We are in the second year of implementing the Bridges math program, grades K through 5; and feedback indicates that students are entering their next grade level better prepared. Teachers have dedicated a great deal of professional development time to this curriculum effort, and we anticipate continued achievement gains and positive benefits for our students. Our Math Consultant, Sean Theoret, is in charge of this work and can always be contacted for further information.

Beginning this year, Curriculum Mapping became the five-year focus for our district-wide professional development at all grade levels and content areas. This effort is the next step following our district-wide work on developing Power Standards. A Curriculum Council, made up of teachers from all of our schools, has been put in place to help guide this effort, and insure that it is something that will continuously be a teacher centered effort. Mary Helen Hart, our Curriculum and Grants Coordinator, is the lead person on this project; and her full report follows in this section of the town book.

Technology continues to be at the forefront in FNESU, and Robert Gervais (FNESU Technology Coordinator) works very hard to make certain that FNESU stays constantly in tune with the evolving technology. At the risk of sounding boastful, I do not have to go to many meetings around the state to validate that, even as a small rural district sharing two town borders with Canada, FNESU is in no way lagging in the technology available to our students, staff, administration, and parents. We are a leader in the use of PowerSchool for student grade reporting as well as a variety of other applications available to teachers, administrators, and parents. This year, we became the first school district in the USA to implement ePearl (developed at Concordia University), which is a student based, interactive portfolio program that students can begin in elementary grades and take with them to the secondary level. Parents and teachers can also access student work for review and comments. This just scratches the surface of technology in FNESU. Please read Robert's report for a more in-depth look at how FNESU remains a technology leader in Vermont education.

In addition to the collaboration and cooperation that has become a trademark of FNESU, each one of our unique schools continues to promote programs and activities designed around the needs and interests of its students, faculty, and community as a whole. I urge you to carefully read the reports that were written by local administration as well as FNESU personnel to get a true flavor of your community schools and how each fits into the fabric of FNESU.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all school board members, faculty, staff, administration, students, and community members in general for all of your support of, advocacy for, and commitment to the educational process in our FNESU communities. Your efforts and the efforts of others are what have made my forty-year career so rewarding, and your efforts in particular are what have made my twenty-eight years in FNESU such a special part of that career. Thank you again for allowing me to be part of this very special educational community.

Curriculum

Our FNESU mission, vision and targets appear earlier in this section. Curriculum work in our district is designed to support achievement of these goals. This year, our curriculum work has taken an exciting turn.

The FNESU Curriculum Mapping Council was established in June and is made up of 24 teachers and 16 administrators representing all of our schools. We have been learning to write curriculum in a way that will make student learning more explicit and will provide more accurate information for teacher discussions about our students' learning results. Teachers have worked to establish power standards and indicators, those things essential for all students to learn. These power standards and indicators align with the Vermont Grade Level Expectations*, but are fewer in number so that instructional time is used intentionally to focus on these areas of priority. Curriculum and instruction that focuses on the power standards will prepare students for their next level of learning, will be useful across disciplines of study, and will translate into student success.

Teachers have worked in grade level and content area teams to accomplish this work, which supports curriculum alignment in grade levels and courses. Our current work addresses the need to align curriculum between grade levels, called vertical alignment, so that we can see what the K-12 educational experience looks like for our students. Our curriculum mapping work will enhance our past work by providing more detail and alignment between content and skills. Our current work will address the sequence, effective strategies, and assessment questions we must ask to better plan student learning experiences.

We are now utilizing an electronic system, Rubicon Atlas, to revise and store our curriculum. Our system will also be a repository for resources, such as educational materials, including lessons, websites, and assessments. Our Atlas system provides a way to make our curriculum a living document, not a shelf document. All teachers will begin utilizing the system before the end of this year, learning to write what they expect their students to learn and revise it after instruction to reflect what their students actually learned. Teachers will have access to each other's curriculum maps so each teacher will be able to see what their students learned the previous year. New teachers will have a wonderful resource for beginning their work, as they will see what the previous teacher had been doing for instruction.

The Council has adopted a plan to develop, enter and review all curriculum using the Rubicon Atlas system over the next five years. This work is supported with Title II A grant funds.

As parents become more familiar with new programs and curricula, comments about how these changes have affected their child's learning would be appreciated. Please take time to make suggestions to us at the Superintendent's office, as well as directly to school staff.

* These Grade Level Expectations are available for you at the Vermont State Department of Education's web site, <http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pubs/framework.html>

Federal Grants

The federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) provides for most federal grant funds allocated to Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). Our grants from NCLBA, totaling \$1,530,580 include Title I, Title II Parts A and D, Title IV, and Title V. While these grant funds may not be used to replace local responsibility for providing education resources, they can fund a variety of educational activities and initiatives within our Supervisory Union. Local school action plans have been developed, which include measurable goals related to improving student achievement; and federal grant funds are utilized to support achievement of these local goals. In addition, several grants from other sources are described below.

Additional federal and state grants and resources have been approved for school districts in FNESU. These are listed in a spreadsheet entitled FNESU Grants Summary 2008-2009. Some of the major grants are described below. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA B) funds Special Education services in

FNESU for pre-school and school-aged children. The Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) reinvestment plan, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Health in the amount of \$61,954. These funds are used to plan prevention and health promotion activities for students. Examples of expenditures this year include support of summer/after school health-related activities and equipment, a Student Assistance Program (SAP) counselor, a community based educator, and other health-related personnel, tooth tutor programs, and student counseling services. In its eighth year is the School-Based Tobacco Use Prevention grant for all schools to provide curriculum and activities that will prevent student use of tobacco. This grant, amounting to \$13,376 for FNESU, is expected to last for several years as part of the tobacco companies' settlement with Vermont. In its sixth year, the Reading First grant provides additional personnel and reading support to Bakersfield, Berkshire, Montgomery, and Enosburg Elementary Schools. The Reading First grant also supports professional development for teachers in grades kindergarten through 3 and special educators. The Reading First grant award is \$237,577 this year, and is expected to continue one more year through 2010, although this would be at a reduced amount. In its fifth year is the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant totaling \$108,000, which funds after school programs in Enosburg and Richford for students in grades 5 through 12. This is the final year of the grant, and a new proposal will be submitted in an effort to continue funding our current after school programs and enhance after school offerings in Berkshire, Bakersfield, and Montgomery.

Please contact Mary Helen Hart if you would like further information about any of these grants.

Title I and Title II Part A

Most of the FNESU Title I and Title II Part A monies fund personnel to support student learning needs in each of the elementary schools and the Early Childhood Program. Sixteen teachers and five paraeducators are working in our schools to provide additional support for students during regular school hours. In every school, goals are established with the purpose of helping students succeed in regular classroom programs and become academically proficient at their grade levels. Parents are invited and encouraged to be part of the planning of individual student programs. One way of achieving this is through Parent/School Compacts in which agreement is reached by parents, students, and teachers about what needs to happen for students to be successful in school. The process of working together to support student achievement through discussion and program planning is a critical part of Title I.

In Berkshire, Bakersfield, Montgomery, Enosburg and Richford Elementary Schools, the Title I programs are schoolwide models. This means that Title I and all Title grant resources may be used to support the Schoolwide Title I Action Plan goals and programs such as Success For All or Macmillan McGraw Hill Reading Programs, Bridges in Mathematics, and the Responsive Classroom Program.

FNESU Title I and Title II Part A funds are used to support three teachers in Berkshire Elementary School, two teachers and one paraeducator in Bakersfield Elementary School, and four teachers in Richford Elementary School. In Enosburg Elementary School, FNESU employs three teachers and two paraeducators. In Montgomery, two teachers and one paraeducator are employed through this grant. Several of these employees are funded part-time. In the Early Childhood Program, Title I employs two part-time teachers and one part-time paraeducator. These grant funds also support after school and summer program personnel in Montgomery, Richford, and Enosburg.

In all elementary schools, Title I funds provide resources for Parent Literacy and Math gatherings and resources for academic instruction.

Title II Part A

In addition to the personnel described above, Title II Part A funds are used for professional development to enhance teacher expertise so that academic instruction for students improves. The over-arching goal is to improve student achievement of the standards described in the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities and our local curriculum. Our math consultant is in his fourth year of working to support teacher professional development and math program review. Our math achievement results have indicated this is an area of need, and the math consultant position is one way to address this. Our elementary schools implemented a new math curriculum called Bridges in Mathematics last year. At the time of this writing, student achievement results on our state tests were not yet available. However, teachers are reporting positive feedback from their observations of student learning, and we are hopeful that the tests results will also reflect positive growth.

Educators plan to use funds to support activities such as conferences, courses, and workshops that will improve their teaching, and provide them with new information and activities to share in the classroom. Many of our inservice activities and presenters are funded through this grant. Funds are also used to support teachers and paraeducators in meeting the requirements in NCLB for becoming "highly qualified," a status that is determined by the Vermont State Department of Education for every teacher. NCLBA requires that all teachers not only be licensed in their subject areas and for the grade levels in which they teach, but also meet further content area requirements through coursework and other types of professional development. In addition, paraeducators must hold an associate's degree or its equivalent of 48 credits or pass a state or local test or be approved through a portfolio review. Funds from this grant and from Title I are being used to support our staff in their pursuit of these requirements.

FNESU activities funded through this grant have included specific education and content area courses, literacy and math training, curriculum development work, and various behavior management trainings. A focus this year has been mapping of all curriculum offered in the Supervisory Union schools. A Curriculum Mapping Council was formed this summer and members participated in extensive training. Council members will map their own curriculum and also serve as resources in their schools for expanding this work. All teachers have participated in training during inservice days so they can begin using the mapping system and utilize a format that will enable us to do analysis and reporting on current curriculum offerings. Additional information about this work is included in the Curriculum Report.

Title II Part D

Title II Part D provides grant funds to support technology in all FNESU schools. Each school has funds to support its school's technology plan. \$22,554 is available to the schools through this grant.

Title V

Title V funds innovative projects and staff development activities in our schools although at a greatly reduced amount this year. The amount available to FNESU for the 2008-2009 school year is \$1,229. Funds from other Titles, such as Title IIA, have been transferred into Title V to continue to support some of the activities that are valued in our schools. District-wide activities such as the Arts Gala receive support from this grant. On-line courses in core subject areas for grades 3 through 12 and several electives from OdysseyWare and the technology system for curriculum mapping are also supported with Title V funds. Updating and enhancing PowerSchool, our student information management system, is another area that has been supported with these funds. Schools are continuing the process of planning how to best use available funds in a way that supports their local school action plan goals and improves student achievement.

Title IV (Safe & Drug-Free Schools & Communities)/Other Related Grants & Programs

Title IV funds have continued to decline through the years, but Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) is very fortunate to receive a considerable amount of funding. FNESU continues to use this funding to support Student Assistance Program (SAP) counselors at both Enosburg Falls Middle & High School (EFMHS) and Richford Jr.-Sr. High School (RJSHS). Title IV funds support programs such as Responsive Classrooms in Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, and Montgomery. All FNESU schools use Title IV funds to support the AlertNow system, which has improved communication in a timely manner with parents regarding all school issues and news. Additionally, Title IV supports Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Education activities for FNESU teachers and other personnel. FNESU has also been fortunate to secure other sources of funding, which directly compliment Title IV funds. These funds allow FNESU to offer additional programs, services and opportunities. Additional funding sources are:

- Two grants through the VT Department of Health, Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP), that provide a large share of the funding for our SAP Counselors.

- ADAP also makes available mini-grants that are utilized by FNESU schools. These fund events including student leadership activities linked to prevention, dialogue nights, and presentations on issues such as bullying.
- The School-Based Tobacco Prevention Grant continues to provide funding for a wide variety of tobacco reduction and prevention activities and initiatives across FNESU. It helps support student activities in conjunction with VT Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT).
- The Strategic Prevention Framework Grant has added funds for purchasing a curriculum that will be used in the younger grades to give students essential knowledge and skills that improve protecting themselves from the dangers of alcohol. This grant also focuses on creating partnerships between our schools and the rest of the community to address underage drinking prevention.

With continued support from community partners throughout the Franklin County region, we can continue to build and strengthen collaborative and partnerships providing increased opportunities to our students. These opportunities provide success for all our students, both in school and in their futures.

Continuum of Supportive Services

Kim Magnuson, Director of Special Programs

Kelly Bushey, Assistant Special Education Coordinator

The supportive nature of our school system starts at a very early age. School districts are responsible for finding children with disabilities starting at birth. Previously, these “Child-Find” responsibilities were the responsibility of The Agency of Human Services. Although school districts are responsible for identifying these children, we are not responsible for providing services until they reach the age of three.

Children, ages three through five, that we are required to serve are those who meet the criteria for Special Education as defined in the State of Vermont Special Education Regulations: Categories of Disabilities. These children are identified through an evaluation process of being “at risk” in one or more of the following areas: social/emotional, language, limited English proficiency, developmental delay, or economically disadvantaged. These children enter our educational system as pre-kindergarten students. The purpose of pre-kindergarten education is to provide young children with opportunities to reach their full growth and developmental capacity.

Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union’s Early Childhood Program offers developmentally appropriate practices, which are effective and efficient and meet the needs of our youngest students. Our program has three educational sites: Enosburg Armory, Richford Elementary School and Montgomery Elementary School. The Enosburg and Richford sites also host a collaborative classroom with Head Start. This collaboration allows us to share resources while maintaining fiscal responsibility. We currently hold a four STAR rating in the Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) that is the Department for Children and Families’ graduated quality rating system. It is our hope that by welcoming our young children and their families into our pre-kindergarten classrooms that we will instill a sense of life-long learning.

As a child progresses in their educational journey, some may experience difficulties acquiring knowledge in the same manner as their peers. In this instance, a Special Education evaluation may be conducted.

Special Education eligibility is determined as a result of a Special Education evaluation. A student demonstrating difficulties in acquiring basic skills, exhibiting emotional deficits, or other difficulties as outlined in The Vermont Department of Education Special Education Regulations, may qualify as a student in need of specialized services.

An evaluation planning team comprised of parent(s), regular education teachers, student support services, and administrators work together to develop an evaluation plan that outlines specific questions the team will need to answer to identify the presence of a disability. Additional information will be gathered to help determine if there is an adverse effect to educational performance, and if the student is in need of specialized services that cannot be provided through the educational support system, standard educational instructional conditions, or supplementary

aids and services provided in the school. If the team agrees that the student meets the above criteria for Special Education, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will be developed and reviewed annually. Additionally, a re-evaluation will occur every three years to determine if the student continues to meet eligibility guidelines.

If you would like more information on your district's practices regarding its Educational Support System, 504 procedures, or Special Education, please contact your school's administrator, guidance department or Special Education department. You can also review this information on the Vermont Department of Education website: <http://education.vermont.gov/>

Our Assistant Special Education Coordinator, Kelly Bushey, has been working on a series of professional development opportunities for the special educators throughout the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). A survey was developed (using Survey Monkey) to identify the professional development needs of the special educators, directly from them. This information was correlated and the following topics were identified as a need to address: Supporting struggling learners in math, effective behavior management strategies, transition planning for students age 16 and up, writing measurable goals, evaluation report interpretation, and more. We are fortunate to have special educators within FNESU that are skilled in some of these areas. In order to remain fiscally responsible, we are using the skills and expertise of our special educators to support the learning of each other. Professionals who are employed within FNESU are presenting all sessions. Those that attend will receive a certificate of attendance to support their relicensing efforts.

Technology Report

Robert Gervais, Technology Coordinator

In my role as FNESU Technology Coordinator, I have a wonderful vantage point to all the changes and advantages that benefit students, educators, and administrators. With increased online access and resources, open-source (free) software, collaborative learning opportunities, and decreasing equipment costs, it is truly an exciting time for technology in education. Although technology needs can be varied and comprehensive, our main goals remain consistent:

- To support unique learning opportunities, including improved access to resources, which integrate technology and enhance 21st Century learning and skills.
- To improve educators' comfort and skill levels for integrating technology into their classrooms and daily routines.
- To support administrative access to tools that improve management and data-driven decision making.
- To use technology to improve communications between students, educators, families, and communities.

In classrooms throughout FNESU, students can be found routinely accessing technology tools in many forms, supporting a wide variety of learning methods. While introductory skills such as word processing and keyboarding are necessary, our students are taking it to the next level by applying them to E-mails, instant messaging, Blogs, and Wikispaces. Mobile computing has infiltrated every grade level and every school in FNESU. Mobile labs wheeled into the classroom support integration much more smoothly and effectively than moving students to a computer lab and leaving the learning environment behind. Students are using online resources, such as Google Apps for Education, to create collaborative work. It is not uncommon to see students uploading their work—in various formats—to online sites where they can be shared with others. As new technology opportunities rapidly develop, we are attempting to provide students with access and instruction to appropriately prepare them with 21st Century skills.

In August 2008, Enosburg Middle and Elementary Schools began using ePearl, an online portfolio system developed by Concordia University in Montreal. All schools in FNESU will be taking advantage of this free resource before

the end of the academic year. ePearl allows students to upload work from the classroom into safe, yet accessible, age-appropriate environments. Portfolio projects are shared with teachers, classmates, and parents. More than an online storage site, ePearl guides students through the process of planning, doing, and reflecting, helping them build independence and responsibility and take ownership of their learning.

In May 2008, FNESU educators participated in an online survey adapted from the skills and expectations of International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), www.iste.org standards and Vermont's Technology Grade Expectations (http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_edtech.html#ge). This survey identifies areas of need, and results are used to target specific training for educators. From 2007, growth was seen in every area of educational technology use. Specific areas of high improvement were found in daily email use, spreadsheets, electronic presentations in the classroom, and instruction addressing Grade Expectations for Technology. The key areas where more improvement is necessary include designing/maintaining web pages and using databases in the classroom. Available FNESU training opportunities include multiple sessions at August inservice, Tech Teacher Leaders sessions offered in every school, inclusion of tech support during Curriculum Mapping inservices, and the availability of the Technology Coordinator for classroom support. Opportunities such as these will help us achieve our goal, "...all teachers will be able to perform the ISTE standards and VT expectations at levels indicated by No Child Left Behind by the beginning of the 2008-09 school year."

FNESU continues to participate in the Vermont Data Consortium, which gives us access to a statewide database, TetraData, of student and educator information from demographics to assessment scores. Added this year to the database is local data collected from PowerSchool (class schedule, teacher, and grades) and Reading First Assessments. TetraData is an analyzing tool that enables easy comparisons of data over time and within cohort groups. An example of TetraData's usefulness could be a comparison of how students performed on a particular 2nd grade reading assessment to that same group of students' performance on a different 4th grade reading assessment; further investigation could analyze the reading program or instructors that students were exposed to over this course of time. Administrators have used TetraData for a variety of queries that help them make data-driven instructional and program-based decisions.

All schools in FNESU effectively use the PowerSchool Student Information database. Along with student information management, this provides online access to student records—with appropriate security protection—improving school-to-home communications. For information on how you can get online access to your child's grades, comments, and attendance, please contact your school's administrative assistant. Teachers have electronic grade books, take attendance and lunch by computer, and can access their students' electronic records (schedules, historical grades, demographics, contact info, etc.) easily and immediately. PowerSchool also gives schools the ability to track student movement from one school to another, transferring records in the process, along with standardizing reporting functions such as Report Cards, Discipline Reports, Transcripts, and Attendance Reports.

FNESU continues to use AlertNow communication system. All schools' staff, students, and contact people form an all-inclusive early alert system. The program can be used to instantly call every teacher, staff, and student/parent/guardian in FNESU within moments of an emergency or other important announcement. This system is considered extremely cost effective and invaluable for the safety of our students and staff.

All FNESU personnel and many students are part of the FirstClass Collaborative communication system. FirstClass provides a shared directory of FNESU users, which allows for instant messaging, ease of e-mailing, shared calendars and contacts, and *Workspaces* (group shared documents, files and correspondences), along with many other features. FirstClass has drastically improved the ease and efficiency of electronic communications in FNESU.

As these examples show, FNESU is capitalizing on the potential power of technology in schools and providing our students with an experience that prepares them for the 21st Century workplace. For more information on anything relating to Technology Education in FNESU schools, please don't hesitate to drop me a line at rgervais@fnesu.net, or phone at 933-2171 x33, or check us out online at www.fnesu.net.

Principal's Report

Beth O'Brien, Principal

Providing an excellent education for the children of Montgomery while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers continues to be a top priority for the Principal and the School Board. Comparative data provided by the State of Vermont shows that Montgomery is consistently among the lowest in per pupil spending among K-8 schools with similar populations (excluding special education costs.) Key reasons for this are our shared sense of purpose and focus on student learning. Everybody here at Montgomery Elementary School is focused on constant improvement. We work collaboratively on the six steps outlined in the Montgomery Elementary School Action Plan and Title I Grant Schoolwide Plan:

- 1) Continue work to improve our student learning, especially in the areas of Math, Reading, and Writing.
- 2) Provide opportunities that foster a positive climate and nurture our professional learning communities.
- 3) Nurture partnerships between school and community in order to provide the best educational opportunities for students.
- 4) Provide instructional support to enhance learning opportunities for all students.
- 5) Make Montgomery Elementary School a safe, respectful and caring environment that centers on the needs of children.
- 6) Utilize tools of technology to support classroom instruction.

Each year, teachers in our professional learning communities use data to set student learning goals. Our Action Plan is directly developed from that work and is revised annually. Since improvement takes time and focus, our action steps do not vary greatly from year to year. Our school's professional learning communities continue to look at assessments to ensure students are making progress toward achieving the standards. Communicating progress toward desired learning outcomes with students and families is a priority. We strive to implement immediate interventions for students who fail to make the desired progress instead of waiting until they fall significantly behind before remediating. A few examples of these interventions include: V-Math, tutoring, before and after school homework club, and an in-class reteach time to review important skills. Our teachers and teams are working daily to determine current levels of performance for each student, creating goals for improvement, working collaboratively toward achieving the goals, and continually checking student progress.

The effectiveness of our work is determined by student progress and assessment results. As previously reported in the weekly newsletters and on the school's website, www.montgomeryk8.net, we have met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) each year and continue to do well on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). The NECAP is administered to students in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont and is used primarily to guide school improvement efforts and to provide accountability. In 2007, the percentage of Montgomery students meeting or exceeding the standard on the NECAP was significantly higher in every area when compared to students across the state of Vermont (Reading 8% higher, Math 19% higher, Writing 18% higher).

Balancing social and academic development of our students is essential to lifelong success. Therefore, we have recently created some additional student groups in an effort to enhance social and leadership skills in our students. The Principal and Guidance Counselor are the adult mentors of these groups. We started a middle school girls' group last year and added a middle school boys' group this year in an effort to help these young adolescents address social concerns. The primary purpose is to develop relational skills that will help them in high school and throughout life. Our focus is to help them accept responsibility for their role in situations, understand the consequence of decisions, and learn from their peers. We have also started a leadership group to provide a forum for student voice. Each quarter, a new representative is chosen from each grade to attend meetings twice a month. The student leaders plan a fun activity, some ways to give back to the community, and spend time working together to address student issues that arise. Changing the representative each quarter gives all students a chance to practice/develop leadership skills.

We are fortunate that Montgomery Elementary is truly a "community school." We value and appreciate the high level of community support and involvement. We invite you to visit your school, familiarize yourself with the educational programs, and become partners in the education of your children.

Montgomery Town School District **Teacher Quality Data** **2007-2008**

The 2001 federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) requires School Districts to publicly report the percentage of core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers, the percentage of teachers teaching on emergency credentials by Local Education Agencies (LEA) and school, and the professional qualifications of their teachers. *Core academic subjects are: English language arts (ELA) (including English as a Second Language), math, science, social studies, reading, foreign languages, art, music, and the generalist endorsement areas of elementary education and early childhood education (grades K-3 only). In addition, alternative program and special education primary instruction assignments in math, science, social studies, and/or ELA/reading are considered "core" areas.*

Under NCLBA, educators must be properly licensed and endorsed for the subjects and instructional levels they teach, and have the required content knowledge for the endorsement they are using in the assignment. The law also requires that schools receiving federal Title I funds must notify parents when their child is being taught a core academic subject by a teacher who has not yet met the federal requirements.

For more information on Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements, visit the Vermont Department of Education website: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/licensing/hqt.html>.

Montgomery Elementary School (MES) **Highly Qualified (HQ) Teacher Data**

School	Number of Classes Taught by HQ Teachers /Total Classes	Number of Classes Taught by Non-HQ Teachers/ Total Classes	% of Core Academic Classes Taught by HQ Teachers	% of core Academic Classes Taught by non-HQ Teachers	Number of Emergency Credentialed Teachers/ Total Teachers	% of Teachers Teaching with Emergency Credentials
MES	28/28	0/28	100%	0%	0/12	0%

Professional Qualifications of Teachers

School	Number of Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree	Number of Teachers with a Master's Degree
MES	9	6

Business Manager's Update

Unless changed by the Vermont Legislature, education funding and education property taxes will be computed using Act 68 formulas again this year. Act 68 created two separate grand lists and two separate state education property tax rates, one rate for residential property and one rate for non-residential property. It also standardized budget reporting for all Vermont School Districts.

In accordance with Vermont Statute, "(A)nually, by December 1, the commissioner of taxes shall recommend to the general assembly, after consultation with the department of education, the secretary of administration and the joint fiscal office...adjustments in the statewide education tax rates..." The commissioner has recommended the base education homestead rate be reduced by \$.02 to \$.85 and the base education non-residential rate be reduced by \$.02 to \$1.34. Therefore, local property tax rate projections provided in the annual report are based upon Act 68, current recommendations to the State Legislature, and current education tax rates. Education funding formulas and tax rate projections may change prior to the annual school district meeting. An update of anticipated tax rates will be provided during the annual meeting.

Act 68 utilizes a state equalized residential education tax rate and a state equalized non-homestead education tax rate. Only one of these tax rates is applied to each parcel of property. Current state tax rate estimates for FY10 keep state property tax rates at \$.85 for residential property and \$1.34 for non-homestead property. The annual report and budget reflect these anticipated state tax rates. Qualifying taxpayers with household incomes of less than \$90,000 are eligible to receive a reduction to their homestead property taxes by completing and submitting a 2009 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Form to the Vermont Department of Taxes.

Starting in 2007, the education property tax payment (prebate) and property tax rebate were combined into one education property tax credit that appeared on property tax bills. To receive a property tax adjustment, the property must be a declared homestead and owned and occupied as the owner's principal residence. **Vermont homeowners who own and occupy a Vermont residence on April 1, 2009 must file a Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment, Form HS-122, with the Vermont Department of Taxes no later than April 15, 2009. Homeowners filing their Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment after April 15, 2009 will be subject to property tax penalties.** Additional information concerning the property tax adjustment programs and filing the HS-122 Form can be found on the Vermont Department of Taxes web site at www.state.vt.us/tax/, or may be obtained by calling 866-828-2865 (toll-free in VT) or 802-828-2865.

Act 68 provides every school district Education Spending Revenue (ESR) based upon the district's approved budget and anticipated revenues. ESR is computed by subtracting anticipated local revenues and categorical grants from the approved budget. ESR equals education spending, which is the root for computing the equalized residential education tax rate.

Residential tax rates are computed by subtracting local revenues and categorical grants from the budget approved by taxpayers to obtain education spending. Education spending is divided by the district's equalized pupils to derive education spending per equalized pupil. The equalized pupil count is a weighted average of the number of resident students of a school district. Education spending per equalized pupil is divided by the state's per pupil base education amount, which is anticipated to increase by 4.07% to \$8,544 for FY10. The result is the above base education payment spending rate. This rate reflects the local decision to spend above the base education spending amount and is used to adjust the state education residential tax rate based upon the locally approved budget.

Therefore, the residential education tax rate is directly related to each school district's approved budget. Based upon the proposed budget of \$2,344,518, anticipated local revenues of \$249,213, and categorical grants of \$386,367, Montgomery's education spending is anticipated to be \$1,708,939 or \$62,075 lower than the current budget. Dividing education spending by Montgomery's equalized pupil count of 179.17 produces the education spending per equalized pupil amount of \$9,538, which is the same as the current year. This is in keeping with Governor Douglas' and the State Board of Education's current recommendation for FY10 school budgets. This amount is 111.63% of the state base education amount of \$8,544. Multiplying the state education tax rate of \$.85 by 111.63% generates Montgomery's FY10 equalized residential tax rate of 94.89 cents, which is 6.19 cents lower than the current equalized residential tax rate.

It is anticipated that the state equalized non-homestead education tax rate will be \$1.34 for FY10. *The non-homestead rate is not based upon the local School District's budget. Therefore, the non-homestead tax rate will not change due to the action taken by taxpayers on the local budget during the Annual School District Meeting.*

As both the state residential and non-residential education tax rates are "equalized" rates, they are adjusted by the town's common level of appraisal (CLA) to determine local tax rates. Montgomery's CLA has dropped from 78.92% to 73.58%. A falling CLA is a reflection of increasing property values and results in increases to local education property tax rates. Based upon the new CLA and the anticipated equalized tax rates, we anticipate Montgomery's local residential education tax rate to be \$1.2896, which is \$.0088 higher than the current \$1.2808 local residential education tax rate. The local non-homestead education tax rate is anticipated to be \$1.8211. *The adjustment to the equalized educational tax rates due to the decrease to the CLA will occur regardless of the budget approved by Montgomery voters.*

Under Act 68, a homestead is the principal dwelling owned and occupied by a resident individual in which the individual claims residence, and all contiguous land. Homesteads will be taxed using the residential education tax rate. All non-homestead property will be taxed using the non-homestead tax rate.

Act 68 established a standardized state budget report format that must be used by all Vermont Public School Districts and distributed to taxpayers in advance of annual meetings. This state report provides three years of historical financial data and FY10 projections based upon the proposed budget. The standardized format cannot be changed by local districts and can, therefore, be utilized to compare different school districts' finances using similar formulas. The tax projection in the state report is based upon anticipated tax rates. This report, titled "Three Year Comparisons," is included in the annual report.

The Legislature requires the Department of Education to provide comparative data by school. The report includes data on enrollment, student teacher ratios, student administrator ratios, expenditures per student FTE and tax rates for schools of similar sizes. This report, titled "Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness," is also included in the annual report.

Montgomery FY10 Budget Highlights

The School Board Directors and School Administration have worked hard since October to keep the budget as low as possible while continuing to provide an education for students that meets Vermont School Quality Standards and the needs of Montgomery students. As a result, the FY10 Budget is \$55,926 lower than the current budget. The lower budget and current revenue projections result in education spending per equalized pupils being the same next year as the current budget. This meets the current budget goals set by Governor Douglas and the State Board of Education set for Vermont School Districts.

Payments to other school districts are decreasing by \$55,363 in the FY10 budget. Next school year, it is anticipated that there will be a decrease in the number of high school students resulting in a \$3,384 reduction in high school tuition costs. Special Education (SPED) tuition and excess costs for Montgomery students attending high schools are anticipated to drop by \$34,106, and SPED transportation costs are anticipated to drop by \$23,628. Technical education tuition for students enrolled in area technical centers is anticipated to increase by \$5,754.

The Elementary School portion of the budget has also decreased by \$563. Staffing levels remain the same as the current year. The Supervisory Union (S.U.) early education program assessment has dropped by \$6,959, the S.U. SPED services assessment has dropped by \$5,400, and the S.U. assessment has dropped by \$1,342. These reductions are due to a reduction in the S.U. Early Education Program and SPED budgets and a drop in Montgomery's assessment rate due to enrollment changes in schools throughout the Supervisory Union. A change in school librarians has resulted in a \$8,742 reduction in library program costs. Changing the School's internet service provider has resulted in a decrease of \$1,801.

Local revenues are anticipated to increase by \$34,069 due to an increase in the unreserved fund balance and a decrease in anticipated interest earnings. The School Board has again budgeted a transfer of \$65,000 in FY10 from the capital debt sinking fund that was created with excess bond proceeds due to the lower than anticipated cost of the recently completed renovation and addition. The Board's intent in establishing this fund is to stabilize the impact of capital debt service payments on budgets over the next several years.

Categorical grants are anticipated to decrease by \$27,920. The decrease is primarily due to a decrease in SPED reimbursement due to the decrease in SPED expenses. At this time, the small schools grant is anticipated to increase by \$4,066. However, the projections for all categorical grants are subject to change based upon action taken by the State Legislature this year. An update of projected revenues and tax rates will be provided during the Annual Meeting.

Montgomery's education spending per equalized pupil for FY10 is anticipated to be \$9,538 or the same as the current year. Again, this is consistent with the current budgeting goals of the Governor and State Board of Education. Spending per equalized pupil is a product of the decrease in Montgomery's equalized pupils, the increase to the per pupil base education spending amount, the budget reduction, and the increase in the anticipated revenues.

Act 68 is a very comprehensive law affecting public school funding and property tax laws throughout Vermont. Anyone who would like additional information concerning Act 68, the proposed budget, and the impact on local

school property taxes should contact any Montgomery School Board Director; Beth O'Brien, Montgomery Elementary School Principal; or Bill Samuelson, the District's Business Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

Montgomery School Directors

Charles Purrier, Chair
Bruce Mercy, Vice-Chair
Karen Soule, Clerk
Thomas Smith
Morgan Daybell

Administration

E. Jake Schuler, Superintendent
Mary Helen Hart, Curriculum/Grants Coordinator
Linda Carpenter, Drug & Alcohol Grant Coordinator
Kim Magnuson, Director of Special Programs
Kelly Bushey, Asst. Special Education Coordinator
Robert Gervais, Technology Coordinator
Beth O'Brien, Principal
William Samuelson, Business Manager

Franklin NE Supervisory Union
2008-2009

Parents As First Teachers, UVM	Bakersfield	C. Musick	\$2,000
VT Council on the Arts	Bakersfield	R. Wright	\$183
Reading First, K-3 Reading Support	Bakersfield, Berkshire, Montgomery, Enosburg	M. Hart	\$237,577
VT Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT)	Berkshire	M. Sweet	\$850
Parents As First Teachers, UVM	Berkshire	K. Baker	\$2,000
VT Dept. of Labor, Adult Tech Education, Act 46	Cold Hollow Career Center	J. Estey	\$45,000
Perkins Grant	Cold Hollow Career Center	A. Liskowsky	\$63,802
Student Assistance Program-VDH	Enosburg	E. Grossman	\$18,081
Parents As First Teachers, UVM	Enosburg	J. Edelson	\$2,000
SPARK Technology	Enosburg	T. Gembczynski	\$19,280
VT Community Garden Network	Enosburg	E. Bosley	\$150
Consolidated Federal Grants, including the following:			
Title I - Academic Support	FNESU	M. Hart	\$1,055,949
Title II Part A - Professional Development	FNESU	M. Hart	\$418,871
Title II Part D - Technology	FNESU	M. Hart	\$22,554
Title IV - Safe/Drug Free Schools	FNESU	L. Carpenter	\$31,977
Title V - Innovative Programs	FNESU	M. Hart	\$1,229
FNESU Early Ed Initiative	FNESU	K. Magnuson	\$30,000
IDEIA-2004 (School Age)	FNESU	K. Magnuson	\$439,451
IDEIA-2004 (Preschool)	FNESU	K. Magnuson	\$14,494
School-Based Tobacco Use Prevention	FNESU	S. Brauer	\$13,376
Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT)	FNESU	M. Hart	\$61,954
Strategic Prevention Framework, Dept. of Health	FNESU	E. Dezotelle	\$109,740
BEST Grant	FNESU	K. Magnuson/K. Bushey	\$6,426
Local Standards Board, Teacher Relicensing	FNESU	V. Allen	\$1,268
Title III English Language Learners Consortium	Franklin NE, NW, Central and Milton Supervisory Unions	M. Hart	\$12,145
Franklin County Migrant Education Consortium	Franklin NE, NW, Central and West Supervisory Unions	L. Ferland	\$187,078
Parents As First Teachers, UVM	Montgomery	J. Ellis-Clements	\$2,000
VT Community Garden Network	Montgomery	B. O'Brien	\$200
North Country Federal Credit Union	Montgomery	S. Caldwell	\$500
National School Reform Faculty, Critical Friends	Montgomery, Bakersfield	B. O'Brien/M. Hart	\$15,750
Envision Grant	Montgomery, Berkshire	L. Heimbecker	\$3,000
Student Assistance Program-VDH	Richford	D. Guertin	\$17,956
GEAR UP, VSAC and VT Dept. of Education	Richford	D. Guertin	\$9,000
21st Century Community Learning Center	Richford, Enosburg	T. Manning	\$108,000
Promising Practices, 21st CCLC	Richford, Enosburg	T. Manning	\$10,125
FNESU grant funds are used for all schools throughout the Supervisory Union.			

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Beginning Balance 07/01/07

TD Banknorth SuperSweep	<u>410,673.67</u>	\$410,673.67
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RECEIPTS

State of Vermont	425,974.09	
Property Taxes - Town of Montgomery	1,567,751.00	
FNESU Reimbursements	2,351.07	
Interest	22,757.13	
Use of School/Sports Games	769.50	
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	6,981.55	
Small Grants & Donations	11,080.00	
Construction Acct for Bond Payment	<u>60,223.00</u>	
		<u>\$2,097,887.34</u>
		\$2,508,561.01

EXPENSES

Disbursements	2,156,964.48	
Transfer to Hot Lunch	<u>2,500.00</u>	
		<u>\$2,159,464.48</u>

Ending Balance 06/30/08	TD Banknorth	<u><u>\$349,096.53</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted,

Renée J Patterson, Treasurer

**MONTGOMERY FOOD SERVICE
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008**

Beginning Balance 07/01/07

TD Banknorth Checking	2,785.70	
		\$2,785.70

RECEIPTS

State of Vermont	32,332.37	
Student & Adult Meals	26,917.58	
Interest	55.05	
MTSD Support	2,500.00	
		\$61,805.00
		\$64,590.70

EXPENSES

Disbursements	58,151.66	
		\$58,151.66

Ending Balance 06/30/08

TD Banknorth	\$6,439.04	
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**MONTGOMERY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008**

Beginning Balance 07/01/07

TD Banknorth - Checking	(1,411.65)	
TD Banknorth - Money Market	435,618.84	
		\$434,207.19

RECEIPTS

Vermont Construction Aid	12,378.46	
Interest	13,388.82	
		\$25,767.28

EXPENSES

Construction Costs	39,091.00	
Transfer to General Fund for Bond Payment	60,223.00	
		\$99,314.00

Ending Balance 06/30/08

	\$360,660.47	
TD Banknorth - Checking	0.00	
TD Banknorth - Money Market	0.00	
TD Banknorth - CD	360,660.47	
		\$360,660.47

Respectfully Submitted,
Renée J Patterson, Treasurer

Montgomery Elementary School Fundraisers

	FY07	FY08
Magazine Sales	\$1,206.01	\$1,402.18
Sally Foster Sales		
Kindergarten	\$92.50	\$0
1st Grade	\$213.60	\$97.00
2nd Grade	\$139.60	\$137.00
3rd Grade	\$400.00	\$171.00
4th Grade	\$13.50	\$290.00
5th - 8th Grade	\$1,803.30	\$1,794.48
Sally Foster Sales Total	<u>\$2,662.50</u>	<u>\$2,489.48</u>
5th - 8th Grade Pizza Sales	\$2,801.76	\$2,970.27
Fundraisers Total	<u>\$6,670.27</u>	<u>\$6,861.93</u>

2007-08 SALARIES AND WAGES

PRINCIPAL	
Beth O'Brien	\$52,500

TEACHERS	
Alex Chirelstein	\$2,491
Karen Tibbits	\$5,219
Crystal Johnson	\$6,824
Beth O'Brien	\$17,500
Pamela Krout-Voss	\$18,918
Sandra Knapp	\$29,925
Natalie Bruzzi	\$31,448
Julie Rapoport	\$32,933
Sara Marshall	\$34,417
Lara Morales	\$41,113
Susan Zeineth-Collins	\$41,677
Steven Moran	\$42,500
Jeffrey Ward	\$52,013
Anne Ouellette	\$55,013
Total	\$411,991

TREASURER	
Renee Patterson	\$3,199

PARAEDUCATORS	
Frank Hendrickson	\$660
Jalna Laraway	\$10,100
John Newton	\$13,645
Joan Ramey	\$13,903
Annie Purrier	\$14,509
Robin Pelkey	\$15,245
Total	\$68,062

LIBRARIANS	
Rebecca Wright	\$2,451
Crystal Johnson	\$14,588
Total	\$17,039

EXTRACURRICULAR COORDINATOR	
Jeff Ward	\$4,500

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	
Jeffrey Ward	\$1,500

CUSTODIANS	
Craig Godfrey	\$466
Penelope Lumbra	\$584
Collin Wood	\$22,394
Lawrence LeTourneau	\$26,508
Total	\$49,952

SCHOOL SECRETARY	
Ruthanne Little	\$20,944

FOOD SERVICE	
James Abbott	\$85
Jean Trautner	\$13,184
Wendy Howard	\$15,183
Total	\$28,452

GUIDANCE	
Allison May	\$14,161

COACHES	
Stephanie Machia	\$450
Nicholas Frey	\$450
Timothy LaGasse	\$450
Jeffrey Ward	\$900
John Newton	\$900
Total	\$3,150

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS	
Richard Daybell	\$600
Marijke Dollois	\$600
Charles R. Purrier	\$600
Bruce Mercy	\$600
Thomas Smith	\$600
Total	\$3,000

2007-08 SALARIES AND WAGES

SUBSTITUTES

James Murphy	\$60
Jalna Laraway	\$60
Kara Starr	\$70
Mary Tryhorne	\$70
Karen Westcom	\$70
Shawna O'Shea	\$95
John Bolog	\$118
Claudia Woodward	\$120
Barbel Paradis	\$140
James Abbott	\$167
Richard Hazen	\$250
Rhonda Greenway	\$380
Suzanne Pelletier	\$465
Rachel Brown	\$476
Sharon Devries	\$510
Vivian Marlow	\$665
Total	\$3,716

2007-08 TUITION PAYMENTS

High Schools

Bellows Free Academy	\$439
Essex Community Educational Center	\$5,475
Peoples Academy	\$8,750
St. Johnsbury Academy	\$12,250
Lamoille Union High School	\$25,032
North Country Union High School	\$71,102
Richford High School	\$167,284
Enosburg Falls High School	\$170,581
Total	\$460,913

Technical Centers

Northwest Technical Center	\$1,795
Green Mt. Technical Center	\$8,393
North Country Technical Center	\$11,912
Cold Hollow Career Center	\$25,284
Total	\$47,384

Montgomery Town School District FY10 Anticipated Revenues and Tax Rates				
		2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Anticipated	Change
Anticipated Local Revenue				
1	Use of Fund Balance *	\$134,144	\$178,513	\$44,369
2	Use of School & Other Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
3	Debt Service Fund Payment	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
4	Anticipated Interest	\$15,000	\$4,700	(\$10,300)
5	Total Anticipated Local Revenue	\$215,144	\$249,213	\$34,069
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7	Anticipated Categorical Grants			
8	Special Education State Aid	\$282,589	\$244,082	(\$38,507)
9	State Transportation Aid	\$39,918	\$39,577	(\$341)
10	Small Schools Grant	\$76,805	\$80,871	\$4,066
11	Early Essential Education Grant	\$12,974	\$12,445	(\$529)
12	Medicaid Funds	\$2,001	\$9,392	\$7,391
13	Total Anticipated Categorical Grants	\$414,287	\$386,367	(\$27,920)
14				
15	Anticipated Education Spending Revenue			
16	Education Spending Revenue	\$1,726,658	\$1,657,280	(\$69,378)
17	Technical Center Tuition Revenue	\$44,356	\$51,659	\$7,303
18	Total Anticipated Ed Spending Revenue	\$1,771,014	\$1,708,939	(\$62,075)
19				
20	Total Anticipated Revenue	\$2,400,445	\$2,344,518	(\$55,926)
21				
22	Anticipated Expenses			
23	Elementary Expenses	\$1,500,424	\$1,499,861	(\$563)
24	Payments to Other School Districts	\$900,021	\$844,657	(\$55,363)
25	Total Anticipated Expenses	\$2,400,445	\$2,344,518	(\$55,926)
26				
27	Education Spending	\$1,771,014	\$1,708,939	(\$62,075)
28	Equalized Pupils	185.67	179.17	(6.50)
29	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$9,539	\$9,538	(\$0.42)
30				
31	Anticipated Education Tax Rates			
32		FY09	FY10	Change
33	State Education Tax Rate	\$0.870	\$0.850	(\$0.020)
34	Above Base Ed Payment Spending Rate	116.18%	111.63%	-4.55%
35	Equalized Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.0108	\$0.9489	(\$0.0619)
36	Common Level of Appraisal	78.92%	73.58%	-5.34%
37	Local Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.2808	\$1.2896	\$0.0088
38				
39	Equalized Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.360	\$1.340	(\$0.020)
40	Common Level of Appraisal	78.92%	73.58%	-5.34%
41	Local Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.7233	\$1.8211	\$0.0979
42				
43	*2006-07 School Year Surplus \$134,144			
44	*2007-2008 School Year Surplus \$178,513			

Montgomery Town School District FY10 Anticipated Budget					
	DESCRIPTION	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Budget	2009-10 Anticipated	Change
	K-8 Instructional				
1	Salaries / Elementary	\$266,622	\$279,824	\$305,024	\$25,200
2	Salaries / Secondary	\$109,682	\$97,721	\$84,304	(\$13,416)
3	Salaries / Substitutes	\$2,810	\$9,400	\$9,400	\$0
4	Employee Ins / Elementary	\$33,044	\$36,941	\$39,528	\$2,588
5	Employee Ins / Secondary	\$17,202	\$13,381	\$10,752	(\$2,630)
6	FICA / Elementary	\$19,967	\$21,407	\$23,334	\$1,928
7	FICA / Secondary	\$8,214	\$7,476	\$6,449	(\$1,026)
8	FICA / Substitutes	\$210	\$719	\$719	\$0
9	Life Ins / Elementary	\$723	\$789	\$655	(\$133)
10	Life Ins / Secondary	\$298	\$231	\$194	(\$37)
11	Worker's Comp Ins Elementary	\$1,351	\$2,301	\$1,879	(\$422)
12	Worker's Comp Ins Secondary	\$556	\$804	\$519	(\$284)
13	Worker's Comp Ins Subs	\$14	\$77	\$58	(\$19)
14	Unemployment Ins Elementary	\$513	\$629	\$266	(\$363)
15	Unemployment Ins Secondary	\$215	\$308	\$131	(\$177)
16	Cafeteria 125 Plan Elementary	\$446	\$281	\$281	\$0
17	Cafeteria 125 Plan Secondary	\$90	\$225	\$225	\$0
18	Contracted Services (Music)	\$16,448	\$21,346	\$22,324	\$979
19	Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,313	\$11,741	\$12,653	\$912
20	Inservice	\$124	\$500	\$500	\$0
21	Dental Insurance / Elementary	\$2,468	\$2,567	\$2,165	(\$402)
22	Dental Insurance / Secondary	\$768	\$550	\$564	\$15
23	Staff Development	\$75	\$500	\$500	\$0
24	Copier Service	\$4,111	\$4,818	\$4,315	(\$503)
25	Mileage Reimbursement	\$297	\$650	\$650	\$0
26	Tech. Ed / Home Economics	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
27	Dues & Fees	\$130	\$250	\$250	\$0
28	Supplies	\$17,799	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
29	Textbooks	\$4,312	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
30	Equipment	\$716	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
31	Total K-8 Instructional	\$511,518	\$536,234	\$548,441	\$12,207
32					
33	Special Education				
34	Salary / Teacher	\$41,615	\$43,428	\$44,925	\$1,498
35	Salaries / Paraeducators	\$53,840	\$58,503	\$58,949	\$447
36	Salaries / Subs	\$511	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
37	Summer Instruction	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
38	Employee Insurance	\$10,273	\$10,660	\$10,660	\$0
39	FICA	\$7,207	\$8,104	\$8,252	\$149
40	Life Insurance	\$129	\$136	\$114	(\$22)
41	Municipal Retirement	\$2,166	\$2,725	\$2,747	\$22
42	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$576	\$863	\$658	(\$205)
43	Unemployment Insurance	\$430	\$591	\$252	(\$339)
44	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$0
45	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,357	\$1,463	\$105
46	Inservice & Conferences	\$135	\$500	\$500	\$0
47	Dental Insurance	\$458	\$458	\$470	\$12
48	Purchased Professional Svcs	\$3,350	\$5,460	\$5,460	\$0
49	Psychological Services	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0

Montgomery Town School District FY10 Anticipated Budget					
	DESCRIPTION	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Budget	2009-10 Anticipated	Change
50	Early Ed Programs Assessment	\$36,466	\$42,168	\$35,209	(\$6,959)
51	Mileage	\$868	\$450	\$450	\$0
52	S.U. SPED Services Assessment	\$11,115	\$29,275	\$23,875	(\$5,400)
53	Supplies & Equipment	\$624	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
54	Total Special Education	\$171,309	\$214,723	\$204,031	(\$10,692)
55					
56	Paraeducators				
57	Salary	\$14,162	\$15,338	\$20,561	\$5,223
58	FICA	\$1,083	\$1,173	\$1,573	\$400
59	Municipal Retirement	\$10	\$0	\$0	\$0
60	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$64	\$126	\$127	\$1
61	Unemployment Insurance	\$83	\$130	\$74	(\$56)
62	Total Paraeducators	\$15,403	\$16,768	\$22,335	\$5,567
63					
64	Co-Curricular Activities				
65	Salaries	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$0
66	FICA	\$622	\$585	\$585	\$0
67	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$32	\$66	\$50	(\$16)
68	Referees & Officials	\$1,245	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
69	Transportation & Field Trips	\$6,103	\$6,064	\$6,064	\$0
70	Supplies	\$177	\$250	\$250	\$0
71	Washington D.C. Trip	\$1,120	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
72	Total Co-Curricular	\$16,948	\$16,915	\$16,900	(\$16)
73					
74	Guidance Services				
75	Salary	\$14,268	\$14,975	\$15,574	\$599
76	Employee Insurance	\$2,055	\$2,160	\$2,160	\$0
77	FICA	\$1,091	\$1,146	\$1,191	\$46
78	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$64	\$123	\$96	(\$27)
79	Unemployment Insurance	\$83	\$68	\$29	(\$39)
80	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0
81	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$543	\$585	\$42
82	Dental Insurance	\$156	\$183	\$188	\$5
83	Supplies	\$235	\$200	\$200	\$0
84	Total Guidance	\$17,953	\$19,443	\$20,069	\$625
85					
86	Health Services				
87	Contracted Professional Svcs	\$33,870	\$35,267	\$36,723	\$1,457
88	Staff Development	\$13	\$0	\$0	\$0
89	Supplies	\$666	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
90	Total Health	\$34,548	\$36,267	\$37,723	\$1,457
91					
92	Standardized Testing	\$0	\$655	\$0	(\$655)
93					
94	Library Services				
95	Salary	\$17,241	\$16,173	\$13,178	(\$2,995)
96	Employee Insurance	\$2,599	\$5,685	\$400	(\$5,285)
97	FICA	\$1,306	\$1,237	\$1,008	(\$229)
98	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$96	\$133	\$81	(\$52)
99	Unemployment Insurance	\$50	\$68	\$29	(\$39)

Montgomery Town School District FY10 Anticipated Budget					
	DESCRIPTION	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Budget	2009-10 Anticipated	Change
100	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0
101	Tuition Reimbursement	\$120	\$543	\$585	\$42
102	Dental Insurance	\$229	\$183	\$0	(\$183)
103	Supplies	\$359	\$400	\$400	\$0
104	Books	\$3,359	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
105	Total Library Services	\$25,359	\$26,968	\$18,226	(\$8,742)
106					
107	Technology				
108	Salaries	\$1,390	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$0
109	FICA	\$88	\$241	\$241	\$0
110	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$32	\$26	\$19	(\$7)
111	Unemployment Insurance	\$17	\$27	\$11	(\$15)
112	Internet Service Provider	\$2,026	\$1,980	\$179	(\$1,801)
113	Supplies & Software	\$2,217	\$955	\$955	\$0
114	Equipment	\$6,589	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$0
115	Total Technology	\$12,358	\$9,679	\$7,856	(\$1,823)
116					
117	School Directors				
118	Salaries / Directors	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
119	Salary / Treasurer	\$3,199	\$3,308	\$3,473	\$166
120	Wages / Board Secretary	\$296	\$847	\$877	\$30
121	FICA	\$505	\$547	\$562	\$15
122	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$32	\$59	\$45	(\$14)
123	Truant Officer	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
124	Legal Service	\$355	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
125	Audit & Annual Report	\$2,800	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$0
126	Advertising	\$1,559	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
127	Supplies	\$508	\$250	\$250	\$0
128	Dues & Fees	\$222	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
129	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,471	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
130	Total School Directors	\$15,047	\$18,510	\$18,708	\$197
131					
132	Supervisory Union				
133	FNESU Assessment	\$41,711	\$49,055	\$47,713	(\$1,342)
134					
135	School Administration				
136	Salary / Principal	\$52,500	\$54,863	\$57,605	\$2,743
137	Salary / Asst Principal	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
138	Salary / Secretary	\$21,123	\$21,899	\$22,675	\$776
139	Employee Insurance	\$20,455	\$21,289	\$13,291	(\$7,999)
140	FICA	\$5,528	\$6,666	\$6,333	(\$333)
141	Life Insurance	\$376	\$204	\$153	(\$51)
142	Municipal Ret / Secretary	\$1,047	\$1,095	\$1,134	\$39
143	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$384	\$644	\$504	(\$140)
144	Unemployment Insurance	\$99	\$132	\$56	(\$76)
145	Long-Term Disability Ins	\$378	\$366	\$338	(\$28)
146	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$45	\$34	\$34	\$0
147	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,018	\$1,097	\$79
148	Admin Development	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
149	Mileage	\$676	\$514	\$514	\$0

Montgomery Town School District FY10 Anticipated Budget					
	DESCRIPTION	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Budget	2009-10 Anticipated	Change
150	Dental Insurance	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,131	\$29
151	Supplies & Postage	\$1,193	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
152	Equipment	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0
153	Dues / Fees / Graduation	\$1,324	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
154	Total School Admin	\$107,730	\$114,723	\$109,763	(\$4,960)
155					
156	Operation of Plant				
157	Salaries / Custodians	\$49,799	\$49,362	\$51,342	\$1,980
158	Employee Insurance	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
159	FICA	\$3,950	\$3,929	\$4,081	\$151
160	Municipal Retirement	\$1,950	\$2,461	\$2,560	\$99
161	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$2,136	\$554	\$2,512	\$1,959
162	Unemployment Insurance	\$166	\$258	\$113	(\$145)
163	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$34	\$34	\$0
164	Water	\$1,920	\$1,920	\$1,920	\$0
165	Rubbish Removal	\$2,129	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
166	Snow Removal	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$0
167	Repairs Build & Grounds	\$9,469	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
168	Service Contracts	\$2,581	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
169	Property/E&O/Bonds/ Liab Ins	\$8,140	\$8,954	\$9,810	\$856
170	Communications	\$3,199	\$3,000	\$3,200	\$200
171	Mileage	\$148	\$300	\$300	\$0
172	Supplies	\$8,769	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
173	Electricity	\$17,742	\$18,972	\$19,516	\$544
174	Fuel	\$21,687	\$26,410	\$25,224	(\$1,185)
175	Equipment	\$2,149	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
176	Total Operation of Plant	\$137,933	\$137,352	\$141,811	\$4,458
177					
178	Grants				
179	NSRF Grant	\$5,362	\$0	\$0	\$0
180	VT Kids Against Tobacco	\$859	\$0	\$0	\$0
181	Success By Six	\$5,114	\$0	\$0	\$0
182	Total Grants	\$11,335.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0
183					
184	Food Service Program	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
185					
186	Transportation	\$94,230	\$110,661	\$119,294	\$8,633
187					
188	Debt Service				
189	Long-Term				
190	1993 Bond Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
191	1993 Bond Interest	\$20,180	\$17,140	\$14,023	(\$3,116)
192	2005 Bond Principal	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
193	2005 Bond Interest	\$50,095	\$47,831	\$45,468	(\$2,363)
194	Total Debt Service	\$195,275	\$189,970	\$184,491	(\$5,479)
195					
196	Elementary School Expenses	\$1,411,157	\$1,500,424	\$1,499,861	(\$563)
197					

Montgomery Town School District FY10 Anticipated Budget					
	DESCRIPTION	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Budget	2009-10 Anticipated	Change
198	Payments to Other School Districts / Agencies				
199	SPED Transportation	\$18,137	\$32,799	\$9,172	(\$23,628)
200	High School Tuition	\$460,913	\$538,983	\$535,600	(\$3,384)
201	Technical Education Tuition	\$47,384	\$82,361	\$88,115	\$5,754
202	SPED Tuition & Excess Costs	\$244,930	\$245,877	\$211,772	(\$34,106)
203	Other School Costs	\$771,363	\$900,021	\$844,657	(\$55,363)
204					
205	Total Budget	\$2,182,520	\$2,400,445	\$2,344,518	(\$55,926)
<p>The 2008/2009 budget anticipated there would be 49 high school students with 2.5 Tech FTE. The 2009/2010 budget anticipates there will be 47 high school students with 2.5 Tech FTE.</p>					

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Montgomery Center School
S.U.: Franklin Northeast S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":
<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

FY2008 School Level Data

Cohort Description: K - 8, enrollment < 200
 (36 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
 16 out of 36

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Orleans Elementary School	K - 8	130	10.40	1.00	12.50	130.00	10.40
	Orwell Village School	K - 8	131	11.98	1.00	10.93	131.00	11.98
	Brighton Elementary School	PK - 8	132	16.87	1.00	7.82	132.00	16.87
	Montgomery Center School	K - 8	133	10.25	0.75	12.98	177.33	13.67
	Lunenburg Schools	PK - 8	138	12.75	1.00	10.82	138.00	12.75
← Larger	Benson Village School	PK - 8	149	13.40	1.00	11.12	149.00	13.40
	Folsom Education & Community Center	PK - 8	150	16.00	1.00	9.38	150.00	16.00
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			125.11	11.85	0.95	10.55	131.50	12.46

School District: Montgomery
LEA ID: T128

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

In prior years, these figures were limited to districts' own current expenditures. The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. The advantage is that districts are more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE NOT COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN PRIOR YEARS.

FY2007 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2007 FTE < 200
 (37 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District
 Student FTE enrolled in school district
 Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE
 (1 is largest)
 18 out of 37

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

Smaller →	Strafford	K-8	111.85	\$10,196
	Glover	K-8	116.00	\$11,535
	Orleans ID	K-8	116.94	\$11,210
	Montgomery	K-8	120.45	\$9,140
	Lunenburg	PK-8	135.18	\$9,481
← Larger	Brighton	PK-8	135.65	\$11,130
	Orwell	K-8	140.19	\$9,636
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			120.81	\$10,868

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

FY2009 School District Data

		School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
		SD	SD	SD	MUN	MUN	MUN
		Grades offered in School District	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
LEA ID School District				Use these tax rates to compare town rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's
Smaller →	T203 Sutton	K-8	167.08	11,409.38	1.2090	0.6266	1.9295
	T209 Troy	K-8	169.88	9,486.32	1.0053	0.8656	1.1427
	T199 Strafford	K-8	181.83	11,804.00	1.2509	1.1436	1.0938
	T128 Montgomery	K-8	185.67	9,538.50	1.0108	0.7892	1.2808
	T210 Tunbridge	K-8	186.13	10,502.65	1.1129	0.7262	1.5325
	T013 Barton ID	K-8	186.34	11,498.37	1.2185	0.8965	1.3235
	T218 Walden	K-8	186.39	10,549.17	1.1179	1.0125	1.1041

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

District: **Montgomery**
County: **Franklin**LEA: **T128**
S.U.: **Franklin Northeast**Enter estimated homestead
base rate for FY2010. See
note at bottom of page.**0.85**

		Act 68		Act 130		
Expenditures		FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,167,798	\$2,330,112	\$2,400,445	\$2,344,518	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,167,798	\$2,330,112	\$2,400,445	\$2,344,518	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> No union high school assessment	-	-	NA	NA	5.
6.	<i>plus</i> No union elementary or junior high school assessment	-	-	NA	NA	6.
7.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	7.
8.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,167,798	\$2,330,112	\$2,400,445	\$2,344,518	9.
10.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$41,498	\$41,711	\$49,055	\$47,713	10.
11.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	11.
Revenues						
12.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$509,456	\$722,357	\$629,431	\$635,580	12.
13.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-	14.
15.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-	15.
16.	Total local revenues	\$509,456	\$722,357	\$629,431	\$635,580	16.
17.	Education Spending	\$1,658,342	\$1,607,755	\$1,771,014	\$1,708,938	17.
18.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	181.94	179.33	185.67	179.17	18.
19.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$9,115	\$8,965	\$9,539	\$9,538	19.
20.	<i>minus</i> Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,101.41	\$1,088.91	\$634.63	\$1,030	20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	\$41	21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	Not applicable prior to school year 2008-2009 (FY2009)		-	-	22.
23.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils			\$32.26	-	23.
24.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$11,728 -	threshold = \$12,594 -	threshold = \$13,287 -	threshold = \$13,984 -	24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$9,115	\$8,965	\$9,539	\$9,538	25.
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$9,538 / \$8,544)	124.349% based on \$7,330	115.891% based on \$7,736	116.181% based on \$8,210	111.634% based on \$8,544	26.
Prorating the local tax rate						
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (111.634% x \$0.85)	\$1.181 based on \$0.95	\$1.008 based on \$0.87	\$1.011 based on \$0.87	\$0.949 based on \$0.85	27.
28.	Percent of Montgomery equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130		100.000%	100.000%	28.
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$0.95)	Not applicable prior to Act 130		\$1.011	\$0.949	29.
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	99.21%	86.60%	78.92%	73.58%	30.
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (\$0.949 / 73.58%)	\$1.191 based on \$0.95	\$1.164 based on \$0.87	\$1.281 based on \$0.87	\$1.290 based on \$0.85	31.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (111.634% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130		2.09%	2.01% based on 1.80%	32.
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.01%)	2.24% based on 1.80%	2.09% based on 1.80%	2.09% based on 1.80%	2.01% based on 1.80%	33.
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	Not applicable prior to Act 130		-	-	34.
35.		Not applicable prior to Act 130		-	-	35.

The Tax Commissioner recommended an FY2010 base education homestead tax rate of \$0.85 but also urged the Legislature to not accept that recommendation. The rate entered is therefore an estimate only. The base income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures will be set by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.

The projected base education amount of \$8,544 is subject to change by the Legislature.

Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union FY10 Budget

	FY08	FY09	FY10	09 to 10	Montgomery
EXPENSES	Actual	Budget	Budget	Change	Share
1 Salaries & Wages	\$445,491	\$476,243	\$468,314	(\$7,930)	\$35,601
2 Health Insurance	\$79,515	\$78,991	\$94,021	\$15,030	\$7,147
3 Social Security	\$35,548	\$37,226	\$36,619	(\$607)	\$2,784
4 Life Insurance	\$1,219	\$1,292	\$1,077	(\$214)	\$82
5 Municipal Retirement	\$24,305	\$27,094	\$29,046	\$1,952	\$2,208
6 Worker's Comp Ins.	\$2,524	\$3,966	\$2,797	(\$1,169)	\$213
7 Unemployment Ins.	\$785	\$582	\$393	(\$189)	\$30
8 Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$6,122	\$3,616	(\$2,507)	\$275
9 Dental Insurance	\$9,180	\$11,158	\$9,984	(\$1,175)	\$759
10 Disability Insurance	\$2,337	\$2,869	\$2,091	(\$778)	\$159
11 Technology Services	\$5,480	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$228
12 Service Contracts	\$4,218	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$0	\$388
13 Audit	\$1,700	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$152
14 403B Plan Management	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$152
15 Rent	\$12,679	\$13,060	\$12,451	(\$608)	\$947
16 Mileage Reimbursement	\$8,172	\$8,366	\$8,366	\$0	\$636
17 Training	\$1,554	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$0	\$403
18 Property & Liability Ins.	\$5,290	\$5,300	\$6,613	\$1,313	\$503
19 Communications	\$3,384	\$5,500	\$4,000	(\$1,500)	\$304
20 Miscellaneous	\$1,221	\$2,000	\$1,500	(\$500)	\$114
21 Legal	\$2,741	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$228
22 Equipment Repair	\$0	\$450	\$450	\$0	\$34
23 Office Supplies	\$12,012	\$12,250	\$13,000	\$750	\$988
24 Professional Books	\$728	\$1,000	\$775	(\$225)	\$59
25 Dues & Fees	\$4,280	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$380
26 Office Equipment	\$6,215	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$456
27 Superintendent Search	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
28 Advertising	\$2,612	\$1,000	\$2,700	\$1,700	\$205
29 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$675,189	\$722,868	\$729,212	\$6,343	\$55,435
30					
REVENUES	Actual	FY09	FY10	Change	Montgomery
32 Transfer to SPED	\$30,072	\$32,599	\$22,000	(\$10,599)	\$1,672
33 Grants	\$28,714	\$28,465	\$59,886	\$31,421	\$4,553
34 Use of Fund Balance	\$24,110	\$36,996	\$18,036	(\$18,960)	\$1,371
35 Other	\$12,157	\$12,170	\$1,650	(\$10,520)	\$125
36 TOTAL REVENUES	\$95,053	\$110,230	\$101,572	(\$8,658)	\$7,721
37					
38 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT	\$580,136	\$612,638	\$627,640	\$15,002	\$47,713
39					
SCHOOL DISTRICT	FY08	FY09	FY10	09 to 10	FY10
ASSESSMENTS	Assessment	Assessment	Assessment	Change	RATE
42 Bakersfield	\$55,268	\$61,965	\$63,230	\$1,265	10.07%
43 Berkshire	\$71,257	\$70,079	\$63,230	(\$6,850)	10.07%
44 Enosburgh	\$241,926	\$262,612	\$274,253	\$11,641	43.70%
45 Montgomery	\$41,711	\$49,055	\$47,713	(\$1,342)	7.60%
46 Richford	\$169,974	\$168,927	\$179,215	\$10,288	28.55%
47 TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$580,136	\$612,638	\$627,640	\$15,002	100.00%

Please direct questions to your School Board Directors or Bill Samuelson,
the FNESU Business Manager, at 802-848-7661.

HELPFUL TOWN INFORMATION

2004 State of Vermont Census	1050
Registered Voters	834

FIRE, RESCUE & POLICE EMERGENCIES	911
VERMONT STATE POLICE.....	524-5993
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER OFFICE	326-4719
Fax.....	326-5053
Email.....	<u>montgomerytc@fairpoint.net</u>
TOWN WEBSITE	<u>www.montgomeryvt.us</u>
TOWN LIBRARY	326-3113
TOWN GARAGE	326-4418
POUND KEEPER - Amy Cochran – home	933-9135
Cell	752-5783
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – voice mail.....	326-9001

**TAX DUE DATES ARE VOTED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ALL TAXES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE BY CLOSE
OF BUSINESS ON LAST DUE DATE IN OCTOBER TO AVOID 8% PENALTY
AND INTEREST. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

WHO MEETS WHERE AND WHEN

Group	Day	Time	Place
Board Of Listers	Thursday and Friday	9:00-12:00 a.m.	Town Office
Budget Committee	January until needed	A periodic	Town Office
Center Cemetery Comm	Meets as needed	A periodic	Town Office
Village Cemetery Comm	Meets as needed	A periodic	Town Office
Development Review Board	By Appointment	A periodic	Town Office
Fire Dept	Every Other Tuesday		Fire Dept/PSB
Library Board	First Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Library
Planning Commission	Second Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Office
Recreation Board	First Monday	5:30 p.m.	Rec Ctr/Mont Prop
Rescue Squad	Meets as needed	A periodic	Rescue Office/PSB
School Board	Second Monday	4:30 p.m.	School
Select-board	First & Third Mondays	6:30 p.m.	Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Monday	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Town Office

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