

# **TOWN OF MONTGOMERY & MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **2012 REPORTS**



**The Cota Brothers**

## **2012 Town Report Honorees**

The Town suffered a great loss early in 2012 with the death of Bob, Eric, and Kenny Cota. Long-time residents, each was active in community government and civic affairs at various times in their lives. Between them, they served on the Board of Selectmen, School Board, Fire Department, Recreation Board, Water Commission, Budget Committee, and as Constable. Our school, water systems, rec center, Riverwalk Park ballfield, Public Safety Building, and Public Works Building all had been touched by one or more of their efforts. They leave a remarkable legacy for us all.

We will miss their good humor, common sense, quiet (mostly) leadership, and wisdom. Let's all get on with the business of making this a great place to live and honor their lives by what we do. Consider serving the community in an elected or appointed position... Ambulance service, Fire Dept, Library, or any number of ways. If you don't do it, who will? And as Ken used to say, "it's fun... most of the time".

# **AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT**

## **TOWN OF MONTGOMERY VERMONT**

For the Year Ending

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MEETING***

### **INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The Montgomery Select Board will conduct a public informational meeting on Saturday March 2, 2013 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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## Montgomery's Town Commons or Greens

The Town common, or green, dates to the middle ages Europe. It was generally common land in a central location used for grazing animals and for community gatherings or events, including stocks and pillory, and signposts for public announcements (hence posting the Warning). Most in the United States are found in New England and many became the sites of veteran memorials in the wake of the horrific casualties of the Civil War. Montgomery's Town charter and lotting map did not set out any common lands, although land was reserved for the benefit of the clergy, and county and town schools.



Montgomery had at least two of these greens or commons, one in the Village and the other in the Center, both defined by road intersections. The small Center common was located at the east end of today's Main Street just to the North of the Baptist Church (at the bottom of Route 242). It probably included part of the lot where Sylvester's Market is now located. Its predominant feature was probably a platform or gazebo (shown on the right edge of the photo) which the roads passed on all sides. This common was eventually eaten up by the expanded need for road space. The increasing ease of traveling between the Village and the Center also eventually made it redundant.



The triangular Village common (right) was also defined by the main road and side streets. A photo from about the 1870s (left) shows a treeless area. But by the turn of the century trees were maturing and it was seeing use for recreation (croquet, baseball, tennis) and as a place for gatherings. Memorial Day parades regularly originated from each common and proceeded to local cemeteries.



Village Green on left c1890



Village Green looking toward Pratt Hall





Village Green on right from Fuller Bridge



Croquet Players on Village Green



Civil War, Spanish American War, and WWI vets on Village Green in circa 1918



Winter circa 1920



On Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1990 a triangular veteran's memorial was erected on the Village Green. The effort was organized by Lois Lumbra with help from Arthur St Onge and Melvin Chaffee.



In 2005 the Covered Bridges Garden Club's Historic Garden Project, led by Alison Osbourne added garden and landscape features. The Project was designed to enhance the fact that the Village Green is triangles within triangles, within triangles. To emphasize symmetry, five flower beds were located around the elms, crabapples and maple trees. A sixth bed which surrounds the memorial is in the shape of a triangle and has brightly colored shrubs. Lighting was also added for the large maples, monument, and flag.

The lone, large maple tree remaining on the Village Common (shown on the right before the other tree blew down) was in danger of splitting and blowing down so Master Gardener Carol McGregor, aka the Tree Warden, and Barry East, VT Tree Steward in training, won a Community Foundation of Vermont grant, to have preventative work done on the tree. Gregg and Jake Campbell from Richford, DBA Franklin Forests Inc., were hired to cable the branches high up in the tree, to help balance it and to remove some dead branches.



The Covered Bridges Garden Club and the Montgomery Historical Society helped support this effort. The work was done on Dec 15th and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012. The tree was probably planted after the Civil War.

Compiled from:

History of Town Commons – Wikipedia

Montgomery, Vermont: A History of A Town" by William Branthoover and Sara Taylor

Covered Bridges Garden Club website, Historic Garden Project

Montgomery Historical Society Archives & Town Records/Lotting Map

## TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Tim Murphy ..... 1 year Term – Expires 2013

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Renée J Patterson ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015

### SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Perry ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Carol McGregor ..... 2 year Term – Expires 2013  
 Mark Brouillette ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015  
 Susan Regan ..... 2 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Wendy Howard ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2013

### LISTERS:

Parma Jewett ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Lynda Cluba ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015  
 Deanna Robitaille (Sharon Perry-resigned) ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2013

### AUDITORS:

Stacy St Onge ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Carol Farmer ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015  
 Marsha Phillips ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2013

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: Anita Woodward ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2014

FIRST CONSTABLE: David DeShazo ..... 1 year Term – Expires 2013

TOWN AGENT: Merle Van Geison ..... 1 year Term – Expires 2013

TOWN GRAND JUROR: Select Board ..... 1 year Term – Expires 2013

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Center

Charles R Purrier ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2016  
 Earl Lumbra ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2017  
 Deanna Robitaille ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2013  
 Annie B Purrier ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Lyndol Elkins ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2015

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Village

Lois Lumbra ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2016  
 Penny Lumbra ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2017  
 Joy Bosley ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2013  
 Vivian Deuso ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Joann Lanphear ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2015

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Jane Butterfield Presler (Nicole Lantery-resigned) ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2016  
 Patricia Hathaway ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2017  
 Rita Kalsmith ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2013  
 Mary Niles ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Bill Harlow ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Elizabeth Crane ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2015  
 Patricia Perl (Suzanne Pelletier-resigned) ..... 5 year Term – Expires 2015

### FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

William Baker Sr ..... 2 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Randy St Onge ..... 2 year Term – Expires 2013

### PLANNING COMMISSION:

Parma Jewett ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Roberta Baker ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2014  
 Barry Kade ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015  
 Charlie Hancock ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015  
 Vacant (Remi Gratton III-resigned) ..... 3 year Term – Expires 2013



JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:.....2 year Terms – Expire Feb 2015  
Gabrielle Marquette Elizabeth Curboy Laurie Murphy Patricia Hathaway Misty McCartney

**OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS**  
(Annual appointments unless otherwise noted)

AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE: ..... Merle Van Gieson

BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
Sharon Perry Suzanne Wilson Renee Patterson Scott Perry Mark Brouillette

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:  
Howard Tatro.....4 year Term – Expires 2016  
Ralph Chilton.....4 year Term – Expires 2013  
Merle Van Gieson.....4 year Term – Expires 2013  
Parma Jewett.....4 year Term – Expires 2015  
Mark Brouillette.....4 year Term – Expires 2015  
Alternate: Roberta Baker.....4 year Term – Expires 2014  
Alternate: Barry Kade.....4 year Term – Expires 2013  
Alternate: Vacant.....4 year Term – Expires 2013

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

FENCE VIEWERS:..... Listers

FIRE WARDEN: William Baker Sr.....5 year Term – Expires Jun 2017

HEALTH OFFICER: Carol McGregor.....3 year Term – Expires 2013

INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD.....James P Buttendorf

NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: ..... Carol McGregor, Mark Brouillette

NORTHWEST SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP: Barry Kade.....3 year Term – Expires 2015

POUND KEEPER (dog officer).....MaryAnne Wood

RECREATION BOARD:  
Susan Regan.....3 year Term – Expires 2013  
Patricia Hathaway.....3 year Term – Expires 2013  
Marsha Phillips.....3 year Term – Expires 2014  
Stephanie Machia.....3 year Term – Expires 2014  
Peg Doheny.....3 year Term – Expires 2015  
Lisa Perry.....3 year Term – Expires 2015  
Nelson Mayhew.....3 year Term – Expires 2015

ROAD COMMISSIONER..... Mark Brouillette

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER.....Elizabeth"Betty" Curboy

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION.....Carol McGregor

TREE WARDEN.....Carol McGregor

WEIGHER OF COAL.....Jackie Kaufman

Acting ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Barry Kade (Christina Bilodeau-resigned) 3 year Term – Expires 2014

## 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
<b>Privileged</b>				
• Set adjournment	YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY
• Recess	YES	NO	YES	MAJORITY
• *Privilege			usually moderator decides	
<b>Incidental</b>				
• *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
<b>Subsidiary</b>				
• 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
<b>Main Motion</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>

**Minutes  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2012**

**Moderator Tim Murphy called the meeting to order @ 9:00AM**

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

**Sue Wilson nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.**

**Moderator recognized Scott Perry. Scott Perry acknowledged William Baker Jr. for his 13 years of service to the Montgomery Highway Dept and the Town wished him well in his new position. Scott Perry recognized the recent deaths of some Montgomery residents. Charles Henderson, Robert Cota, Eric Cota, and Selectboard Chairman, Kenneth Cota. He asked for a moment of silent reflection in memoriam. Kathy Cota-Chase spoke on behalf of her 3 Cota brothers.**

**Moderator recognized Mark Higley and without objections Mark spoke. He announced that he brought Senator Bill Doyle's annual survey and brief legislative update. Montgomery will be redistricted with Enosburg and Mark would no longer be our representative.**

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

**Renee Patterson moved to accept the reports of the Town Officers and was seconded. Scott made corrections and the reports were approved as corrected by voice vote.**

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)?

**Paul Nichols moved 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 Town Clerk for a term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson – term expires)

**Sue Wilson nominated Renee Patterson. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Renee Patterson.**

- (b) A Treasurer for a term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson – term expires)

**Mark Brouillette nominated Renee Patterson. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Renee Patterson.**

- (c) A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot. (Sue Regan – term expires)

**Sue Wilson nominated Sue Regan. Larry Letourneau nominated Merle Van Gieson, Merle declined. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Sue Regan.**

- (d) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot. (Ken Cota – term expires)

**Sue Wilson nominated Mark Brouillette. Paul Nichols nominated Merle Van Gieson. Jade Dixon-Boles nominated Patrick Farmer, Pat declined. Denise Baker nominated Sue Wilson, Sue declined. Each nominee spoke to the voters. Ballot vote: Mark Brouillette – 53, Merle Van Gieson – 17. Mark was elected.**

- (e) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Lynda Cluba - term expires)

**Sharon Perry nominated Lynda Cluba. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Lynda Cluba.**

- (f) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Betty Curboy – term expires)

**Lynda Cluba nominated Betty Curboy. Wendy Howard nominated James Abbott, Jim declined. Scott Perry nominated Carol Farmer. Betty was not in attendance and no one spoke on her behalf. Carol spoke. Ballot vote: Carol Farmer – 54, Betty – 7. Carol was elected.**

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

**Larry Letourneau nominated Merle VanGieson. Merle was re-elected by voice vote.**

- (h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring 2017. (Penny Lumbra – term expires)

**Paul Nichols nominated Penny Lumbra. Penny was re-elected by voice vote.**

- (i) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2017. (Earl Lumbra – term expires)

**Paul Nichols nominated Earl Lumbra. Earl was re-elected by voice vote.**

- (j) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Jay Kerch – term expires)

**Rita Kalemith nominated Patricia Hathaway. Lynda Cluba nominated Jay Kerch, Beth Crane indicated that Jay was not seeking re-election, Lynda withdrew the nomination. Patty spoke on her own behalf and was elected by voice vote.**



(k) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (William Baker Sr. – term expires)

**Roland Nichols nominated Billy Baker Sr. Billy was re-elected by voice vote.**

(l) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Gary Leroux – term expires)

**Sue Wilson nominated Gary Leroux. Selectboard indicated Gary did not want position last year but never resigned. Sue withdrew nomination. Wendy Howard nominated Howard Tatro, declined. Renee Patterson nominated Nick Vittum, declined. Wendy Howard nominated James Abbott, declined. Wendy Howard nominated Paul Nichols, declined. Sarita Khan nominated David Deshazo. David was elected by voice vote.**

(m) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Charlie Hancock – term expires)

**Parma Jewett nominated Charlie Hancock. Charlie was re-elected by voice vote.**

(n) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Barry Kade – term expires)

**Merle Van Gleson nominated Barry Kade. Barry was re-elected by voice vote.**

(o) A Planning Commission member for the remainder of a three year term expiring in 2014. (Delores Cumbie resigned, Parma Jewett appointed)

**Roland Nichols nominated Sue Wilson, declined. Sue Wilson nominated Parma Jewett. Parma was elected by voice vote.**

(q) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard – term expires)

**Scott Perry nominated the Selectboard. Selectboard was re-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: 2011 - \$30,000, 2012- \$20,000

**Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(b) Rescue Department: 2011 - \$24,800, 2012 - \$26,300

**Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$33,768 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(c) Summer Roads: 2011 - \$70,000; 2012 - \$53,000

**Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$53,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(d) Winter Roads: 2011 - \$70,000; 2012 - \$33,000.

**Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$40,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2011 - \$35,000; 2012 - \$12,200.

**Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$12,200 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(f) Bridges: 2011 - \$20,000; 2012 - \$13,000.

**Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$13,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2011 - \$11,948; 2012- same.

**Barry Kade moved to appropriate \$11,948 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2011 - \$27,500; 2012 - \$20,000.

**Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(i) Recreation Department: 2011 - \$18,000; 2012 – same.

**Wendy Howard moved to appropriate \$18,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(j) Reappraisal Fund: 2011 - \$4,000; 2012 - \$0.

**Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(k) Montgomery Youth Center: 2011 - \$8,000, 2012 - \$8,000.

**Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$8,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

(a) Town Clerk: 2011 - \$15,000; 2012 - same

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

(b) Town Treasurer: 2011 - \$10,000; 2012 - same

**Larry Letourneau moved to pay the Town Treasurer \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2011 - \$1,000; 2012 - same

**Charles Fichman moved to pay the Selectboard \$1,000 each and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(d) Listers:

2011 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$14.00/hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2012 - same.

**Larry Letourneau moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(e) Auditors: 2011 - 1<sup>st</sup> yr members - \$8.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr and on members - \$9.00/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members - Vermont minimum wage, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members Vermont minimum wage plus \$1.00.

**Renee Patterson moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Larry Letourneau made a motion to amend to add "per hour" after 2<sup>nd</sup> yr plus \$1.00, and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Lynda Claba moved to amend 1<sup>st</sup> yr \$9 per hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr \$10 per hour. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(f) Board of Civil Authority: 2011 - Vermont minimum wage plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2012 - same.

**Mark Brouillette moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Lynda Claba moved to amend to \$9 per hour plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

**Sharon Perry moved to suspend the rules to take up Article 7a thru g as one item as written and was seconded. Motion to take up Article 7a thru g as one item passed by over 2/3 majority by voice vote. Motion to appropriate items in Article 7 as written passed by voice vote.**

(a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior HelpLine: 2011 - \$1,800; 2012 - same.

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2011 - \$1,440; 2012 - same.

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2011 - \$500; 2012- same.

(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: 2011 - \$1,000; 2012 - same.

(e) Green Up Day Vermont. 2011 - \$100; 2012 - same.

(f) Northern VT Resource Conservation & Development Council: 2011- \$75; 2012 - same.

(g) Missisquoi River Basin Association. 2011- \$500; 2012-same.

8. Shall the Town vote to purchase a new Fire Truck pumper and authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$110,000 for a term of 5 years with the balance to be paid out of the Fire Dept reserve account?

**William Baker Sr. moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$293,746 for Contingent Selectboard? 2011 - \$139,213

**Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$293,746 and was seconded. Sharon Perry moved to amend amount to \$288,386 and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Article as amended passed by voice vote.**

10. In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with political speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Montgomery vote at its Town Meeting to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to propose a United States Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that unlimited money is not political speech, that corporations are not natural persons under the United States Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

**Barry Kade moved to accept as written and was seconded. Larry Letourneau moved to postpone indefinitely and was seconded. Motion to postpone indefinitely failed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.**



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

Morgan Daybell reminded that the annual School meeting being held Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm @ the Montgomery School, as warned in the 2011 Town and School Report.

Voters expressed wishes of combining the School meeting with Town Meeting. It would take placing article on both the Town warning and the School warning for next year to be in force for the following year. John Little moved to ask both School and Selectboard to discuss the issue and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Charlie Hancock announced there would be an informational meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall to discuss proposed zoning bylaw revisions.

David Deshazo announced to watch for meeting with organization of 350.org.


Renee Patterson moved to adjourn @ 12:00pm and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A true record this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

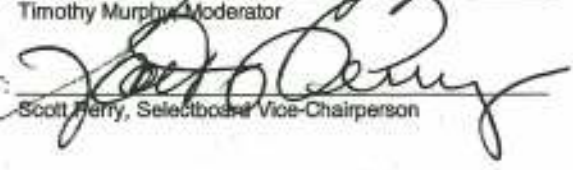
ATTEST:

  
Renee J. Patterson, Town Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST:

  
Scott Perry, Selectboard Vice-Chairperson

## Selectboard's State of the Town Town Meeting 2013

The "State of the Town" is good. We remain financially sound and continue to effectively manage our accounts and debt, while providing effective services, and investing for future needs. Unfortunately, as proposed in the 2013 budget, the Municipal Tax Rate will be going up for the second time in the last five years.

For context, our 2012 Effective Municipal Tax Rate (.3451), which is an "apples to apples" comparison to other Vermont towns, ranked us the 68th lowest of 262 Cities/Villages/Towns and Gores in Vermont. (The municipal effective tax rate is calculated by dividing the municipal taxes assessed by the equalized municipal grand list.) Using the same measure, Montgomery had the 6th lowest Municipal rate, out of the 15 towns and villages in Franklin County.

The Selectboard and Water Commission met 38 times in Regular and Special Meetings since Town Meeting 2012 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.

### A. Proposed 2013 Budget

1. **Summary:** The proposed 2013 budget is \$815,203, about \$12,000 less than 2012. Unfortunately due to a combination of increased expenses, and other decreases in carry over revenue (which includes delinquent taxes), additional taxes will need to be raised this year to cover the difference.

On the revenue side, 2012 tax revenue alone fell nearly \$67,000 short of what we anticipated. This continued a trend that has averaged 13% per year for the last 10 years for tax revenue. The Town has to carry this shortfall from the previous year, in the municipal budget each year. Non-tax revenue fell \$13,000 short of what we planned. Both these numbers form the basis for the 2013 revenue estimate.

On the expense side, the 2013 budget includes increases in health insurance costs and Town Clerk/Treasurer salary, a new line item for an independent audit, increases in road maintenance and equipment maintenance expenses, and increased requests from social agencies. The highway budget figures include monies to cover short term leasing of a loader, and new tires and a new blade for the grader. Our loan on the newest dump truck will be paid off this year.

Elsewhere in the budget there is a decrease in the Ambulance Service request based on our contracted coverage by the Richford service, and a decrease in the Teen Center request based on cash on hand and spending history. Other departments are largely level funded.

2. **Fire Department:** The new pumper is here and ready for action and loan payments will begin this year. The Fire department needs volunteers. If interested contact Chief Baker.

3. **Ambulance Coverage:** Last year we were trying to get Enosburg to provide daytime coverage but had to plan for full time coverage and a 56% increase in their per capita based fee. Since the Enosburg Town Selectboard refused daytime coverage, we contracted with Richford



for daytime coverage. We are participating in talks aimed at creating a regional coverage system but will only join such a system if we can preserve our local volunteer service. The Ambulance service is in need of EMTs and drivers. Please contact Kevin Scheffler or Morgan Daybell if you can help out.

**4. Police Coverage:** In response to numerous citizen concerns, the Board entered into a three-month contract with the Vermont State Police this Fall for dedicated patrol in Montgomery of up to 20 hours per month. This was in addition to VSP's normal regional coverage and was paid for from the Police reserve fund.

**5. Roads/Public Works:** This department comprises about 41% of the 2013 municipal budget expenses.

a. **Tropical Storm Irene Epilogue:** Town infrastructure received about \$76,000 in damage from Irene which was almost totally repaired within 30 days of the storm. The Town received FEMA and State reimbursements in 2011 and 2012 which covered 95% of the cost of these repairs. The Town's share was about \$3,800.

b. **Longley Bridge:** In August we learned the State received a National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program grant of \$850,000 for restoration/repair of the Longley Covered Bridge. This grant requires 10% State and 5% Town matches which could bring the project to nearly one million dollars. The State normally covers the Town portion if the Town signs a maintenance agreement, which we did on the Creamery and Hutchins bridges.

We used the Transportation Enhancement Grant (\$28,000) we received last year to start the Longley Bridge planning and presented potential alternatives to the public and the State oversight committee late in 2012. Based on those meetings we hope to rebuild the trusses and floor system with stronger new timbers so the bridge can carry more weight. This will preserve the Town lattice design used by the Jewett brothers, and the roof system will be reused/restored. More detailed engineering and then construction will follow but the precise timing is unknown. The project will be managed by the State and probably see construction in 2015.

c. **Black Falls Bridge:** The State is also ready to begin the replacement of the small bridge on Black Falls Extension. Construction could be this fall but will more likely be in 2014. The Town's portion of the project will be about \$18,000 and will be paid out of the Bridges reserved fund.

d. **Replacement Front End Loader:** Our loader is well used and repairs are no longer cost effective. The Selectboard is requesting authority to finance the purchase of a new or gently used loader using the State Municipal Equipment Loan Fund or seller financing which charges between 2 and 3% interest.

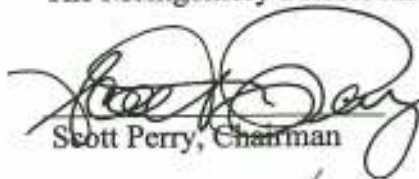
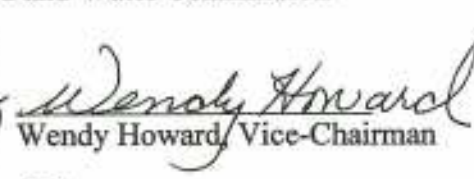



**B. Emergency/Disaster Preparedness:** Potential 911 Glitch: Last year the Town learned of a flaw in the Fairpoint phone system that leaves us without 911 service when we are only able to call within the 326 exchange. Alternate procedures are repeated on the inside back cover of this report to use if you dial 911 and receive a busy signal or the phone rings with no answer. The Board met with representatives from the VT Public Service Board and Fairpoint and they are working with the State to build better redundancy into the system and outage notifications have been better.

**C. Water Commission** - The Selectboard also serves as the Water Commission. The Municipal Water System continues to perform well. We remain on target for operating revenues and savings for capital improvements. Rates will likely remain unchanged for 2013, but we will be renegotiating our contract with our system operator this summer. Any rate adjustments, if needed, would not begin until the quarter starting January 2014.

**D. Ordinances** - The Board passed three ordinances in 2012. They prohibit overnight parking on Town property, and govern dogs and animal cruelty. Copies are available from the Town Clerk or from the Town web site.

As a reminder, 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 are available at the Town Office and normally available on the Town website ([www.montgomeryvt.us](http://www.montgomeryvt.us)) also. Please consider serving your community in one of these elected or appointed positions. If you don't, who will?

Respectfully yours,  
The Montgomery Selectboard and Water Commission

 Scott Perry, Chairman	 Wendy Howard, Vice-Chairman	 Mark Brouillette
 Carol McGregor	 Susan Regan - Clerk of the Board	



**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2013**

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 5th day of March, 2013 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 Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot. (Carol McGregor - term expires)
  - (b) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot. (Wendy Howard - term expires)
  - (c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Sharon Perry resigned, Deanna Robitaille appointed)
  - (d) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Marsha Phillips - term expires)
  - (e) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Merle Van Gieson - term expires)
  - (f) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring 2018. (Joy Bosley - term expires)
  - (g) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2018. (Deanna Robataille - term expires)
  - (h) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Rita Kalsmith - term expires)
  - (i) A Library Trustee for the remainder of a five year term which expires in 2015. (Suzanne Pelletier resigned, Patty Perl appointed)
  - (j) A Library Trustee for the remainder of a five year term which expires in 2016. (Nicole Lantery resigned, Jane Pressler appointed)
  - (k) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Randy St. Onge - term expires)
  - (l) A First Constable for a term of one year. ( David DeShazo - term expires)
  - (m) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Remi Gratton - term expires)
  - (n) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard - term expires)
5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to purchase a replacement front end loader, to be paid out of the Machinery Replacement Fund and to borrow up to \$100,000, for a term of up to 10 years with the first payment due in 2013?
6. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:
  - (a) Fire Department: 2012 - 20,000; 2013 - same.
  - (b) Rescue Department: 2012 - \$33,768; 2013 - \$18,525.
  - (c) Summer Roads: 2012 - \$53,000; 2013 - \$55,000.
  - (d) Winter Roads: 2012 - \$40,000; 2013 - \$40,000.
  - (e) Machinery Replacement: 2012 - \$12,200; 2013 - \$10,000.
  - (f) Bridges: 2012 - \$13,000; 2013 - \$10,000.
  - (g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2012 - \$11,948; 2013 - same.

- (h) Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2012 - \$20,000; 2013 - 15,000.
- (i) Recreation Department: 2012 - \$18,000; 2013 - same.
- (j) Reappraisal Fund: 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$4,000.
- (k) Montgomery Youth Center: 2012 - \$8,000; 2013 - \$6,000
- (l) Conservation Commission: 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.

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

- (a) Town Clerk: 2012 - \$15,000; 2013 - \$16,000.
- (b) Town Treasurer: 2012 - \$10,000; 2013 - \$12,000.
- (c) Each Selectboard Member: 2012 - \$1,000; 2013 - same
- (d) Listers: 2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$14.00/hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2013 - same
- (e) Auditors: 2012 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members - \$9.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$10.00; 2013 - same.
- (f) Board of Civil Authority: 2012 - \$9.00/hour plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2013 - same.
- (g) All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?

8. 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: 2012 - \$1,800; 2013 - same.
- (b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2012 - \$1,440. ; 2013 - same.
- (c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.
- (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. 2012 - \$1000; 2013 - same.
- (e) Green Up Day Vermont. 2012 - \$100; 2013 - same.
- (f) Northern VT Resource Conservation & Dev. Council. 2012 - \$75; 2013 - same.
- (g) Missisquoi River Basin Association. 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.
- (h) Green Mountain Transit Authority - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$598.
- (i) Franklin - Grand Isle Book Mobile - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$1,500.
- (j) Franklin County Humane Society - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$500.
- (k) Montgomery Emergency Shelter Team - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$500.

9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ 326,273 for Contingent Selectboard? 2012 - \$ 288,386.

10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the use of an electronic vote tabulator ? The tabulator will be supplied for free from the State but requires a programming fee of approximately \$1,000 per election.

11. Shall the town vote to change the final due date for taxes to the second Friday in October? (Currently October 10<sup>th</sup> annually)

12. Shall the Town vote to create a Conservation Commission reserve fund?

13. Shall the Town vote to petition the Congress of the United States of America that the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers with the understanding that such designation


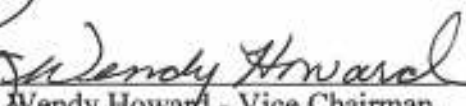
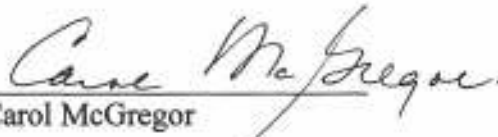


would be based on the locally-developed rivers Management Plan and would not involve federal acquisition or management of lands.

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

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013 AD.

Selectboard

    
Scott Perry - Chairman      Wendy Howard - Vice Chairman      Carol McGregor

   
Mark Brouillette      Susan Regan - Clerk of the Board

Attest:   
Renee Paterson  
Town Clerk

Date: 1/28/13

# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

## Auditors Report

The auditors have reviewed the Town's books and financial statements for the year 2012. As of February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 we noted no outstanding payables past due.

There were no books submitted for the Hill West Cemetery.

### Recommendations:

1. Would recommend a complete professional audit of the town's books in 2013.
2. Would recommend the Town Treasurer contact the accounting software company for assistance and further training.
3. Though improvement has been noted in most departments on confirmation of receipt of goods and services, we did note that many Rescue Squad invoices were not approved by the head of the department, and they should be.
4. Would again recommend that the Selectboard consider putting all mowing contracts out for bid.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Phillips

Stacey St Onge

Carol Farmer



**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

1	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2010	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	CHANGE 13-12 BUDGET
2	Unreserved Funds	\$109,605	\$32,527	\$32,527	\$19,303	\$19,303	(\$13,224)
3	Delinquent Taxes	\$84,265	\$83,031	\$59,630	\$65,153	\$57,161	(\$2,469)
4	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$20,390	\$25,422	\$21,000	\$20,800	\$20,000	(\$1,000)
5	State Aid - Roads	\$77,461	\$97,785	\$72,500	\$59,515	\$70,000	(\$2,500)
6	Town Machinery	\$70,061	\$79,118	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Water Dept Fee	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
8	Judicial Fines	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$262	\$0	\$0
9	Rent - US Postal Service	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$0
10	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$1,100	\$0	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$1,100	(\$1,100)
11	Licenses & Vital Records	\$6,173	\$7,182	\$6,000	\$6,261	\$6,000	\$0
12	Recording Fees	\$10,226	\$7,647	\$7,500	\$10,285	\$7,500	\$0
13	Office Fees	\$1,710	\$1,469	\$1,500	\$2,356	\$1,500	\$0
14	Copier/Fax	\$543	\$419	\$400	\$528	\$400	\$0
15	Interest	\$1,067	\$569	\$250	\$149	\$100	(\$150)
16	Zoning Fees	\$1,925	\$2,345	\$2,000	\$2,325	\$2,000	\$0
17	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$16,450	\$16,450	\$16,000	\$16,453	\$16,000	\$0
18	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$29,320	\$29,443	\$28,795	\$30,302	\$29,690	\$895
19	PILOT	\$1,060	\$1,032	\$500	\$1,035	\$500	\$0
20	Sale of Town Equipment	\$221	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
21	Town Hall Rental	\$1,090	\$2,150	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$0
22	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
23	Sand & Material	\$3,344	\$457	\$500	\$1,434	\$0	(\$500)
24	Leased Land	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$0
25	Tax Sale Redemption	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,097	\$0	\$0
26	Miscellaneous	\$5,130	\$4,540	\$3,000	\$2,516	\$3,500	\$500
27	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$455,122</b>	<b>\$405,566</b>	<b>\$274,282</b>	<b>\$272,352</b>	<b>\$254,734</b>	<b>(\$19,548)</b>
28	Hazard Mitigation: Gibou Culvert	\$138,358	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
29	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$0	\$56,821	\$11,473	\$15,298	\$0	(\$11,473)
30	Public Works Building Construction	\$475,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
31	Grants	\$3,506	\$180,233	\$28,000	\$11,758	\$16,740	(\$11,260)
32	<b>TOTAL REVENUE LESS PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$1,071,986</b>	<b>\$642,620</b>	<b>\$313,755</b>	<b>\$299,408</b>	<b>\$271,474</b>	<b>(\$42,281)</b>
33	Property Taxes	\$390,059	\$416,981	\$523,717	\$456,780	\$543,729	\$20,012
34	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,462,045</b>	<b>\$1,059,601</b>	<b>\$837,472</b>	<b>\$756,188</b>	<b>\$815,203</b>	<b>(\$22,269)</b>



**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

35	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2010	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	CHANGE 13-12 BUDGET
36	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
37	Town Officers	\$48,362	\$50,632	\$51,600	\$52,675	\$53,000	\$1,400
38	Social Security	\$3,702	\$3,876	\$4,000	\$4,029	\$4,200	\$200
39	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$7,813	\$16,190	\$10,000	\$7,170	\$7,000	(\$3,000)
40	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$4,082	\$4,094	\$3,520	\$3,518	\$3,288	(\$232)
41	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/Rtrmnt	\$19,677	\$18,096	\$19,250	\$18,889	\$19,000	(\$250)
42	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$10,844	\$9,010	\$9,854	\$7,900	\$9,600	(\$254)
43	Ins-Property & Liability	\$14,669	\$18,395	\$17,869	\$17,870	\$20,700	\$2,831
44	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$11,579	\$12,016	\$13,500	\$10,874	\$13,500	\$0
45	Town Reports & Postage	\$1,530	\$1,570	\$1,550	\$1,117	\$1,300	(\$250)
46	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$330	\$39	\$1,000	\$1,072	\$1,000	\$0
47	Audit Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
48	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$122,588</b>	<b>\$133,917</b>	<b>\$132,143</b>	<b>\$125,114</b>	<b>\$139,588</b>	<b>\$7,445</b>
49	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>						
50	County Tax	\$14,466	\$13,893	\$11,972	\$11,975	\$12,955	\$983
51	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,063	\$1,056	\$1,200	\$1,201	\$1,201	\$1
52	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$1,700	\$1,735	\$1,855	\$1,855	\$1,948	\$93
53	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$853	\$883	\$1,057	\$1,057	\$1,093	\$36
54	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$0
55	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$18,457</b>	<b>\$17,742</b>	<b>\$16,459</b>	<b>\$16,463</b>	<b>\$17,572</b>	<b>\$1,113</b>
56	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
57	Debt service: Public Works Bldg Bond	\$4,625	\$37,244	\$36,986	\$36,986	\$36,707	(\$279)
58	Debt Service: Village Water Bond	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0
59	Debt Service: Highway Truck	Not broken out	Not broken out	\$22,880	\$22,880	\$22,440	\$0
60	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$18,362</b>	<b>\$50,981</b>	<b>\$73,603</b>	<b>\$73,603</b>	<b>\$72,884</b>	<b>(\$719)</b>
61	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>						
62	Social Security	\$6,869	\$7,310	\$7,500	\$6,760	\$7,500	\$0
63	Employee Health & Retirement	\$29,784	\$26,578	\$29,300	\$33,509	\$40,500	\$11,200
64	Public Works Bldg	\$7,289	\$12,128	\$8,000	\$10,725	\$5,000	(\$3,000)
65	Public Works Bldg Fuel	\$4,058	\$3,587	\$5,000	\$4,501	\$4,000	(\$1,000)
66	* Summer Roads	\$67,693	\$70,197	\$53,000	\$55,281	\$55,000	\$2,000
67	Summer Roads--State Aid	\$15,000	\$15,918	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
68	* Winter Roads	\$63,323	\$70,000	\$40,000	\$41,645	\$40,000	\$0
69	Winter Roads--State Aid	\$28,000	\$49,967	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0
70	Construction - State Aid	\$39,902	\$31,900	\$34,500	\$30,861	\$32,000	(\$2,500)
71	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$36,757	\$40,423	\$35,000	\$51,431	\$45,000	\$10,000
72	Diesel Fuel	\$31,315	\$48,365	\$45,000	\$38,477	\$45,000	\$0
73	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$329,990</b>	<b>\$376,372</b>	<b>\$295,300</b>	<b>\$311,189</b>	<b>\$312,000</b>	<b>\$16,700</b>
74	* Bridges	\$104	\$234,849	\$13,000	\$4,015	\$10,000	(\$3,000)
75	Trans. Enhancement Grant (Longley Bridge)	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$20,925	\$11,045	(\$23,955)
76	Flood/Emergency Road Repairs	\$0	\$49,799	\$0	\$8,700	\$0	\$0
77	* Machinery Replacement	\$23,760	\$31,148	\$12,200	\$0	\$10,000	(\$2,200)
78	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$353,854</b>	<b>\$692,168</b>	<b>\$355,500</b>	<b>\$344,829</b>	<b>\$343,045</b>	<b>(\$12,455)</b>
79	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE &amp; BUILDINGS</b>						
80	Office Building	\$8,612	\$12,851	\$7,500	\$9,893	\$9,000	\$1,500
81	Office Building Fuel	\$2,325	\$3,157	\$3,800	\$2,184	\$3,000	(\$800)
82	Town Hall - Grange	\$4,869	\$2,879	\$3,500	\$3,742	\$3,500	\$0
83	Town Hall Fuel	\$838	\$3,585	\$1,250	\$1,485	\$1,500	\$250
84	Public Safety Building	\$5,620	\$7,315	\$6,250	\$4,317	\$6,000	(\$250)
85	Public Safety Building Fuel	\$4,349	\$6,309	\$7,000	\$6,145	\$7,000	\$0
86	Waste Water Study	\$12,893	\$12,893	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
87	Street Lights	\$11,058	\$11,389	\$11,500	\$11,373	\$11,500	\$0
88	Mowing	\$3,002	\$4,303	\$4,500	\$4,165	\$4,500	\$0
89	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$53,566</b>	<b>\$64,680</b>	<b>\$45,300</b>	<b>\$43,304</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>	<b>\$700</b>
90	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maintenance Fun	\$2,348	\$9,593	\$20,000	\$15,710	\$15,000	(\$5,000)
91	Public Works Building Construction	\$579,801	\$12,039	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
92	<b>TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE &amp; BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$635,715</b>	<b>\$86,312</b>	<b>\$65,300</b>	<b>\$59,014</b>	<b>\$61,000</b>	<b>(\$4,300)</b>



**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2010	ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2012	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	CHANGE 13-12 BUDGET
93							
94	HAZARD MITIGATION						
95	Gibou Culvert	\$146,561	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
96	<b>TOTAL HAZARD MITIGATION</b>	<b>\$146,561</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
97	MISCELLANEOUS						
98	Delinquent Taxes	\$98,335	\$85,186	\$85,186	\$81,658	\$81,658	(\$3,527)
99	Licenses & Vital Records	\$3,450	\$3,178	\$3,000	\$2,684	\$3,000	\$0
100	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$4,714	\$4,269	\$5,000	\$8,805	\$5,000	\$0
101	Miscellaneous	\$3,254	\$2,931	\$3,650	\$4,655	\$4,000	\$350
102	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$109,753</b>	<b>\$95,563</b>	<b>\$96,836</b>	<b>\$97,803</b>	<b>\$93,658</b>	<b>(\$3,177)</b>
103	* Reappraisal Fund	\$4,325	\$3,435	\$0	\$36,012	\$4,000	\$4,000
104	Restoration of Records	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
105	Tax Sale Purchase	\$0	\$9,935	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
106	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$114,078</b>	<b>\$108,932</b>	<b>\$96,836</b>	<b>\$133,815</b>	<b>\$97,658</b>	<b>\$823</b>
107	LIBRARY						
108	* Operating Expense & Payroll	\$10,335	\$11,948	\$11,948	\$11,948	\$11,948	\$0
109	<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$10,335</b>	<b>\$11,948</b>	<b>\$11,948</b>	<b>\$11,948</b>	<b>\$11,948</b>	<b>\$0</b>
110	POLICE/CONSTABLE						
111	* Operating Expenses	\$1,397	\$298	\$0	\$2,177	\$0	\$0
112	<b>TOTAL POLICE</b>	<b>\$1,397</b>	<b>\$298</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,177</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
113	RECREATION						
114	* Operating Expenses	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
115	<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
116	RESCUE AND FIRE						
117	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
118	* Rescue Operating Expenses	\$14,580	\$24,800	\$33,768	\$33,768	\$18,525	(\$15,243)
119	<b>TOTAL RESCUE AND FIRE</b>	<b>\$34,580</b>	<b>\$54,800</b>	<b>\$53,768</b>	<b>\$53,768</b>	<b>\$38,525</b>	<b>(\$15,243)</b>
120	CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
121	* Operating Expenses, Speakers, and Projec	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$688	\$500	\$0
122	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$688</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
123	MONTGOMERY YOUTH CENTER						
124	* Operating Expenses	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	(\$2,000)
125	<b>TOTAL MONTGOMERY YOUTH CENTER</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>(\$2,000)</b>
126	REQUESTS						
127	* Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
128	* Franklin County Home Health	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$0
129	* Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
130	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
131	* Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
132	* Green Up Day Vermont	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
133	* Northern VT Res, Conservation Council	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$0
134	* Green Mountain Transit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$568	\$568
135	* Franklin Grand Ilse Bookmobile	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
136	* Franklin County Humane Society	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
137	* Montgomery Emergency Shelter Team	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
138	<b>TOTAL REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$4,915</b>	<b>\$5,415</b>	<b>\$5,415</b>	<b>\$5,415</b>	<b>\$8,483</b>	<b>\$3,068</b>
139							
140	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,483,842</b>	<b>\$1,188,513</b>	<b>\$837,472</b>	<b>\$852,834</b>	<b>\$815,203</b>	<b>(\$22,269)</b>
	* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting						
	Contingent Selectboard = TOTAL 2013 EXPENSES at Line 134 minus BUDGET 2013 REVENUES LESS PROPERTY TAXES at Line 32						
	minus total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on highlighted by asterisk ( * )						
		\$815,203	minus	\$271,474	minus	\$217,456	
	Contingent Selectboard =	\$326,273					



2013 Proposed Budget Percentage Breakout			
<b>Proposed 2013 Municipal Budget Revenue</b>			
1	Other Revenue	\$271,474	33%
2	2013 Taxes	\$543,729	67%
3	Total Municipal Budget	\$815,203	100%
4			
<b>Proposed 2013 Municipal Budget Percentages By Major Expense Category</b>			
6	Administration	\$139,588	17%
7	Assessments	\$17,572	2%
8	Fire & Rescue	\$38,525	5%
9	Highways	\$343,045	42%
10	Library	\$11,948	1%
11	Police	\$0	0%
12	Miscellaneous	\$97,658	12%
13	Recreation	\$18,000	2%
14	Requests Total	\$8,483	1%
15	Bldgs and Infrastructure	\$61,000	7%
16	Debt Service	\$72,884	9%
17	Conservation Commission	\$500	0%
18	Youth Center	\$6,000	1%
19	Total Municipal Expenses	\$815,203	100%
20			
<b>Proposed 2013 Municipal and School Budgets</b>			
22	Total Proposed School Budget	\$2,542,423	76%
23	Total Proposed Municipal Budget	\$815,203	24%
24	Total 2013 Town Budget	\$3,357,626	100%

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE HISTORY 1993-2013					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL** AGREEMENT TAX RATE Vet. Exempt.	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION TAX RATE (Set by State)	TOTAL TAX RATE
2013 Projected					
Homestead	\$0.4603	\$0.0027	\$0.4630	\$1.4258	\$1.8888
Non-Homestead	\$0.4603	\$0.0027	\$0.4630	\$1.8435	\$2.3065
2012 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.4407	\$1.8878
Non-Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.8127	\$2.2598
2011 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.3560	\$1.7556
Non-Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.7923	\$2.1919
2010 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.4300	\$1.8337
Non-Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.8721	\$2.2758
2009 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.3048	\$1.7240
Non-Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.8347	\$2.2539
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~~~~~	~~~~~
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 12/31/12**

Water Project: USDA-RD

Bond #1 – Principal Balance \$ 140,353.45	
Payment due 5/13/13	\$3,758.00
Payment due 11/13/13	3,758.00
Bond #2 – Principal Balance \$ 342,126.21	
Payment due 5/13/13	\$10,625.00
Payment due 11/13/13	10,625.00
Bond #3 – Principal Balance \$ 321,108.95	
Payment due 6/10/13	\$8,718.00
Payment due 12/10/13	8,718.00

<u>2009 International Truck:</u>	State of Vermont – Principal \$22,000	
	Payment due 6/30/13	\$22,440.00

<u>2013 International Fire Truck:</u>	State of Vermont – Principal \$110,000	
	Payment due 6/30/13	\$24,200.00

<u>Public Works Building Bond:</u>	Bank of New York– Principal \$425,000	
	Payment due 6/01/13	\$ 5,853.41
	Payment due 12/1/13	\$30,853.41

**MONTGOMERY TOWN  
OFFICERS' SALARIES 2012**

**SELECTBOARD:**

Carol McGregor	1,000.00	
Mark Brouillette	1,000.00	
Wendy Howard	1,000.00	
Scott Perry	1,000.00	
Susan Regan	1,000.00	
	<u>5,000.00</u>	\$5,000.00

**TOWN CLERK & TREASURER:** Renee J Patterson \$25,000.04

**ASSISTANT CLERKS:**

Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$13,982.00	
Lynda Cluba	\$513.50	
	<u>\$14,495.50</u>	\$14,495.50

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:**

Anita Woodward, 4% of Delq Tax collected \$7,358.35

**LISTERS:**

Lynda Cluba	5,058.75	
Sharon Perry	2,973.75	
Parma Jewett	2,925.00	
	<u>\$10,957.50</u>	\$10,957.50

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Christina Bilodeau	\$3,408.75	
	<u>\$3,408.75</u>	\$3,408.75

**BCA/Elections:**

Christina Bilodeau	105.75	
Donald Bilodeau	13.50	
Laurie Murphy	198.99	
Sally Newton	153.00	
Annie Purrier	22.50	
Karen Scheffler	139.14	
	<u>\$632.88</u>	\$632.88

**AUDITORS:**

Marsha Phillips	68.59	
Stacey St Onge	68.59	
	<u>\$137.18</u>	\$137.18

**DOG OFFICER** MaryAnne Wood \$45.00

**MONTGOMERY TOWN  
OFFICERS' SALARIES 2012**

**JANITORS:**

Building Maintenance:

Jay M Adams - Town Office & PSB	2,891.25	
Jay M Adams - Town Hall	<u>142.50</u>	\$3,033.75

Cleaning: Samantha Dezotelle - Town Office Building	345.00	
Renee Patterson - Town Office Building	236.25	
Samantha Dezotelle - Public Safety Bldg	363.75	
Renee Patterson - Public Safety Bldg	<u>240.00</u>	\$1,185.00

Total Town Officers	<u>\$71,253.95</u>
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**ROAD CREW:**

Gary Baker	\$3,322.50
Robert Baker	\$1,575.00
William Baker, Jr	\$15,960.47
William Baker, Sr	\$368.00
Lawrence Kneen III	\$24,361.27
Shane M Reed	<u>\$41,650.15</u>

Total Highway	<u>\$87,237.39</u>
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**Report of Unreserved Funds  
December 31, 2012**

<b>Balance:</b>	General Fund Checking Acct	\$271,285.62	
	Outstanding Deposit	5,654.22	
	Outstanding Checks	<u>-15,646.73</u>	
			\$261,293.11
<b>Less Reserved Funds:</b>			
	Fire Dept	\$43,851.68	
	Rescue Dept	28,769.71	
	Recreation Dept	-1,286.29	
	Teen Center	5,250.22	
	Library	18,080.99	
	Bridges	8,985.00	
	Restoration of Records	16,886.62	
	Bldg Capital Improvement & Maint	35,002.26	
	Conservation Commission	630.33	
	Machinery Replacement	26,362.42	
	Police Services Dept	9,048.59	
	Reappraisal Fund	<u>50,438.97</u>	
			<u>\$242,020.50</u>
	Unreserved funds		<u>\$19,272.61</u>

**2012 Report of Fire Department Activities**

<b>Fire Dept Calls 2012:</b>	Vehicle	7
	Structure	3
	Chimney	4
	Storm	3
	Alarms	2
	Brush	<u>1</u>
		20

**2013 BUDGET Report**  
**Fire Department**

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Change Budget 12/13
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	30,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Town of Westfield	2,000	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,000
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	4,204	3,500	4,204	4,000	500
Proceeds from Loan	0	0	110,000	0	0
Interest	142	150	229	50	-100
Use of Capital Reserve/loan	0	0	0	185,000	185,000
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	43,350	43,350
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>36,346</b>	<b>25,650</b>	<b>136,433</b>	<b>256,400</b>	<b>230,750</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Vehicle Fuel	288	740	332	500	-240
Telephone	279	250	295	300	50
Insurance	7,482	7,500	7,660	7,800	300
Dispatch Fees	3,722	3,800	3,922	4,500	700
Radio Repair	2,489	590	1,134	500	-90
Office supplies	0	50	0	0	-50
Vehicle Repairs	873	1,000	731	750	-250
Training	0	300	0	300	0
Miscellaneous	1,743	1,750	2,569	2,500	750
Association Dues	304	300	304	300	0
Equipment	289	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Payroll	2,530	2,200	1,650	2,000	-200
Social Security	194	170	126	150	-20
Building Maintenance	0	0	413	0	0
Capital Improvement	0	6,000	0	211,600	205,600
Truck Payment-Debt Service	0	0	0	24,200	24,200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20,193</b>	<b>25,650</b>	<b>20,137</b>	<b>256,400</b>	<b>230,750</b>

Beginning Balance 01/01/12

General Fund	37,088	
Dry Hydrant	696	
Capital Improvement	76,212	
		<u>113,996</u>

Total Receipts 136,433

Total Expenses 20,137

Ending Balance 12/31/12

General Fund	43,156	
Dry Hydrant	696	
Capital Improvement	186,440	
		<u>230,292</u>

# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2013 BUDGET

## Rescue Department

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Change Budget 12/13
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	24,800	33,768	33,768	18,525	-15,243
Ambulance Billing	18,614	17,500	15,905	14,798	-2,702
Grants	0	8,367	16,734	0	-8,367
Donations	690	296	375	0	-296
Miscellaneous	70	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	2,427	2,427
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>44,174</b>	<b>59,931</b>	<b>66,782</b>	<b>35,750</b>	<b>-26,608</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Ambulance Reserve Fund	0	2,000	0	2,000	0
Equipment	0	300	0	300	0
Communications	657	200	2,732	500	300
Insurance	4,550	4,600	4,615	5,000	400
Education	1,325	1,000	1,300	1,300	300
Medical Supplies	1,272	1,000	2,920	1,500	500
Uniforms	0	200	98	200	0
Payroll & Social Security	3,399	3,600	3,655	3,800	200
Office expense	0	50	160	100	50
Maintenance (Veh.& Equip)	904	1,000	750	1,000	0
EMS Dispatch Fee	3,722	4,078	3,922	4,500	422
Building Expense	0	0	143	0	0
Contracted Services: EAS	19,360	22,176	15,547	12,750	-9,426
Contracted Services: Billing	1,392	1,750	1,778	2,800	1,050
Contracted Services: Other	1,298	0	0	0	0
Diesel fuel	25	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	10,459	16,734	0	-10,459
Miscellaneous	295	0	1,036	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>38,199</b>	<b>52,413</b>	<b>55,389</b>	<b>35,750</b>	<b>-16,663</b>

General Fund Reserve for Rescue Dept.

24,000.00 Ambulance Replacement

4,769.71 Cash on Hand

28,769.71



## **Montgomery Rescue 2013 Budget**

The most critical need facing Montgomery Rescue now is the need to recruit more certified members. We have been able to overcome the many recent obstacles we have faced, but without people to run the ambulance, our squad won't be able to continue. Declining membership increases the burden on those remaining squad members. We continue to seek out additional members and ask that if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of our ambulance service please contact Morgan Daybell, or myself. We realize that it is quite a commitment, but we feel it is personally rewarding and extremely important to the people of Montgomery!

We plan to continue utilizing Richford Ambulance Service to cover daytime hours for 2013 as this option allows us to keep our ambulance in operation for Montgomery from 6:00pm to 6:00am, and other times when members are available.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Scheffler  
Montgomery Rescue Business Manager

# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2012 BUDGET

## Recreation Department

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Change Budget 12/13
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers	6,853	8,000	8,284	8,000	0
Facilities Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Projected Activities	1,593	1,000	670	1,000	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>26,446</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>26,954</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Heating Fuel	2,069	1,000	1,097	1,200	200
Electricity	830	1,000	782	900	-100
Water	445	500	405	500	0
Telephone	312	300	180	150	-150
Payroll & SS	8,498	8,400	8,090	9,700	1,300
Building Maintenance	1,953	7,000	6,907	3,500	-3,500
Port-o-lets	919	900	938	950	50
Rubbish Removal	670	600	445	400	-200
Equipment	452	200	0	0	-200
Grounds Maintenance	5,458	2,600	442	1,000	-1,600
Lawn Care	3,485	3,500	3,663	3,600	100
Snow Removal	312	0	0	500	500
Tennis Maintenance	9,962	0	0	0	0
Office & Postage	81	200	67	100	-100
Activity Exp & Supplies	1,140	795	1,660	1,500	705
Capital Improvement	0	0	0	1,953	1,953
Playground Fund	0	0	0	1,047	1,047
Miscellaneous	0	0	920	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>36,586</b>	<b>26,995</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>5</b>

General Fund reserve for the Rec Dept

0 Capital Improvement Fund

-1,286 Cash on Hand

-1,286 Total

## **2012 RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

We are pleased to report that 2012 was another great year for the Recreation Department. Many services and a wide range of activities were provided for members of the community. In addition, a number of upgrades and improvements to recreational facilities were made.

### **SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**

**Programs on the Fields:** During the warmer months, residents of all ages played soccer, volleyball, tennis, softball, and baseball, including Little League.

**Recreation Center Ice Rink:** Unfortunately, the rink was not as well utilized last year due to weather.

**Programs Sponsored at the Montgomery Elementary School:** The Recreation Department continued to sponsor yoga and Zumba classes year round as well as volleyball and basketball in the gym during the winter months.

**Snowshoe Loan Program:** Montgomery Properties' willingness to oversee this program is greatly appreciated. Due to lack of snow, though, the snowshoes did not get as much use as usual.

### **SUMMER DAY CAMP:**

This program continued to thrive and grow. Attendance averaged approximately 45 to 50 campers per day, and was staffed by four counselors. Thanks to the continued support of the Town, the camp program remained free of charge to residents, and two meals per day were provided.

### **TEEN CENTER:**

This program has partnered with the Recreation Department and now uses the Field House.

### **MEMORIAL PAVILION:**

This facility was well utilized, having been reserved for eleven events this past year including weddings, bachelor parties, non-profit fund raisers, birthday parties and family reunions. In August, it was the site of the well attended and popular River Fest, sponsored by the Missisquoi River Basin Association.

### **EVENTS:**

**The Variety Show:** This event was held in the spring and, once again, was a great success. Eamon O'Shea and his crew did a wonderful job of coordinating it.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** The parade and Firemen's Chicken Barbeque were well attended and a lot of fun.

**Art Auction:** This was a collaborative effort involving the Town, Teen Center, Recreation Department, School and various artists as well as other generous community members. Special thanks go to Micky Doheny for his auctioneer skills and to Karen Frascella and Wendy Howard for the scrumptious meal. Once again, it was an enjoyable and successful event.

**Halloween Dance:** Many thanks to Eamon O'Shea and Jonathan Betts for bringing this event back. The costumes were incredibly creative, and the dancing was really fun. This was held as a fundraiser for much-needed new playground equipment.

**Pumpkin Lighting:** This year's Pumpkin Lighting was the biggest ever, with 150 to 200 people attending on a beautiful night to enjoy a bonfire, haunted trail, and carved pumpkins.

### **FACILITIES UPGRADES:**

A new roof was put on the Field House, and new shelving was installed in the shed. Thanks to the Little League, we now have new bleachers and new infield clay at the River Walk Park field.

### **PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR:**

The roof on the Peter von Conta Memorial Barbeque Shelter is in need of replacement. Members of the Board appreciate the Town's support of the Recreation Department, and we look forward to continuing our efforts on behalf of the residents of Montgomery in 2013.

Respectfully submitted by the voting members of the Recreation Department Board:

Nelson Mayhew  
Stephanie Machia

Peg Doheny  
Marsha Phillips

Lisa Perry  
Sue Reagan

Patty Hathaway



# MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY - 2012 BUDGET

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Change Budget 12/13
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	11,948	11,948	11,948	11,948	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	10,027	9,500	11,823	10,000	500
Grants	1,950	2,000	1,780	2,500	500
Use of Reserve Funds	0	5,522	1,045	9,155	3,633
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>23,925</b>	<b>28,970</b>	<b>26,596</b>	<b>33,603</b>	<b>4,633</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Books & Subscriptions	3,416	3,900	3,891	4,734	834
Equipment & Repairs	1,062	2,394	263	1,000	-1,394
Furniture & Shelving	80	400	133	400	0
Fundraising Expenses	1,269	1,447	371	1,450	3
Supplies	1,020	1,200	2,249	1,400	200
Mileage Reimbursement	498	726	553	565	-161
Miscellaneous	404	275	358	375	100
Postage	433	700	503	700	0
Printing	27	100	0	100	0
Programming	1,099	1,100	1,114	1,300	200
Payroll & SS & Benefits	12,277	14,162	14,641	17,573	3,411
Utilities(Phone & Internet)	352	466	392	466	0
Workshops & Memberships	0	100	480	1,040	940
Grant Expenditures	2,343	2,000	1,647	2,500	500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>24,280</b>	<b>28,970</b>	<b>26,596</b>	<b>33,603</b>	<b>4,633</b>

## Cash on Hand

Checking	834	1,351
Petty Cash	40	40
Due from Gen Fund	19643	18,081
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,517</b>	<b>19,472</b>



## MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY

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Tracey Durgan, Director

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January 2013

Dear fellow residents of Montgomery,

It is our great pleasure to bring you up to date on your local library. Our membership keeps increasing. In 2012, the public made 6840 visits to the library. Residents participated in the summer reading program and in Building Bright Futures playgroups and storytimes, as well as children's nature and wildlife programs, a "Summer Encore" theater (paid for in part by a grant), and a "Swingpeepers" family concert. The public also took advantage of T'ai Chi Chih classes, the Page-to-Screen book and movie series, a cozy Jazz Evening with Tony Whedon and Mike Martello, a poetry reading and lecture by Vermont Poet Laureate Sydney Lea, and dynamic presentations on diverse subjects from beads to astronomy.

In fall 2012, through the generosity of a Red Cross grant, we hosted another free Red Cross Babysitter's Training for teens. Additionally, our library was one of 30 participating in Vermont's Early Literacy Initiative for babies and toddlers. And in September, we hosted a Vermont Fish & Wildlife Hunter's Education class for the first time.

The staff and volunteers devoted many hours to automating the library, bringing it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century to join the vast majority of public libraries already using automated systems. The automation project will be completed in 2013, resulting in better accessibility and more convenience for patrons using the library.

This summer we hosted our fourth annual Montgomery Town Library Wine & Cheese Silent Auction at the Phineas Swann Inn, as well as our annual Book & Bake sale. These events, along with donations from our supporters, fund about 40 percent of our annual budget. The need for a full-service library in Montgomery continues to grow, and to meet this need the library director and trustees are committed to expanding our book acquisitions, hours of operation, services, and programming. Our town request of \$14,966 will support an increase in staff time for our library director, as well as an increase in our programming and acquisitions budgets.

In addition to its traditional role, Montgomery Town Library serves as an all-ages educational facility, a community center, and an internet café. We are proud of our library, which, at a cost of about \$12 per person, on average, provides year-round programming, services, and access to an up-to-date, diverse collection of books, periodicals, and other media.

Thank you so much for your continued support. We are here to serve you now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees Beth Crane, Bill Harlow, Rita Kalsmith, Mary Niles, Patty Perl, Patty Hathaway, and Jane Butterfield Presler



## MONTGOMERY YOUTH CENTER - 2013 BUDGET

	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Change Budget 12/13
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	8,000	8,000	8,000	6,000	-2,000
Donations/Fundraisers	299	4,000	212	3,000	-1,000
Grants	0	1,000	0	500	-500
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>8,299</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>8,212</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>-3,500</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries	3,478	10,000	5,797	9,000	-1,000
SS & Medi	266	775	444	700	-75
Telephone	208	325	371	450	125
Activity Exp & Supplies	1,734	1,000	47	750	-250
Office Supplies/Postage/Equip	368	100	0	50	-50
Resources & Training	0	700	147	500	-200
Miscellaneous	253	100	31	50	-50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>6,836</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>-1,500</b>

General Fund Reserve for the Teen Center

5,250.22

### Montgomery Teen Center

We would like to sincerely thank the Town of Montgomery for your continued support. 2012 has been a year of transition and recovery for the Montgomery Teen Center. With the relocation and subsequent renovations experienced due to our original location flooding in April 2011, we are still struggling to regain attendance. Having been closed for several months and the graduation of the majority of our regular attendees, we are still working to attract the current youth in town.

We have also experienced more turnover on our Board of Directors. We were very fortunate to have had the energy and ideas of Christina Bilodeau and Joan Grossman for their terms. To fill their vacant seats on the Board, we are very excited to be adding Felicity Barnard and Meagan Robidoux. We, with the approval of the Selectboard, have moved from a 5-seat Board, to a 3-seat Board. The decision to do so was driven by a seeming lack of interest or ability of parents to serve and we felt we were using our time trying to fill these positions when our efforts are needed for fundraising. With that said, we are still looking to fill one more seat. This would allow our Director, Deanna Robitaille, to focus on the day-to-day management of the Teen Center and also have a full Board for support and fundraising efforts.

With our new members we hope to refocus our fundraising efforts. While one or two large scale events are still our goal, we are open to smaller events as well. Our hopes are to find fundraising opportunities that compliment those events already so well supported by our wonderful townspeople.

The focus of our program remains. We provide a safe, supervised space for children ages 12-17 to gather, learn and grow. Our efforts continue to increase awareness and prevention of the troubling behaviors that persistently plague our children. Programs like ours have proven to be a very useful tool to help steer today's youth in a more healthy and productive direction.

We would also like to again thank the Montgomery Rec Department for allowing us to utilize the space in the building at the Rec Center. We have been able to turn their storage room into a comfortable, welcoming area for our youth to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Robitaille, Director

Felicity Barnard

Meagan Robidoux



## 2012 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Work on the Town-wide reappraisal continues, as ordered by the State of Vermont. Our goal is to complete the work for the 2013 Grand List. Should we be unable to reach this goal, we will apply for an extension. We have hired Rich Lewis of Lewis Appraisal Services to help us finish the property inspections and other tasks which remain. We appreciate everyone's assistance in allowing Rich to inspect your properties. We have had many compliments in regards to Mr. Lewis' knowledge and professionalism from property owners that have had the opportunity to meet with him. If your property has yet to be inspected for the reappraisal, you may call Sharon Perry at 802-326-3135 or email [montgomerylisters@fairpoint.net](mailto:montgomerylisters@fairpoint.net) to schedule an appointment.

In January 2013, the Selectboard reluctantly accepted the resignation of our senior lister, Sharon Perry. Sharon has agreed to provide assistance with the reappraisal as her schedule permits, on a volunteer basis. Deanna Robitaille has joined the Board of Listers and is receiving on-the-job training. We hope to have Deanna doing data entry for the reappraisal within the next month. We are happy to have Deanna on the team, and she is excited to learn about a new facet of municipal government.

We have had many inquiries about the new values for the reappraisal. We anticipate releasing the Change of Appraisal Book in June of this year. Copies will be mailed to all property owners.

Property values in Montgomery remain relatively stable as supported by 2012 sales figures. The Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is currently at 77.57, up approximately 1.44 points from last year. To apply the CLA to your property, divided your Real value (from the Assessed Value column on your tax bill) by 0.7757. The result approximates what is considered a Fair Market Value for your property.

We currently have approximately \$50,000 remaining in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund with anticipated contributions from the Town (\$4,000) and the State of Vermont (\$9,200) totaling \$13,200 this year. Having allocated monies to this Fund annually allows the town to complete the reappraisal without a marked increase in tax rates. We feel confident that we will complete the reappraisal with these funds.

If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. One of the Listers can usually be reached on Thursdays and Fridays at 802-326-4719.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Listers

Parma Jewett

Lynda Cluba

Deanna Robitaille

**LISTER REAPPRAISAL FUND  
FINANCIAL REPORT - 2012**

Beginning Balance 1/1/12 77,255.03

**RECEIPTS**

Taxes	0.00	
VT - Reappraisal	9,196.00	
		<u>9,196.00</u>
		86,451.03

**EXPENSES**

Wages & SS	6,733.53	
Mileage Reimb	88.53	
Contracted Services	29,000.00	
Supplies	190.00	
		<u>36,012.06</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/12 50,438.97

**MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT - 2012**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/12**

Checking	36.05	
CD - 110	8,285.41	
CD - 225	1,229.51	
CD - 233	15,873.64	
CD - 274	9,304.42	
CD - 892	57,112.76	
Charles Lumbra Fund	2,001.34	
		<u>\$93,843.13</u>

**RECEIPTS**

Interest Income	1,786.84	
Donations	0.00	
Lots Sold	1,200.00	
		<u>\$2,986.84</u>

**EXPENSES**

Grounds Maintenance	3,539.00	
		<u>\$3,539.00</u>

**Ending Balance 12/31/12**

Checking	418.75	
CD - 110	8,343.77	
CD - 225	39,228.45	
CD - 233	15,000.00	
CD - 274	8,300.00	
CD - 892	20,000.00	
Charles Lumbra Fund	2,000.00	
		<u>\$93,290.97</u>

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

Beginning Balance 1/1/12		
Saxon Ind Stock	2,628.05	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	11,316.07	
Cash on Hand	<u>40.00</u>	
		13,984.12
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Interest from Certificates	<u>23.09</u>	
		23.09
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Care of Old Cemetery	270.00	
Bank Charges	<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>270.00</u>
		<u>13,737.21</u>
<b>ASSETS: as of 12/31/12</b>		
TD Bank Checking	2,398.05	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	11,339.16	
Cash on Hand	<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>13,737.21</u>
Respectfully submitted,		
Lorraine St Onge, Treasurer		

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**Financial Report 2012**

Beginning Balance 1/1/12		
CD's	20,800.23	
Checking	<u>418.56</u>	
		21,218.79
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Interest	394.53	
Donations	<u>75.00</u>	
		469.53
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Lawncare	0.00	
Insurance	<u>100.00</u>	
		<u>100.00</u>
		<u>21,588.32</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/12		
CD's	20,800.23	
Checking	788.09	
		<u>21,588.32</u>
Respectfully, <i>Lois Lumbra</i>		



# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2013 BUDGET

## Water Department

	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Budget 2012	Actual 2012	Budget 2013
<b>Revenues</b>					
Water Usage	58,854	59,718	59,000	61,267	59,000
Delinquent Interest/Penalties	391	340	200	0	0
Refunds/Rebates/Donations	10,998	2,010	0	568	500
Interest	370	292	400	84	50
User Bond Receipts	37,855	33,932	33,700	33,897	33,700
Service Fees	2,731	2,831	1,000	8,456	1,000
Equipment Sold	2,500	0	0	0	0
Town of Montgomery	13,737	13,737	13,737	13,737	13,737
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>127,435</b>	<b>112,860</b>	<b>108,037</b>	<b>118,009</b>	<b>107,987</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries	17,334	2,614	0	367	0
Town Admin Assessment	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Technology equip/support	718	1,612	1,000	0	1,000
Training	220	0	600	0	500
Utilities	10,625	10,350	11,000	10,584	11,000
Contracted Services	10,481	34,601	35,000	35,000	37,000
Miscellaneous	1,744	3,179	0	5,509	500
Vehicle Expense	1,321	0	0	0	0
Water Testing	1,642	320	500	1,002	1,085
Office Expense	1,418	1,158	1,500	971	1,000
Equipment	3,116	5,973	2,500	1,282	1,500
Facilities Maintenance	2,442	2,131	2,500	1,596	2,000
VT Fees	207	265	250	294	300
Annual Bond Payment	46,202	46,202	46,202	46,202	46,202
Association Dues	165	165	200	165	200
Chemicals	766	549	800	357	500
Legal Services	0	0	200	0	200
Pagers	439	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>98,841</b>	<b>109,118</b>	<b>107,252</b>	<b>108,329</b>	<b>107,987</b>

Beginning Balance 01/01/12

Checking	22,344.25	
Savings	108,451.26	
		<u>130,795.51</u>

Total Receipts 113,900.59

Total Expenses 108,328.51

Ending Balance 12/31/12

Checking	27,848.10	
Savings	108,519.49	
		<u>136,367.59</u>

**Total Balance of Delinquent Water Bills as of 12/31/12      \$      884.14**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012	
NAME	TAX AMOUNT
2009 PROPERTY TAXES	
Deuso, Olive	\$ 76.63
<b>TOTAL 2009 TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 76.63</b>
2010 PROPERTY TAXES	
Desautels, Jodi	\$ 318.49
Deuso, Olive	\$ 77.39
<b>TOTAL 2010 TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 396.88</b>
2011 PROPERTY TAXES	
Desautels, Jodi	\$ 2,422.05
Deuso, Olive	\$ 74.53
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,383.68
Godfrey, Luke and Amy	\$ 1,312.11
Godfrey, Luke	\$ 2,136.66
**Lumbra, Dale	\$ 72.83
**Manchester, Stewart	\$ 831.58
*Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 176.15
<b>TOTAL 2011 TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 8,409.69</b>
2012 PROPERTY TAXES	
Abramowitz, Michael and June	\$ 1,371.70
Barnes, Clayton, Jr.	\$ 352.64
Bartolomeo, Glen	\$ 5,170.42
Black Flies Trust	\$ 1,590.82
Collins, Christopher	\$ 1,557.64
**Cousino, David and Ruth	\$ 1,806.20
Damstrom, Thomas	\$ 635.01
**Davis, Bain	\$ 2,639.44
Desautels, Jodi	\$ 997.08
Deuso, Allen	\$ 1,292.60
Deuso, Olive - c/o Lila Deuso	\$ 76.83
Deuso, Roger	\$ 2,172.86
Donna, Daniel and Rose	\$ 2,463.46
Ducolon, Stacey	\$ 967.73
Ellis, Donald and Mary	\$ 3,247.33
Farrar, Lee	\$ 2,519.68
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,666.57
Fleming, Danielle	\$ 1,151.58
Fournier, Aaron	\$ 476.82
**Francis, Andrew	\$ 153.65
*Gadpaille, Eric	\$ 161.58
*Gadpaille, Eric	\$ 203.16
Geary, Joseph and Longe, Tammy	\$ 1,159.21
Godfrey, Luke and Amy - 12.168X	\$ 1,523.11
Godfrey, Luke - 30.031X	\$ 2,940.39
Goff, Patrick	\$ 2,620.43
* Hill, Susan	\$ 797.45
* Lumbra, Dale	\$ 1,209.23
* Manchester, Stewart	\$ 3,082.36
McDonald, Ryan	\$ 1,353.55
Mercy, Duane	\$ 1,261.02
Noleffe, Sean	\$ 815.78
**Nutting Farm	\$ 655.13
Ondorff, James	\$ 508.46
Perry, Nonna - c/o Perry, Robert - 10.005X	\$ 725.40
Perry, Nonna and Robert - 10.007X	\$ 189.63
* Pigeon, Donna	\$ 1,142.12
Quintin, Karie	\$ 2,423.94
Quintin, Theodore	\$ 1,100.52
Reed, Christopher - 25.013B	\$ 2,662.04
Reed, Christopher and Muriel - 25.015X	\$ 1,046.29
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David	\$ 917.48
Smith, James and Doris	\$ 751.69
Snider, Michael and Tracy	\$ 1,491.21
**Sylvester, Margaret	\$ 506.82
Sylvester, Nicole - 11.052A	\$ 222.59
Sylvester, Nicole and Gendron, Robert	\$ 773.36
Sylvester, Stacy and Garrow, Alan	\$ 345.75
*Walsh, Michael	\$ 637.26
**Wedel Trust	\$ 1,226.66
Wilson, Peter and Michelle	\$ 1,464.35
Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 357.59
**Worthington, Cleve and Becky	\$ 948.02
Wynn, Ricky and Cindy	\$ 1,222.55
<b>TOTAL 2012 TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 71,776.37</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 81,668.47</b>
**Paid in full as of February 1, 2013	
*Partial paid as of February 1, 2013	

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
JANUARY 1, 2012 - DECEMBER 31, 2012

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX DUE</u>	<u>TAX COLLECTED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>	<u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u>
2008	\$ 766.96	\$ 766.96	\$ -	\$ 61.35	\$ 292.83
2009	\$ 6,347.00	\$ 6,270.37	\$ 76.63	\$ 501.64	\$ 1,692.39
2010	\$ 8,189.66	\$ 7,793.78	\$ 395.88	\$ 623.55	\$ 1,200.20
2011	\$ 59,731.66	\$ 50,322.07	\$ 9,409.59	\$ 4,025.76	\$ 3,761.17
2012	<u>\$ 162,303.80</u>	<u>\$ 90,527.43</u>	<u>\$ 71,776.37</u>	<u>\$ 7,242.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,398.45</u>
TOTALS	\$ 237,339.08	\$ 155,680.61	\$ 81,658.47	\$ 12,454.52	\$ 8,345.04

Taxes Collected:	\$155,680.61
8% Penalties Collected:	\$ 12,454.52
Interest Collected:	<u>\$ 8,345.04</u>
Total Paid to the Treasurer by A. Woodward:	\$176,480.17



### 2012 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
January 28	Bode Lucas Jewett	Jared Michael Jewett	Emily Jean Powers
January 30	Mason Emery Quintin	Travis Clesson Sartwell	Karie Marie Quintin
March 18	Maveric Paul Sylvester	Paul Alan Sylvester Jr	Kristi Lee Charron
March 18	Clara Naomi Hope Worthington	Erik Shane Worthington	Bethany Worthington
March 28	Xavier Crosby Klemmer	Jonathan Joseph Klemmer	Kimberly Anne Klemmer
April 9	Rose Marie Witherspoon	John Franklin Witherspoon	Allison May Witherspoon
April 18	Miya Mae Many		Samantha Marie Bockus
May 2	Chloe Catherine Silva	Matthew Joseph Silva	Sarah Catharine Silva
July 12	Aubrey-Ella Lee Ploof	Kyle James Ploof	Sabrena Marie Murray
July 24	Cordelia Evelyn Marshall	Daniel Aaron Marshall	Jillian-Teresa Marie Sgroi
August 20	Jasmine Onyx Broe	Travis Wayne Broe	Iris Jordie Smith
October 6	Rylyn Alan Robitaille		Sara Louise Robitaille
December 17	Leia Rose Hatterick	Jyi Michael Hatterick	Sara Elaine Bonyea
December 26	Thomas Robert Lawyer	Kyle Redman Lawyer	Whitney Elizabeth Benzing

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### 2012 DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
January 7	Robert Leon Cota	Montgomery Center
January 21	Rosanna M Brunton	Montgomery Center
February 15	Charles Earl Henderson	Montgomery Center
February 16	Eric Hazen Cota	Montgomery Center
February 27	Marion R Delear	Montgomery
March 2	Kenneth Merle Cota	Montgomery
April 17	Theresa Beatrice Snider	Montgomery Center
April 23	Rita Bernadette Tatro	Montgomery Center
September 21	Theodore Joseph Quintin	Montgomery Center
November 19	Arthur Raymond McFarland	Montgomery Center

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### 2012 CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>			<u>Town of Residence</u>
February 11	Natalie Marie Booth	Patrick Wayne Hereford	Newton, Massachusetts
February 16	Eric Jason Bucka	Patrycja Dagmara Grochalski	North Kingstown, Rhode Island
February 25	John Steger Frazer	Tamara Anne Aylor	Trooper, Pennsylvania
March 26	Journey Garner Snoke	Thomas Mark Johnston	Montgomery Center
March 26	Jocelyn Maxine Paul	Michael Anthony Demalo	Port Henry, Ontario
April 1	Kathleen F Lavene	Karlton L Raines-Neidigh	Eatontown, New Jersey
June 5	Elizabeth Ellen Sims	Dione Nicole Brown	Pensacola, Florida
June 16	Preston Gene Skupinski	Garrett Allen Fairbanks	New Hudson, Michigan
July 14	Sarah Theresa Chauvin	Michael Peltier	Long Island City, New York
July 15	Teri Lynn Donna	Joshua James Irish Parizo	Montgomery
July 28	Donald Gilferd Blanchard Jr	Nicole Ann Nickse	Montgomery Center
August 18	Rachael Marie Putnam	Todd Kristian Campbell	Montgomery
August 25	Colleen Marie St Cyr	Matthew Burton Brown	Galloway, Ohio
September 8	Charlotte Montgomery Dennis	Matthew Blair Crowley	Montgomery
September 15	Neil Joseph Ingalls	Brant Allen Granger	Plantation, Florida
September 22	Whitney Jo-Ann Cota	Thomas Duron Nelson	Montgomery Center
September 22	Erika Monty Viens	David Michael Sturgeon	Montgomery Center
September 29	Leigh Evelyn Fraser Jaschke	Matthew Leigh Berg	New York, New York
October 4	Charity Anne Olsen	Lea Harrison Maurer	Ann Arbor, Michigan
October 10	Paul Parker Patno	Tammy Annette Donaldson	Montgomery



## **Town Of Montgomery**

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### **2012 Montgomery Zoning Report**

The Selectboard accepted Christina Bilodeau's resignation with regret towards the end of 2012. She has done an excellent job as Zoning Administrator and we wish her well. Thanks Christina!

The following was pulled from the Zoning files.

During 2012 there were 37 Applications for Zoning/Building Permits processed. Of those 7 were for new houses, an increase of 4 over 2011. A full break out and details are available from the Zoning Administrator upon request.

There were seven applications to the DRB with 5 hearings and actions completed.

There were thirteen Certificates of Zoning Compliance issued. Compliance letters are required by lending institutions when properties are changing ownership or being refinanced.

Barry Kade is Acting Zoning Administrator until a new Administrator can be appointed. You can reach the Zoning Administrator's voice mail at 326-9001 or by email at [montgomeryzoning@yahoo.com](mailto:montgomeryzoning@yahoo.com). If you are unsure whether you may need a permit, please don't hesitate to call and ask questions.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation and support.



## 2012 Annual Report of the Montgomery Conservation Commission

2012 proved to be another successful year for the Conservation Commission. The Commission hosted a number of workshops and programs for community members on a wide array of topics, including winter tree identification, the care and management of wild apple trees, and spring ephemerals and vernal pools. We also partnered with the Richford Conservation Commission to host an afternoon workshop on summer wildflowers, wild edibles, and forest song birds. In partnership with the *Wild and Scenic River Study Committee*, the Commission hosted the *Vermont Institute of Natural Science* in June for an afternoon of Raptors—bird species of prey. This was one of our best attended events, with over 90 people of all ages coming out for the two hour program. The Commission also hosted the *American Chestnut Foundation* in October for an evening discussion on the future of the chestnut in our northern forests.

In addition, this past year the Conservation Commission hosted events involving a number of other regional conservation groups. In September we held a Trackers Gathering, which brought together participants in the *Keeping Track Monitoring Program* and *Wild Paths* projects—two regional wildlife tracking programs sponsored by *Cold Hollow to Canada*—for a morning spent tracking in the field, and an afternoon of presentations on Black Bear, Marten and Forest Song Birds, followed by a lively potluck with music from the Missisquoi River Band. With over sixty people in attendance, it was a huge success. In October the Commission hosted a Conservation Commission Summit, inviting other commissions from around our region for an evening of good food and discussion about the various programs and initiatives in which each commission is engaged. With representatives from six towns present, great ideas were exchanged, and the seeds for expanding future programs were sown. We hope to make this an annual event to continue the exchange of ideas in our region.

This year was the second in the Commission's *Invasive Species Control Demonstration Project*, focusing on Japanese knotweed along West Hill Brook in partnership with the *Missisquoi River Basin Association*. The Commission held two work days with over 40 community members turning out to help work the demonstration site. For the second year in a row, the knotweed which was cut went to the Boston Post Dairy in Enosburg where it was chowed down on by their goats. The Commission plans to carry on this project next year as a part of its ongoing effort to spread the word about invasive species in our region.

In addition, the Commission undertook a number of fundraising activities, including bringing *Vermont Vaudeville* to the Grange Hall in May, selling fried dough at the MWRA's annual *Riverfest* in August, and selling calendars this winter featuring the rivers, streams and waterfalls of Montgomery. The funds raised will be crucial in continuing the Commission's mission to bring to our community informative, interesting and fun programming about the natural resources around us, and the place we call home. In 2013 we hope to bring VINS back to the Grange Hall. We also hope to bring Sue Morse from *Keeping Track*, along with her amazing traveling natural history museum to Montgomery for an evening of hands-on wildlife exploration. We plan to continue our efforts to provide local outdoor workshops and indoor programs on everything from fisheries biology, to *Cerceris* wasps and the hunt for Emerald Ash Borer.

The Commission would like to thank everyone who donated time, energy and (especially) culinary skills to help to make our events so successful! Without the volunteer effort that's so strong in our community, none of this could have been possible.

*Respectfully Submitted by the Montgomery Conservation Commission*

Charlie Hancock, Joan Hildreth, Todd Lantery, Parma Jewett, Sue Wilson





Upper Missisquoi & Trout Rivers Study

The Wild and Scenic Study of the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers was congressionally authorized in 2009 at the request of local advocates. The Study has focused on the rivers in 10 area municipalities: Berkshire, Enosburg Falls, Enosburgh, Jay, Lowell, Montgomery, North Troy, Richford, Troy, and Westfield.

The Study Committee, made up of Select-board appointed, local representatives, gathered information about the rivers and their value to local citizens. They found that our rivers and valleys are cherished because of their agricultural heritage, rural character, quality waters, recreational opportunities, scenic working landscapes, history and natural resources. As these resources are unique or outstanding at local, state and national levels, the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers qualify for National Wild and Scenic designation.

The Study Committee developed a voluntary, non-regulatory Management Plan to inform citizens about these outstanding resources, and present recommendations designed to help protect the rivers' values for current and future generations.

At your 2013 Town Meeting you will be asked to vote on the adoption of the Management Plan, which recommends applying for federal Wild and Scenic Designation. The article is written as follows:

*To see if the voters of the Town of Montgomery will petition the Congress of the United States of America that the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers with the understanding that such designation would be based on the locally-developed rivers Management Plan and would not involve federal acquisition or management of lands.*

Favorable votes at Town Meeting will demonstrate local support for designation which is important for further action by Congress; designation will occur if Congress enacts a bill adding the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers into the Wild and Scenic Rivers System which is then signed into law by the President. If there are towns which do not vote to support designation, the Study Committee will talk with community members in 'no' towns to ascertain why the voters may have rejected the article, work to

address any concerns, and consider requesting municipal reconsideration of the article at a future town-wide vote.

Voting in favor of this article will not require appropriation of Town funds; in fact, designated rivers typically receive federal funds for river-related projects.

Benefits of Wild and Scenic Designation include:

- ≈ Qualification for annual federal funds to help support river-related resources
- ≈ Formation of a locally-appointed Committee to implement the Management Plan
- ≈ Greater protection for the rivers from federal projects, along with greater involvement in the federal project review process through the local Committee
- ≈ Use of designation in marketing to increase business and tourism if desired

Designation does **not**:

- ≈ Designation does **not** involve federal acquisition or management of lands; local communities maintain governance and control of rivers and their valleys
- ≈ Designation does **not** cost local communities; it does qualify the municipalities to receive federal funds to support recommendations in the Management Plan
- ≈ Designation does **not** allow for new hydroelectric dams in the Study Area; however, we have excluded existing projects from the designated area

Our Management Plan is available on our website, and questions may be directed to our Coordinator or your Town Representatives.

Respectfully submitted by your Appointees to the Study Committee, Todd Lantery and Keith Sampietro, and the Wild and Scenic Study Coordinator, Shana Stewart Deeds.

Please contact us with any questions or comments prior to the vote:  
[www.vtwsr.org](http://www.vtwsr.org) | [info@vtwsr.org](mailto:info@vtwsr.org)

THE UPPER MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS WILD AND SCENIC STUDY - Check out **[www.vtwsr.org](http://www.vtwsr.org)** for more information.





# 2012 Town Report

The Regional Commission is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by and serving the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners. Northwest Regional Planning Commission implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs.

## Northwest Regional Planning Commission Projects & Programs:

**Municipal plan and bylaw updates and related technical assistance:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education and training, bylaw modernization and plan updates.

**Brownfields:** Complete environmental site assessments and fund clean-ups so properties can be sold, developed or re-developed to benefit the economy, create or protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.

**Transportation planning:** Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans and traffic counts.

**Emergency response planning:** Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and VT Emergency Management on emergency response planning, exercises and training.

**Energy conservation and development:** Implement projects to support municipal energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars, support job training programs, and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.

**Watershed planning and project development:** Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities and address known sources of pollution.

**Regional plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.

**Geographic information services:** Provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.

**Special projects:** Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development and affordable housing projects.

**Grants:** Provide assistance identifying appropriate grant sources, defining a project scope and writing grant applications.

## In Montgomery the Northwest Regional Planning Commission:

- ✦ Provided traffic data, detour information and other materials to support a successful request to increase weight limits as part of the Longley Bridge Rehabilitation Project.
- ✦ Provided technical assistance, mapping, and policy guidance for the Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw updates.
- ✦ Updated the E-911 poster map, road atlas and road map.
- ✦ Provided zoning technical assistance.

Montgomery  
Regional Commissioners:  
Carol McGregor & One Vacant Seat

Transportation Advisory  
Committee:  
Carol McGregor

In the coming year the Commission will further develop our new Healthy People, Strong Communities project to promote economic development and community health. We will also continue our programs in local and regional planning and project implementation and will provide other needed services to our member municipalities. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds needed for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. NRPC is your resource -- please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, mapping, or other needs.

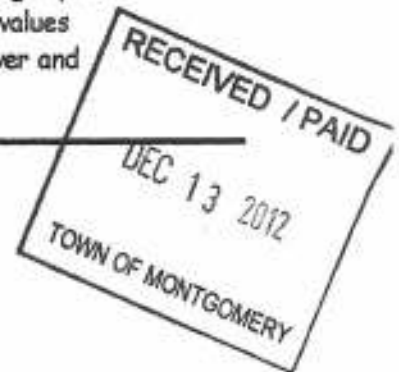


## Missisquoi River Basin Association

Our goal is to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the Missisquoi River system so that the uses and values desired by the community are supported by the river and quality of its water.

December 6, 2012

Town of Montgomery  
P.O. Box 356  
Montgomery, VT 05471



Dear Montgomery Selectboard members and Residents of Montgomery,

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) is a volunteer-based organization which since 1996 has been working with community members to understand and improve water quality issues in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries. We have generated over 17,600 volunteer hours to plant trees and perform other types of streambank stabilization, clean up trash from the river banks, and conduct water quality sampling in conjunction with the Agency of Natural Resources laboratory. Montgomery Elementary teachers have borrowed our educational tools and brought 'Bugworks' (a program made available free of charge which links stream health to water bugs and fish) to their students. We have also hosted tree planting workdays with Montgomery students, our River Festival at the Montgomery Rec Center, we regularly hold public information meetings on water quality issues, and partner with the Montgomery Conservation Commission on a Japanese knotweed removal project.

We assist farmers and other landowners who want to implement techniques to reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff. These techniques range from planting trees in streambank buffer areas, to installing waterbars, to lining culvert outlet basins, to seeding down areas of bare earth and seeding cover crops in corn fields. Our assistance can be in the form of hands-on fieldwork or cost-sharing on specific projects (such as nutrient management planning) designed to meet these goals. We have received recognition for our efforts to help achieve a 'Clean and Clear' Lake Champlain and the streams that feed it.

Our volunteers come from many sources – school groups, retirees, employees of local businesses, concerned citizens, teachers and landowners, to name a few. In order to continue making all these programs available free of charge next year, we respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$500 donation. Your donation would be used to help us meet our overhead expenses (rent, telephone, internet, postage, planning meetings, and newsletters) which amount to over \$12,000 annually and which are virtually impossible to cover through grants.

Your support of our organization last year is greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2013 request.

Sincerely,

John Little  
Chair





*The Resource for seniors and their  
caregivers in the Champlain Valley*

**THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING, INC.** has been helping people age with independence and dignity for over 30 years. During this past year, CVAA provided services to 63 older residents of Montgomery. CVAA is grateful to the citizens of Montgomery for their ongoing support of services for area seniors.

**THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF MONTGOMERY INCLUDE:**  
**MEALS ON WHEELS** ~ CVAA provides hot wholesome meals to seniors who are age 60 or over. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals who are ill, frail, or recuperating after a hospital stay and unable to prepare their own meal. This past year 12 Montgomery seniors participated in the Meals on Wheels program.

**SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS** ~ Montgomery seniors attend CVAA community meals and participate in the CVAA restaurant ticket program. In addition to a nutritious meal, the community meal provides socialization and companionship for older people who may be isolated or live alone. Over 46 Montgomery seniors participated in the community meals program.

**CASE MANAGEMENT** ~ CVAA Case Managers make in-home visits and connect individuals with the services and resources they need in order to remain independent and in their own home. Harry Benoit, the CVAA Case Manager for Montgomery, worked with 13 seniors in your town. Harry may be reached through the CVAA office at 865-0360 or 1-800-642-5119.

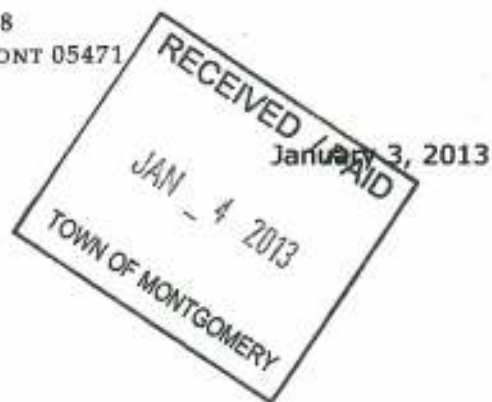
**SENIOR HELPLINE** ~ CVAA operates a toll-free service that provides answers to any question or concern regarding services for older people. Seniors, or their family members, can reach the Senior HelpLine by calling 1-800-642-5119 (Voice/TTY) during business hours.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AGENCY,  
OR TO INQUIRE ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,  
CALL 865-0360 OR 1-800-642-5119 (VOICE/TTY)  
YOU MAY ALSO VISIT US AT: [WWW.CVAA.ORG](http://WWW.CVAA.ORG)**



# HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478  
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471



Town of Montgomery  
P.O. Box 356  
Montgomery Center VT 05471

Dear Friends:

We are writing to ask the voters of the Town of Montgomery to approve a request for a contribution of \$1000 to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund in 2013, our 20th year providing programs for area families.

Each summer 125 children ages 6 to 14 attend 1-week camp sessions at the Hazen's Notch Association on the Hazen's Notch Road in Montgomery. Last year the HNA Campership Fund raised \$3,770 enabling 14 children from 8 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past ten years the voters of Montgomery at Town Meeting have approved a request for a contribution to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund.

If voters approve this request for a \$1000 contribution, school administrators in the Montgomery Elementary School may then recommend one or more students from Montgomery who wish to attend the HNA Summer Camp to receive partial or full financial assistance towards the camp fee. Camp fees are \$200 for the Day Camp and \$400 for the Overnight Camp.

On behalf of the families served by the campership fund, thank you for your continued support of the Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund.

Yours truly,

*Rolf Anderson*

Rolf Anderson  
President  
Hazen's Notch Association



HNA Board of Directors

Rolf Anderson, Montgomery; Elaine Bruckner, Montgomery; David Hunter, Newport Center; Patricia Lambert, Richford; Scott Mueller, Enosburg; Charlotte Rosshandler, Richford; Matthew Speroni, Montgomery; Louise Wright, Enosburg.

The Hazen's Notch Association is a non-profit, member-supported, conservation organization located in Montgomery, Vermont. The HNA was founded in 1994 to promote and engage in conservation of agricultural and forest lands, environmental education, outdoor recreation, scientific research, and stewardship of natural resources.

For complete information, please visit our website: [www.hazensnotch.org](http://www.hazensnotch.org)



## **2012 – Vermont Department of Health Report - Montgomery**

The Vermont Department of Health is working for your health every day. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. We work to promote and protect your health, and we prepare for and respond to public health events and emergencies.

Through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) we served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5, providing individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. 39 women, infants and children living in Montgomery were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

The St. Albans District Office promoted immunizations and worked to control the spread of infectious diseases like influenza, measles and Pertussis (whooping cough). This year saw another rise in the number of cases of Pertussis, from 95 statewide in 2011 to 471 from January 1 to November 30, 2012. Franklin and Grand Isle Counties had 34 confirmed cases of Pertussis.

Vaccine for children is provided at no cost to health care providers statewide in order to protect young children against vaccine-preventable diseases. The St. Albans District Office sponsored walk-in clinics beginning in September and running through February 2013 and provided vaccinations to 270 individuals.

A new online resource (Environmental Public Health Tracking) was launched that brings environmental and public health data together in one place. The Tracking portal, at [healthvermont.gov/tracking](http://healthvermont.gov/tracking), has searchable local and national data and about the state's air quality, asthma hospitalizations, birth defects, cancer rates, carbon monoxide poisoning, drinking water, heart attacks, lead poisoning and reproductive health.

Through the Vermont Department of Health, the Franklin Grand Isle Regional Prevention Collaborative was awarded \$140,000 to prevent chronic disease by increasing access to healthy eating and opportunities to be physically active, supporting Healthy Retailers, preventing alcohol and drug abuse, reducing exposure to second hand smoke, and helping smokers to quit.

The St. Albans District Office is located at 20 Houghton Street, Suite 312 and the phone number is 802-524-7970 or toll free 1-888-253-8801.

- Visit [healthvermont.gov](http://healthvermont.gov) for more information, news, alerts, and resources
- Follow the St. Albans District Office at [www.facebook.com/vdhstalbans](http://www.facebook.com/vdhstalbans)



**Franklin County Home Health Agency  
Information Sheet  
Montgomery**

**What is Franklin County Home Health Agency?**

Franklin County Home Health Agency is a 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation that has been providing home health care, hospice, and support services for the residents of Franklin County since 1969. The Agency is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors which represents the communities we serve.

**What is the Agency's Mission and Purpose?**

The mission of the Agency is to provide high quality health care in a community setting. We are committed to excellence in service. We strive to meet the needs of our clients in a professional manner that promotes health, independence, comfort, dignity and quality of life.

**What is the Agency's service area?**

The Agency serves all 15 towns in Franklin County through our two offices - one in St. Albans and one in Enosburg Falls.

**What are the Agency's Programs & Services?**

Our largest program is our **Home Care Program**. This program provides medically necessary health care services to people of all ages who are typically not able to leave their home to receive medical care. Examples include: individuals who need dressing changes following surgery; a person newly diagnosed with diabetes needing insulin administration and instruction; or a mother and newborn newly discharged from the hospital.

Our **Hospice Program** cares for people with a terminal illness for whom the prognosis is less than six months of life. The focus of this care is on achieving comfort and quality of life in the last days of life.

The Agency provides community based **long term care services**. These services assist disabled and elderly members of our community with activities such as personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, errands and shopping to allow them to stay in their own home when they otherwise would be at risk of being admitted to a nursing home. These programs provide valuable services to our community, particularly as the population of our county ages.

We also provide services to pregnant women and infants through our **Maternal Child Health Programs**, and **Childbirth Education** programs. These programs help to prepare expectant women for healthy pregnancies, labor, delivery and new infant care. Our newest program, **Nurse Family Partnership®**, is a nationally recognized evidence based program for first time low income mothers to promote healthy pregnancy, break the cycle of poverty, strengthen communities and improve lives.

In addition to these programs, we offer infusion therapy, telemonitoring, foot clinics, flu shot clinics, grief and bereavement services and wellness program to our community.

The Center for Health and Wellness, our collaborative effort with Northwestern Medical Center, Northwest Counseling and Support Services, and the Vermont Department of Health provides health education programs and screenings throughout the entire county. Our goal is to prevent disease and improve the overall health of our community.

**How many people are on staff at the Agency?**

The Agency currently has a staff of 200 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Nursing Assistants, Care Attendants, Medical Social Work, and Office Support Staff.

**How many clients did the Agency serve in 2012?**

During the last year, the Agency made 76,679 visits. The Agency provided services to 1633 residents of Franklin County.

**How many clients were served in Montgomery during the past year?**

32 residents of Montgomery received 1,041 visits. The breakdown by type of visit was:

346	Skilled Nursing
141	Physical Therapy
2	Speech Language Pathology
62	Occupational Therapy
24	Medical Social Work
387	Nursing Assistants
13	Homemaker
66	Long Term Care Attendant Services
0	Volunteer Visits

**How are services paid for?**

As a Medicare certified Agency, the Agency, receives reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurances. In 2012, the Agency received 85 percent of its revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

The Agency is committed to providing medically necessary home care services to all those in need regardless of their ability to pay. Without appropriations and contributions from the towns, United Way and donor gifts, our ability to provide care could be seriously diminished.

**Why does the Agency need money from towns?**

The Agency depends on money received from towns to subsidize the cost of care provided to patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Last year, the Agency provided more than \$599,000 in free and subsidized care.

**Where do I call for more information about the Agency?**

For more information about the services provided by Franklin County Home Health Agency please call 527-7531 or visit our web site at [www.fchha.org](http://www.fchha.org).





FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION



November 20, 2012

Scott Perry, Chair  
Montgomery Select Board  
Montgomery Town Clerk's Office  
PO Box 356  
Montgomery, VT 05471

Dear Scott,

Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) is your county non-profit development corporation. The Corporation is engaged in the process of building a strong and diversified market economy that serves the interest of area enterprises, municipalities and residents.

The Corporation begins its forty-second (42<sup>nd</sup>) year of work with tremendous pride. The creation of quality employment opportunities and capital investment remains our primary consideration. We understand that some towns have limited opportunity for industrial development, but all communities benefit from the creation of jobs within other parts of Franklin County.

FCIDC continues to partner with public and private entities to assist existing businesses to expand, grow and develop into sound employers with educated, quality employees. A large sector of the Franklin County economy includes dairy and value added agricultural products. Enclosed you will find a Diversified Ag Directory; FCIDC together with our local Partners were instrumental in producing this resource. Recently FCIDC has made a substantial financial commitment to the recruitment of Canadian businesses. Enclosed you will find brochures promoting Franklin County in French and English. We have seen some early success from this effort.

This year marks the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) year of level-funding request. As in prior years, as you prepare your FY 2013 budget, we are asking the Town of Montgomery to invest \$500.00 for economic development. This funding will cover our FY'2014 which runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Again, everyone at FCIDC sincerely appreciates your generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith  
Executive Director

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[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 4, 2012

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

For towns under 1,000 population . . . . .	\$ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . .	\$100
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . .	\$150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . .	\$200
For towns over 4,000 population . . . . .	\$300

Sincerely,  
Melinda Vieux  
*President*

**PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU REQUIRE A SECOND REQUEST LETTER FOR FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

**Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 5, 2012**

(This is available as a downloadable word document on the "About Us" page of our website).

Tropical Storm Irene created more work than usual for our coordinators across the state. Green Up Vermont partnered with the Irene Recovery Office on special Green Up to Recover projects. Some of the hardest hit towns reported having so many volunteers that they ran out of places to send them! We distributed an additional 20,000 Green Up Day bags for Irene-related clean ups.

Green Up Day celebrated 42 years in 2012. Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. The "State" does not "do" Green Up Day.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. We rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

**Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 4, 2013, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!**

# Green Mountain Transit Agency

## Town of Montgomery FY12 Annual Report



The mission of GMTA is to operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services in northwest and central Vermont that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

### **Elderly and Disabled Transportation**

GMTA provides medical transportation service to those who qualify for either Medicaid or Elderly and Disabled funds or both. We offer those in need the scheduling and payment of rides and provide service through shuttle service, volunteer drivers or cabs. GMTA collaborates with area organizations, such as the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging and CIDER, to offer rides for medical treatment, meal site programs, senior centers, adult day care and shopping trips. Many individuals who qualify for these funds rely on GMTA as their only means of transportation to necessary health care service, social activity and daily shopping needs. GMTA not only provides the transportation, but also the administration and operational skills required to coordinate such a service.

**For FY12 GMTA provided ongoing Medicaid and Elderly and Disabled transportation service to 21 Montgomery residents totaling 612 trips equaling 27,848 miles traveled!**

### **Health Care**

GMTA offers Montgomery residents medical transportation service to local health care facilities for services or in some cases, vital acute care transportation for radiation and dialysis treatments. GMTA travels to local care providers within the region like Northwestern Medical Center, and is available for those seeking care at more distant facilities such as Dartmouth Hitchcock, Fletcher Allen and numerous Boston medical centers. GMTA also provides direct access to local community health care and physical rehabilitation centers, private practice and area pharmacies for health care needs.

### **Human Service and Adult Day Care**

GMTA collaborates with AHS and area agencies to support the needs of transit dependent residents. Trips can include rides to the Vermont Association of the Blind, Reach Up job training and child care sites and resource locations for those involved in Vocational Rehabilitation. For those residents requiring adult day care services, GMTA provides individual transportation to Care Partners in St. Albans.

### **Volunteer Driver Program**

In addition to providing public transit services through traditional shuttles, GMTA has an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers who provide coordinated rides to those residing in rural locations. Volunteer Drivers are generous residents within our service area who provide cost effective and community oriented services under the management of GMTA. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive, design their own schedule and are the foundation of our rural services.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to the voters, riders and volunteer drivers of Montgomery for your support of GMTA's commitment to community transportation.

### **Information**

If you would like more information on what services GMTA offers, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver within your community, please feel free to contact us at 802.527.2181 or [info@gmtaride.org](mailto:info@gmtaride.org).





franklin county humane society  
providing shelter from the storm



October 25, 2012

Select Board Chair  
Town of Montgomery  
Re: Request for Allocation

Dear Select Board Chair,

I am writing today to request that you include in your budget for the Annual City Meeting an allocation of \$500.00 for the Franklin County Humane Society.

As you know, our shelter counts on support from communities like yours to help us maintain a variety of services and to care for the welfare of stray, abandoned and abused animals throughout Franklin County. The FCHS receives no State or Federal funding – so we rely upon the kindness of individuals and towns to help make ends meet. Allocations like the one we request today allows the FCHS to provide a free service to spay, neuter and vaccinate barn and feral cats. We have performed over 350 of these surgeries so far in 2012. These funds are also important to support our Pet Food Shelf, which helps maintain loved companions in their home by providing free food during these difficult financial times. The FCHS also continues to provide low cost spay/neuter clinic and performs the same for funded VSNIP Program. And through our outreach programs, we visit the local schools to educate your people about the importance of being responsible pet owners.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the shelter (802) 524-9650 Ext. 709 or e-mail [rusty@franklincountyhumane.org](mailto:rusty@franklincountyhumane.org). I would be very happy to attend a select board meeting to discuss contacts or allocations.

Sincerely,

Rusty Posner  
Shelter Director  
Franklin County Humane Society

30 Sunset Meadows  
Saint Albans, VT 05478  
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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FROM THE OFFICERS**

**OF THE**

**MONTGOMERY TOWN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2012**





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# MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

## Moderator

Timothy Murphy

## School Directors

Cathy Howell	Term Expires 2013
Charles Purrier	Term Expires 2013
Bruce Mercy	Term Expires 2014
Karen Soule	Term Expires 2014
Rachael Hardy	Term Expires 2015

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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 2012, 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 – 2012  
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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 2012 at 7:40 P.M. to act on the following business:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator. **Pat Farmer 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 objection the Town Clerk Assistant cast one ballot to re-elect Bruce Mercy.**
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect one School Director for a term of three years, by ballot. **Marijke Dollois nominated Rachael Hardy. Without objection the Town Clerk Assistant cast one ballot to re-elect Rachael Hardy.**

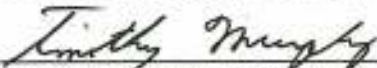
**Without objection School Board Chair Charles Purrier made a brief statement in memory of Kenny Cota and in acknowledgement of his many years of service to the School Board, as a School Bus Driver, and as a Town Selectman.**

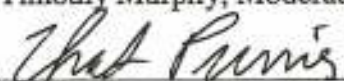
**Without objection Superintendant Jay Nichols made a brief presentation recognizing Morgan Daybell for his 9 years of dedicated service as a School Board member for the Montgomery Elementary Middle School.**

- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voter of Montgomery Town School District appropriate \$2,490,024 necessary for the support of schools for the school year beginning July 1, 2012? **Marijke Dollois made a motion to accept as written. The motion was seconded. There was discussion about the increase to line 146, Legal Services. There was additional discussion about class size and the combination of grades one and two. Motion passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper. **Doris Buttendorf inquired about the possibility of combining the Annual School Meeting with the Annual Town Meeting. Scott Perry moved to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.**

True records this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

ATTEST:   
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk Asst

ATTEST:   
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST:   
Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman

**WARNING**  
**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Monday, March 11, 2013, 7:30 P.M.**

The legally qualified 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 11, 2013, 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;  
(Cathy Howell's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect one School Director for a term of three years, by ballot;  
(Charles Purrier's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District appropriate \$2,542,423 necessary for the support of schools for the school year beginning July 1, 2013?
- ARTICLE 5. 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 24, 2013.

School Directors

Charles Purrier, Chair  
Bruce Mercy, Vice-Chair  
Karen Soule, Clerk  
Rachael Hardy  
Cathy Howell

## MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Joint Report of School Directors and Office of Superintendent of Schools

#### Enrollment as of October 1, 2012

Grades	EEE	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	8	10	13	10	14	7	9	17	10	17	17					132
Enosburg Falls Middle & High School												7	4	6	6	23
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School												1	3	3	3	10
North Country Union High School												4	3	5	3	15
Lamoille Union High School												1	0	0	0	1
Peoples Academy												0	0	0	1	1
St. Johnsbury Academy												1	0	0	0	1
Stanstead College												1	1	0	0	2
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#### Blueprint for Learning

##### 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 to build capacity and promote ongoing professional learning;
- 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

**Target Goal #1 Literacy (Reading and Writing)** – Improve student performance in Reading and Writing on New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Assessments as evidenced by any or all of the following:

- The number of students who reach proficient and/or higher on the Reading and Writing assessments will increase by 5% each year.
- The number of students who move up proficiency levels with the NECAP Reading and Writing assessments will increase by 5% each year.
- The number of students who demonstrate minimum of one year's growth in one teaching year's time will increase by 5%. (As measured by Scaled Scores NECAP in Reading Only)

**Target Goal #2 Mathematics** – Improve student performance in Mathematics on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Assessments as evidenced by:

- The number of students who reach proficient and/or higher on the Mathematics assessments will increase by 5% each testing year.
- The percentage of students who move up proficiency levels with the NECAP Mathematics assessments will increase by 5% each testing year.



- The number of students who demonstrate minimum of one year's growth in one teaching year's time in Mathematics as demonstrated by NECAP assessment results will increase by 5% (As measured by Scaled Scores)

**Target Goal #3 Science** – Improve student performance in Science on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Assessments. The number of students who reach proficient and/or higher on the Science assessments will increase by 5% over the previous class.

**Target Goal #4 Technology** – Increase students' ability to utilize technological skills necessary to assist them in accessing digital tools to enhance learning experiences.

**Target Goal #5** – Improve school climate, student well-being, and communication as evidenced by survey data collected from students, parents, and community members.

**Target Goal #6 – Preparing, training, recruiting, hiring and retaining high quality and effective educators** – Increase student academic achievement by improving educator and administrator quality and increasing the instructional abilities of educators in classrooms and administrators to provide effective feedback to educators.

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### **Superintendent's Report**

Jay Nichols

It is annual meeting time in Vermont once again. As always, when I pen my annual report to the community members of Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Richford, I do so with genuine appreciation of the outstanding support our communities have given to our public schools. We are not wealthy communities. However, we do provide our schools with the resources necessary to provide a free and appropriate public education for all of our students. Each of your School Boards has worked hard in the face of declining federal financial support and higher state level tax rates to provide our schools with the resources necessary to ensure students are college and career ready when they leave our system. Our Boards have focused on the one thing they have some control over – the expenses of the School District that they oversee. They don't have any control over spending rates in other towns, the increased costs of health insurance, common level of appraisal, or ultimately the tax rate of residents. What they do have control over are the expenses – what we commonly refer to as the budget. When looking over the budget, feel free to ask your Board members questions. Ask them why they focused in one area and not another, as you see fit. They are your representatives and they spend a lot of time and effort preparing budgets with our support for very little personal financial remuneration.

There is an old Chinese curse/proverb that states, "May your children live in a time of change." The reason many feel it was meant as a curse is because people generally do not like change. As human beings, we tend to gravitate toward the familiar or what we perceive as the normal state of things. In public education, and in society overall to a certain extent, we are moving to a brand-new "normal." And that normal is all about change. In public education, our federal government is playing a stronger role in school policy and direction than ever before in the history of our nation. The focus that our government is using to evaluate the effectiveness of our schools has been steadily focusing on student scores on standardized tests, predominately in reading and math. Soon, almost all of the country will be focused on the Common Core Curriculum that is being supported by most of the states in the country. There will be an assessment to ascertain how well students are achieving toward these new and more rigorous standards. The assessment our students will be taking is called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). The entire assessment is online. Our Supervisory Union has been leading the way in technology infrastructure and technology use by students. This puts our students in a good position to take these online assessments in a format that they are comfortable with.

In the event you have specific questions about the budget, or any other School District or Supervisory Union educational or financial questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your school-based administrators or School Board members.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our students.



## Curriculum

Jody Vaillancourt/Jennifer Kennison, Co-Directors of Instruction & Learning

Across Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), all educators are working to understand the implications of the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English Language Arts (ELA) and in Mathematics. These standards have been adopted by 46 states and the District of Columbia. During the summer and fall of 2012, teams of teachers created new CCSS-aligned essential curriculum maps for math and literacy. The teachers worked together to delineate and articulate the essential content and skills that all teachers and students in FNESU will strive to learn. While the 2012-2013 school year is a pilot year, it is the beginning of the work of teaching and learning aimed at the ultimate goal of developing students who are college and career ready by the end of grade eleven.

Growth toward college and career readiness will be measured with a new assessment in the spring of 2015. This assessment, designed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), will replace the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) after October 2013. Therefore, a 2014-2015 deadline for full implementation of the CCSS has been set. This timeline will guide the curriculum, instruction and assessment work across FNESU over the next several years.

In Mathematics, the CCSS focus more deeply on fewer content standards at each grade level so that students have time to develop mastery of math concepts. The mathematics standards are designed so that there are coherent connections within each grade level and equally coherent connections from kindergarten through high school. A significant shift in the work of teaching and learning in mathematics involves the need to address eight *Standards of Mathematical Practice*. These represent the habits of mind that successful math students use and include "reasoning quantitatively" and "modeling with mathematics" to name two of the eight practices. It is both an exciting and challenging task to address these new math standards; the FNESU math educators are well positioned to meet the challenge of the CCSS.

In Literacy, the work of CCSS teaching and learning must address the major shifts in instruction and assessment practices demanded by the new standards. These include: building knowledge through nonfiction reading and writing in all the content areas; reading, writing and speaking grounded in evidence from literary and informational text; regular practice with complex text and its academic language; and the use of ongoing formative assessment and larger, integrated performance task assessments. Teachers in all of our schools are engaging in action research to explore effective ways of shifting instruction and assessment to meet these new demands.

The FNESU Co-Directors of Instruction and Learning spend a significant amount of time with teams of classroom teachers providing professional development aimed at implementation of the CCSS. In addition to the creation of CCSS-aligned essential maps for ELA and Math, professional development in the 2012-2013 school year has focused on building deep understanding of the CCSS, developing instruction and assessment strategies that support student learning, gaining familiarity with the SBAC Assessment System, and the revision of FNESU report cards to reflect CCSS content and skills. Planning is currently underway for building on this work over the next several years.

*In July of 2012, Jennifer Kennison and Jody Vaillancourt were hired as FNESU Co-Directors of Instruction and Learning. Jody is a familiar face around FNESU. She has 22 years of experience as a teacher, and since 2006 has worked in this SU as a special educator, classroom teacher, and Literacy Coach. Jody will focus on literacy and social studies. While Jennifer had not worked in FNESU prior to July, she has lived in Franklin County for over twenty years and has many years of successful classroom experience in neighboring Supervisory Unions. In 2006, she moved into school administration and has served as both Curriculum Director and Assistant Principal at the high school level. Jennifer will focus on math and science.*



### **Federal Grants**

Morgan Daybell, Grants Coordinator

In addition to funds approved locally, the nine schools in Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) access over \$2 million dollars in supplemental grant money. We receive \$1,274,781 in *Consolidated Federal Programs* (CFP) funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind. These funds are used to support schools' action plans, which are developed and approved at the town district level. *Title I* funds support a range of activities in elementary schools in all five districts. Most of this funding stream is used for personnel, and allows us to hire an additional 21 full- and part-time staff throughout the Supervisory Union. *Title IIA* funds primarily support professional development activities for teachers across all schools in FNESU. CFP funding is not allowed to cover activities that should be covered in local budgets.

In Montgomery, CFP funding pays for one classroom teacher and one classroom paraeducator in the elementary grades, and two tutors providing math intervention and literacy intervention. Additional grants supporting activities in Montgomery Elementary include:

- **Title I Rewards Grant.** This grant was awarded to schools that met Adequate Yearly Progress for at least two years while serving a student population whose poverty level exceeded 35 percent. Montgomery Elementary is only one of two schools to meet the criteria. The grant will be used to improve the use of technology integration in classroom instruction.
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP).** FFVP program provides access to fresh produce for students outside of the normal school breakfast and lunch program.
- **Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT).** VKAT grants support youth-led middle school anti-tobacco programs.

Across the Supervisory Union, CFP funding pays the salary of our Directors of Instruction and Learning, who coordinate and provide district-wide professional development to all of our teachers and paraeducators. Other major FNESU-wide grants include:



- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers.** This grant helps to fund the LEAPS (Learning & Enrichment Activities that build Positive relationships & Self-esteem) afterschool programs in Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg and Richford, and summer programs in Bakersfield and Enosburg.
- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).** IDEA funds are used for Special Education services in the FNESU for pre-school and school-aged children. For information of IDEA Grants, please contact Shirley Carlson, FNESU Director of Special Programs.
- **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT).** These funds come through a partnership with the Vermont Department of Health, and support a range of prevention and healthy activities for students.
- **School Based Tobacco Use Prevention.** This Department of Health grant supports the costs of a substance abuse and prevention coordinator to prevent and reduce the dangerous impacts of tobacco on the student population.

Details of grants received throughout our Supervisory Union can be found in the following chart. Please reach out to the contacts listed for each grant, or to Morgan Daybell at the FNESU office, for more information.

Title of Grant or Source	District	Contact	Amount
[CFP] Title I - Academic Support	FNESU	Daybell, M	\$949,757
[CFP] Title II Part A - Professional Development	FNESU	Daybell, M	\$325,024
[SPED] IDEA B (Preschool) EEE	FNESU	Carlson, S	\$13,539
[SPED] IDEA B (School Age), Basic	FNESU	Carlson, S	\$473,877
21 Century Community Learning Center	FNESU	Bedell, T	\$259,298
BEST Grant	FNESU	Daybell, M	\$6,808
Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis & Treatment	FNESU	Daybell, M	\$75,594
FNESU Early Ed Initiative (EEI)	FNESU	Carlson, S	\$13,500
School-Based Tobacco Use Prevention	FNESU	Brauer, S	\$13,876
Teacher Licensing Support Grant	FNESU	Allen, V	\$1,679
Farm to School Grant (Ag)	Bakersfield	Hastings, D	\$11,472
Food Service Equipment Grant (DOE)	Bakersfield	Goss, P	\$1,360
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DOE)	Bakersfield	Benedict, C	\$7,450
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DOE)	Berkshire	Boocock, D	\$12,110
Adult Ed Tech Grant (VDOL)	CHCC	Koenig, N	\$19,461
Perkins Grant (DOE)	CHCC	Demar, N	\$49,331
Technical Education Equipment (DOE)	CHCC	Demar, N	\$27,500
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DOE)	EES	Bosley, E	\$17,150
Team Nutrition - HUSSC Initiative (DOE)	EES	Bosley, E	\$500
Jolley Store Scholarship	EFHS	Grossman, E	\$2,500
Our Voices Xposed (OVX) (VDH)	EFHS	Brauer, S	\$4,000
VT Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) VT DOH	EFMS	Brauer, S	\$1,000
School-Based Substance Abuse Services (VDH)	Enosburg/Richford	Brauer/Greco	\$40,000
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DOE)	Montgomery	Howard, W	\$8,400
Title I Rewards Grant	Montgomery	O'Brien, B	\$10,000
VT Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) (VDH)	Montgomery	Brauer, S	\$1,000
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DOE)	RES	Snider, T	\$16,875
VT Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) (VDH)	RES	Greco, L	\$1,000
Gear Up Grant (VSAC)	RHS	Witherspoon, A	\$23,850
Our Voices Xposed (OVX) (VDH)	RHS	Greco, L	\$4,000
VT Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) (VDH)	RHS	Greco, L	\$1,000

## **LEAPS**

**(Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive relationships and Self-esteem)**

**A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC)**

**Teresa Bedell, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Director**

For the ninth year, we are serving grades 5–12 at Enosburg Falls Middle/High School and grades 4–6 in Richford. The three sites in their fourth year are serving grades K–8 in Bakersfield, grades K–8 in Berkshire and grades K–4 at Enosburg Elementary. The primary funding source for our project remains the 21CCLC with an award amount for this fiscal year of approximately \$260,000 for all five sites. The grant funds Enosburg Middle/High and Richford at fifty percent through June 2014; and Bakersfield, Berkshire and Enosburg Elementary at seventy-five percent through June 2013 and then will reduce to sixty-five percent for July 2013 through June 2014. Additional funding comes from a variety of other sources such as: Consolidated Federal Programs funds, private grants, tuition paid by parents, donations and in-kind services.

LEAPS is committed to learning in a safe, supportive, healthy and fun environment. LEAPS connects after-school programming, skill development, and supplemental instruction with the local school system and community. By providing choices for enriching life-long learning activities and positive relationships, the lives of students, educators and school staff, parents, and the Northeast Franklin County community are enhanced. We develop skill-based programs that support students transitioning to their next level of continued education or professional career, and to be productive members of their community.

While each of the sites vary in scope, however, each works towards achieving three common goals with the intent to strengthen student learning during the school day. The project goals are to: improve student achievement in math and reading/language arts; improve student's self esteem and social skills; and reduce student's high-risk behaviors and attitudes. These goals also parallel those of the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) and help promote that mission through offering a variety of enrichment activities, homework assistance and tutoring services as well as clear expectations that will foster a positive school climate.

All of our sites provide a variety high-quality enrichment activities daily in multiple disciplines such as physical activities, the arts, science, literacy, and math. We have used online academic focused programs such as vMath Live, Brain Pop and RazKids to strengthen students' learning. LEAPS has access to classrooms and other spaces such as the gym, cafeteria and library; and the staff primarily consists of school day staff and will recruit community members to lead other activities that students have demonstrated an interest in. All sites follow the schools rules, policies and procedures as well as practice fire drills and lockdowns during after-school hours.

During the 2011-2012 school year, our project served 649 students in all five sites, 393 of whom were regular attendees defined as attending 60 or more program hours throughout the school year and summer. Research shows that in order for after-school programming to impact student learning, they must attend more than 60 hours per year.

Our programs would not have been as successful without the support of our Community Partners: Arvin A. Brown Library; Franklin County Caring Communities; Lucas J. Williams Memorial Fund; and the Northern Tier Center for Health. Thank you for your continued support!

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### **Continuum of Supportive Services**

**Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs**

I am very pleased to have been hired as the Director of Special Programs in my home community. Having spent the past 15 years working in various schools in Northeastern Vermont, it is particularly important to me to assist in the provision of quality special education services to qualifying students and their families residing within the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). I have been very impressed with the commitment and professionalism that I



have observed in our schools throughout the Supervisory Union. We are also very fortunate to have educational leaders who are deeply invested in student learning no matter what their individual needs might be.

As many of you do know, our area presents additional impediments simply due to our northern location. We are miles away from services that many other school districts have at their fingertips. Because of our location, we need to be creative in providing in-house supports to all students and particularly to students with learning difficulties. We are meeting these challenges on a daily basis to the best of our ability. It has been wonderful to observe the close knit relationships that school personnel have with their students' families. This is something that makes us unique in a positive way.

Another predicament that we face is one that many schools face in these economic times. We are seeing an increase in the number of families who are doubled up with relatives and friends due to economic hardships. Some of our students come to school having had little sleep and little to eat. We are caring for the whole child—their physical, mental and educational needs. When a student with special needs faces additional hardships, it creates a very complex situation for our schools. We are working hard to meet these challenges on a daily basis.

I would be remiss in not stating that we have some work to do. We need to get better at developing appropriate transition plans for those secondary special education students who will be leaving public education soon and possibly entering the workforce or going on to post-secondary schools. We are not alone in this need as Vermont, as a whole, was cited by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the Federal level as needing improvement in this domain. We are addressing this at FNESU by inviting staff from the Vermont Department of Education to assist us in this area.

Finally, for your information, I have listed below the percentage of identified special education students per school district within Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union. These percentages were based on the December 1, 2011 Child Count Information submitted to the Vermont Department of Education. Please keep in mind that the national average of identified special education students is somewhere around 15% of the total Active Daily Membership (ADM). You can see that overall, FNESU falls within the average range as a whole at 14.93%.

Bakersfield—13.83%  
Berkshire—14.22%  
Enosburg—20.61%  
Montgomery—10.09%  
Richford—15.9%

The numbers above indicate to me that we are identifying an accurate number of students based on our total enrollment—we are neither overidentifying students nor are we letting students fall between the cracks.

In closing, I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to lead special education programs forward at FNESU. While we have hurdles to cross and daily challenges to meet, you should know that the special education teachers that you employ are working at capacity to meet the needs of our students and our children.

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### **Technology Report**

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Coordinator

Our school leaders understand how important 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills are, as well as the many educational benefits that technology can provide. Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) schools have continued to build their 1:1 programs and students' access to learning devices is increasing each year. With the current state of the economy in mind, FNESU continues to seek ways to minimize the burden on taxpayers while still providing students with access to the tools they need to be successful.

With a focus on 1:1 computing, many students now have their "own" device to use. 1:1 computing is a broad term based around the idea of having one device per student. Schools may implement their program differently, but all of



them have the same focus: Eliminate barriers and provide all students with an equal level of access to technology-rich learning experiences that develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills, such as critical thinking, communication and collaboration. Combining local funds with grant opportunities, along with the dropping cost of mobile devices, has enabled our schools to make a great deal of progress in this initiative. While several devices have been researched and others may be added in the future, at this point, our schools are mostly using a combination of laptops, netbooks and iPads for their 1:1 programs. Netbooks are small, inexpensive laptops that generally have 10-inch screens. iPads are tablets, manufactured by Apple, with a touch interface. Currently, every town in FNESU has some form of 1:1 programs in place for grade 6-8 students, with some schools offering this level of access to even more grade levels.

Bakersfield and Berkshire have had successful 1:1 iPad programs running for over two years now and continue to expand their offering to students. Bakersfield currently provides iPads to students in grades 6-8 and Berkshire has them available for grades 5-8. Enosburg continued their ambitious transition to 1:1 computing with iPads, switching to the device from netbooks at the middle school level. They now provide iPads for all students in grades 5-12. Montgomery is currently using netbooks as their student device, making them available to students in grades 6-8. Richford took a big step forward this year by expanding their 1:1 initiative to include grades 9-12. Richford schools now provide either a laptop or netbook to grades 5-12.

Aside from our 1:1 programs, FNESU continues to expand technologically in other areas as well. We continue to expand our use of a system for classroom walkthroughs called TeachPoint, which allows administrators to leave detailed feedback for teachers about what they observed while visiting classrooms. Many teachers in FNESU have earned graduate credit by participating in local courses that promote 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching methods and transformation of technology in the curriculum. Teacher-created websites that improve the communication between school and home/community continue to grow in popularity. All teachers use our online curriculum database, Rubicon Atlas, to develop and map curriculum with particular attention given to 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning. Tools such as VoiceThread, Skype, Jing, and Kidblog, to name a few, have become increasingly common in many classrooms. Most of our classrooms also have SMART Board interactive whiteboards and projectors that are used on a daily basis in many creative ways. The use of Google Apps has become commonplace for FNESU schools, enabling collaborative document creation and sharing, website design and blogging, among other useful tools.

As the economy has continued to struggle and budgets have tightened, FNESU schools have taken advantage of grants as they have become available to help ease the burden on local budgets. We also continue to use free and open source learning tools, and actively seek ways for technology to offset spending in other areas. Many of the computers in our schools run free office suites such as OpenOffice or LibreOffice as opposed to spending money on alternatives like Microsoft Office. All of our schools are also taking advantage of the many tools provided to schools for free by Google Apps for Education. As more and more students have computing devices readily available to them, schools are able to start taking advantage of these devices to cut spending in other areas. For example, teachers and students can communicate electronically, cutting printing costs. Some schools have also begun using electronic textbooks instead of pricier paper versions.

While the use of technology continues to grow, we understand the need for both teachers and students to be properly educated in its use. FNESU continues to be proactive in providing professional development for teachers so that they can, in turn, teach students to use technology safely and appropriately.

#### Technology Education Resources:

- [http://bit.ly/fnesu\\_tech\\_plan](http://bit.ly/fnesu_tech_plan) (FNESU 2012-2015 Technology Plan)
- <http://vtisp.org/> (great internet safety resources)
- <http://www.p21.org/route21/> (skills in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century)
- <http://vermonttges2010.pbworks.com/w/page/26068224/FrontPage> (VT's expectations of technology standards at each grade level)

FNESU is fortunate to have leaders that understand the value of technology in education and the importance of preparing our students with 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. Please feel free contact me via email with any questions pertaining to technology in FNESU schools at [dderosia@fnesu.net](mailto:dderosia@fnesu.net) or by phone at 848-7661 x 21.



## Principal's Report

Beth O'Brien, Principal

We have spent a great deal of time over the last couple of years preparing for the transition from Grade Level Expectations to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The CCSS originated from the National Governors Association in an effort to develop clear and common expectations across states. This is a major change since education has always been the responsibility of each individual state. Currently, forty-five states and four districts have officially adopted the CCSS. Teachers, school administrators, and experts have worked together to develop these Standards in an effort to ensure that our children are college and career ready when they graduate from high school. The Mission developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative is to "...provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy."

According to Vermont's transition plan, the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 school years would be spent building awareness and capacity, so that we would be ready for implementation in the fall of 2013. The overall plan is to reduce the number of topics being covered, so that teachers have time to go deeper with the learning. Intentional incorporation of literacy into content area subjects, such as Social Studies and Science is another area of major focus. Since we have made an intentional effort to incorporate reading and writing in all subject areas here at Montgomery Elementary School over the past several years, we are feeling optimistic about our position entering this new era in education.

As I have stated before, any curriculum/program is only as strong as the teacher who is providing the instruction. An attitude of continual improvement and high standards for themselves and their students are two characteristics that positively influence the quality of education provided here at Montgomery Elementary School. We were fortunate to have two teachers join our ranks this year. Jessica St. Louis, a new graduate from Champlain College, is teaching Kindergarten and preschool one afternoon per week. Andy Schlatter, who graduated from the University of Vermont in May, is teaching second grade. Jean Trautner retired at the end of last year after many years of dedication to our food service program. Dawn Reed is now working with Wendy Howard to provide nutritious and tasty meals. In a rare find, Elaine Bruckner, a retired Special Educator with many years of experience, was hired to replace Dawn Reed as a paraeducator.

In addition to achieving most of our goals related to student learning, we also met the three targets for increased student performance outlined in the Montgomery Elementary School Action Plan/Title I Grant Schoolwide Plan, which can be found on the school's website. Overall, we have had another great year here at Montgomery Elementary School. I believe it is the direct result of our collaborative culture and highly functioning systems, including our School Board, Supervisory Union and District Staff and a supportive community. I will close with a celebration of some of our major accomplishments over the past year:

- ❖ We were highlighted as a successful school in the "Picus Report," a comprehensive evaluation of Vermont's education funding system. We were one of five schools chosen, because we have "...significantly improved student performance over the past several years." They were hoping to determine strategies and resources needed to replicate success in other schools.
- ❖ After a national search, we were selected to be one of four featured schools in a book about how an equity commitment leads to personalizing both student and professional learning. It will be released by Corwin Press in 2013.
- ❖ We met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by the State of Vermont's Accountability System. (Celebration: We were one of only two schools in Franklin County and twenty-five percent of schools state wide, to achieve this status due to the ever-increasing demands of "No Child Left Behind.")
- ❖ I was named "Vermont's National Distinguished Principal for 2012." This award recognizes elementary and middle school principals "...who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities."
- ❖ Susan Zeineth-Collins was a finalist for the "2013 Vermont Teacher of the Year," placing third. The committee looks for candidates who are not only dedicated and highly skilled, but who also inspire students from a wide range of backgrounds.



**Montgomery Town School District**  
**Teacher Quality Data**  
**2011-2012**

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	29/29	0/29	100%	0%	0/13	0%

**Professional Qualifications of Teachers**

School	Number of Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree	Number of Teachers with a Master's Degree
MES	8	5

**Business Manager's Update**

William E. Samuelson, Business Manager

Education funding and education property taxes will be computed using Act 68 formulas again this year, unless changed by the Vermont Legislature during the 2013 legislative session. 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 current 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..." This year, in making her recommendation, Commissioner Peterson considered the many factors that impact the State Education Fund Outlook for FY14 including: the state grand list; property tax adjustments; school spending; the equalized pupil count; the base education amount; the state general fund transfer; and the dedicated sales and use tax (Act 143, §56). Her assessment is that to meet the requirements of current state statutes requires a \$.05 increase in the state's



residential and non-residential state education property tax rates. Commissioner Peterson's letter concerning 2014 education tax rates can be viewed at: [http://www.vlct.org/assets/News/Current/tax\\_commissioner\\_letter.pdf](http://www.vlct.org/assets/News/Current/tax_commissioner_letter.pdf).

If implemented, current statutes would increase the base residential rate to \$.94 and the base non-residential rate to \$1.43. Only one of these state tax rates is applied to each parcel of property. Qualifying taxpayers with household incomes of less than \$90,000 are eligible to receive a reduction to their homestead property taxes based upon their household income. The local property tax rate projections provided in the annual report are based upon current state statutes. The State Legislature will determine the actual state education tax rates during the 2013 session. The local residential education tax rate depends upon the local per pupil spending. An update of anticipated state and local school tax rates will be provided during the annual meeting.

Since 2007, the education property tax payment and property tax rebate have been combined into one education property tax credit that appears 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. Additional information concerning the property tax adjustment programs and forms can be found on the Vermont Department of Taxes website at <http://tax.vermont.gov>, or may be obtained by calling 866-828-2865 (toll-free in VT) or 802-828-2505.

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 under current law is anticipated to be \$9,151 for FY14 (Fiscal Year 2014 is from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014). 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. More information concerning Vermont's education tax rates, including answers to frequently asked questions, and a property tax adjustment worksheet, is available at [www.state.vt.us/tax/pvr.shtml](http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pvr.shtml).

Based upon the proposed budget of \$2,542,423, anticipated local revenues of \$253,161, and categorical grants of \$327,750, Montgomery's education spending is anticipated to be \$1,961,511. Dividing education spending by Montgomery's equalized pupil count of 182.17 produces the education spending per equalized pupil amount of \$10,767. This amount is 117.66% of the anticipated state base education amount of \$9,151. Multiplying the state residential education tax rate of \$.94 by 117.66% generates Montgomery's FY14 equalized residential tax rate of \$1.106.

It is anticipated that the state equalized non-residential education tax rate will be \$1.43 for FY14. *The non-residential rate is not based upon the local School District's budget. Therefore, the non-residential 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 increased from 76.13% to 77.57%. A rising CLA is a reflection of decreasing property values and decreases local education tax rates. Based upon the new CLA and the anticipated equalized tax rates, we anticipate Montgomery's local residential education tax rate to be \$1.4259. The local non-residential education tax rate is anticipated to be \$1.8435. *The adjustment to the equalized educational tax rates due to the increase to the CLA will occur regardless of the budget approved by 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-residential 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 FY14 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 Agency 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.

The Montgomery Town School District was audited by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. A copy of the audit can be obtained from the School District Treasurer at 802-326-4719, or by contacting Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union at 802-848-7661.

### **Montgomery Town School District Budget Highlights**

The FY14 budget is increasing by \$52,399 or 2.10% over the FY13 budget. Education spending per equalized pupil is only increasing by \$18 per pupil. Primarily due to an anticipated reduction in high school students, payments to other school districts and agencies are anticipated to decrease by \$56,835 in the FY14 budget. The Elementary School portion of the budget is anticipated to be \$109,234 or 7.17% more in FY14 than the current budget. The School District has been notified by the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust to budget a 14% increase to health insurance premium rates. The only staffing change is one more paraeducator position in the FY14 budget than in FY13.

Local revenues are anticipated to increase by \$47,900, due to an increase in the unreserved fund balance. The balance of the Capital Debt Service Fund, estimated to be \$79,000, will be utilized to offset the budget's capital debt expenditures. Despite an increase in SPED reimbursement, categorical grants are anticipated to decrease by \$5,851, with the elimination of the federal education jobs funds and reductions to the small schools grant, the early education grant and Medicaid funds.

Montgomery's education spending per equalized pupil for FY14 is anticipated to be \$10,767. This is a product of the increase in equalized pupils, the increase to the budget, and the increase in 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; Jay Nichols, FNESU Superintendent of Schools; 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  
Rachael Hardy  
Cathy Howell

#### Administration

Jay Nichols, Superintendent  
Jody Vaillancourt/Jennifer Kennison, Co-Directors of Instruction & Learning  
Morgan Daybell, Grants Coordinator  
Teresa Bedell, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Director  
Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs  
Dominic DeRosia, Technology Coordinator  
Beth O'Brien, Principal  
William E. Samuelson, Business Manager



**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012**

**Beginning Balance 07/01/11**  
Checking Account

330,591.85

\$330,591.85

**RECEIPTS**

State of Vermont	596,980.86	
Property Taxes - Town of Montgomery	1,592,448.02	
FNESU Reimbursements	47,580.33	
Interest	804.74	
E-Rate Reimbursements	1,913.30	
Tuition Refunds & Reimb	21,745.78	
Use of School/Sports Games	826.75	
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	1,316.23	
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	85,000.00	
Small Grants & Donations	<u>3,485.93</u>	
		<u>\$2,352,101.94</u>
		\$2,682,693.79

**EXPENSES**

Disbursements	\$ 2,251,634.83	
Transfer to Hot Lunch	2,500.00	
TD Bank Service Charge	<u>25.85</u>	
		<u>\$ 2,254,160.68</u>

**Ending Balance 06/30/12**

Checking Account

\$428,533.11

Respectfully submitted,

Renée J Patterson, Treasurer

**MONTGOMERY FOOD SERVICE  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012**

**Beginning Balance 07/01/11**

Checking	21,680.77	\$21,680.77
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**RECEIPTS**

State of Vermont	35,788.00	
Student & Adult Meals	36,797.00	
FNESU - Fresh Fruits and Veggies	5,406.17	
Interest	9.68	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
MTSD Support	2,500.00	
		\$80,520.85
		\$102,201.62

**EXPENSES**

Disbursements	90,359.90	
		\$90,359.90

<b>Ending Balance 06/30/12</b>	Checking	\$11,841.72	
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**MONTGOMERY SCHOOL CAPITAL DEPT SERVICE FUND  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012**

**Beginning Balance 07/01/11**

CD-Debt Service Fund	248,384.49	\$248,384.49
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**RECEIPTS**

Interest	426.55	\$426.55
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**EXPENSES**

Transfer to General Fund for Bond Payment	85,000.00	
		\$85,000.00

<b>Ending Balance 06/30/12</b>		\$163,811.04	
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CD - Debt Service Fund	163,811.04	\$163,811.04
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Renée J Patterson, Treasurer



**Montgomery Elementary School  
Fundraisers**

	<b>FY08</b>	<b>FY09</b>	<b>FY10</b>	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>
<b>QSP Magazine</b>	\$1,402.18	\$2,067.00	\$1,793.55	\$1,443.20	\$1,585.38
<b>Meadow Farms</b>	0	0	0	\$2,869.00	\$2,568.95
<b>Sally Foster</b>	\$2,489.48	\$2,833.50	\$2,569.40	0	\$0.00
<b>SF - Cookie</b>	0	0	\$1,055.00	0	\$0.00
<b>Pizza</b>	\$2,970.27	\$3,424.25	\$3,775.15	\$2,145.43	\$2,085.87

## 2011-12 SALARIES AND WAGES

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>		<u>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</u>	
Beth O'Brien	\$61,997	Jeffrey Ward	\$1,500
<u>TEACHERS</u>		<u>CUSTODIANS</u>	
Natalie Bruzzi	\$32,024	Andrew Smith	\$28,564
Jeffrey Ward	\$57,001	Colin Wood	\$26,804
Beth O'Brien	\$20,666	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$55,368</u>
Susan Zeineth-Collins	\$52,576	<u>SECRETARY</u>	
Sandra Knapp	\$5,817	Ruthanne Little	\$25,449
Pamela Krout-Voss	\$21,103	<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	
Steven Moran	\$54,434	James Abbott	\$365
Crystal Johnson	\$49,681	Wendy Howard	\$20,310
Sara Caldwell	\$38,952	Jean Trautner	\$14,424
Susan Ruprecht	\$26,123	Marnie Bimm	\$50
Claudia Woodward	\$31,964	Prudence Marchessault	\$216
Lara Morales	\$46,256	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$35,365</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$436,597</u>	<u>GUIDANCE</u>	
<u>TREASURER</u>		Lindsey Waldman	\$13,767
Renee Patterson	\$3,787	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$13,767</u>
<u>PARAEDUCATORS</u>		<u>COACHES</u>	
Robin Pelkey	\$21,632	Steven Moran	\$450
Joan Ramey	\$158	John Newton	\$450
Annie Purrier	\$18,373	Rory Butler	\$1,350
Angela Paquette	\$14,525	Timothy Lagasse	\$450
Dawn Reed	\$13,785	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,700</u>
Deborah Moskevitz	\$12,830	<u>SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS</u>	
Lyn Costello	\$165	Richard Daybell	\$600
Linda St. Cyr	\$210	Karen Soule	\$600
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$81,678</u>	Charles R. Purrier	\$600
<u>LIBRARIAN</u>		Bruce Mercy	\$600
Robin Bryce	\$14,579	Rachael Hardy	\$600
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$14,579</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
<u>EXTRACURRICULAR COORDINATOR</u>			
Jeff Ward	\$4,500		



### 2011-12 SUBSTITUTE WAGES

Marnie Bimm	\$1,694
Linda Carpenter	\$495
Anna Charette	\$150
Suzanne Dollois	\$468
Sharon DeVries	\$2,720
Joann Foote	\$973
Kara Godfrey	\$183
Nicki Johnson	\$54
Holly Gregoire	\$331
Mary Niles	\$150
Kellie Olio	\$75
Kara Starr	\$75
Maryanne Wood	\$1,415
Total	<u>\$8,783</u>

### 2011-12 TUITION PAYMENTS

#### High Schools

Enosburg Falls High School	\$278,420
North Country Union High School	\$165,396
Richford High School	\$152,837
Stanstead College	\$48,140
Lamoille Union High School	\$11,875
Colchester	\$11,200
Morristown	\$10,532
BFA Union High School	\$8,706
Total	<u>\$687,105</u>

#### Technical Centers

Cold Hollow Career Center	\$23,155
North Country Career Center	\$21,836
Green Mt. Career Center	\$4,662
	<u>\$49,653</u>

# Montgomery Town School District FY14 Anticipated Revenues and Tax Rates

	2012-2013 Reported to DOE	2013-2014 Anticipated	13 to 14 Change
<b>Anticipated Local Revenue</b>			
1 Use of Fund Balance *	\$116,461	\$170,361	\$53,900
2 Prior Year H.S. Tuition Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3 Use of School & Other Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4 Debt Service Fund Payment	\$85,000	\$79,000	(\$6,000)
5 Anticipated Interest	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
6 <b>Total Anticipated Local Revenue</b>	<b>\$205,261</b>	<b>\$253,161</b>	<b>\$47,900</b>
<b>Anticipated Categorical Grants</b>			
9 Federal Education Jobs Funds	\$15,737	\$0	(\$15,737)
10 Special Education State Aid	\$158,958	\$175,649	\$16,691
11 State Transportation Aid	\$49,575	\$50,257	\$682
12 Small Schools Grant	\$84,504	\$83,536	(\$968)
13 Early Essential Education Grant	\$10,341	\$8,649	(\$1,692)
14 Medicaid Funds	\$14,487	\$9,659	(\$4,828)
15 <b>Total Anticipated Categorical Grants</b>	<b>\$333,601</b>	<b>\$327,750</b>	<b>(\$5,851)</b>
<b>Anticipated Education Spending Revenue</b>			
18 Education Spending Revenue	\$1,918,150	\$1,919,636	\$1,486
19 Technical Center Tuition Revenue	\$33,012	\$41,875	\$8,863
20 <b>Total Anticipated Ed Spending Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,951,162</b>	<b>\$1,961,511</b>	<b>\$10,349</b>
22 <b>Total Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,490,024</b>	<b>\$2,542,423</b>	<b>\$52,399</b>
<b>Anticipated Expenses</b>			
25 Elementary Expenses	\$1,523,310	\$1,632,544	\$109,234
26 Payments to Other School Districts / Agencies	\$966,714	\$909,879	(\$56,835)
27 <b>Total Anticipated Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,490,024</b>	<b>\$2,542,423</b>	<b>\$52,399</b>
29 Education Spending	\$1,951,162	\$1,961,511	\$10,349
30 Equalized Pupils	181.51	182.17	0.66
31 Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$10,750	\$10,767	\$18
<b>Anticipated Education Tax Rates</b>			
	<b>Actual FY13</b>	<b>Anticipated FY14</b>	<b>13 to 14 Change</b>
36 Anticipated State Residential Education Tax Rate	\$0.890	\$0.940	\$0.050
37 Above Base Ed Payment Spending Rate	117.47%	117.66%	0.20%
38 Equalized Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.0455	\$1.1060	\$0.0606
39 Common Level of Appraisal	76.13%	77.57%	1.44%
40 Local Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.3733	\$1.4259	\$0.0526
42 Equalized Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.380	\$1.430	\$0.050
43 Common Level of Appraisal	76.13%	77.57%	1.44%
44 Local Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate	\$1.8127	\$1.8435	\$0.0308
46 *2010-2011 School Year Surplus \$116,461			
47 *2011-2012 School Year Surplus \$170,361			



Montgomery Town School District FY14 Anticipated Budget					
	DESCRIPTION	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	13 to 14
		Actual	Budget	Anticipated	Change
	<b>K-8 Instructional</b>				
1	Salaries / Elementary	\$294,431	\$302,529	\$299,671	(\$2,858)
2	Salaries / Secondary	\$87,578	\$90,689	\$94,317	\$3,628
3	Salaries / Substitutes	\$6,888	\$9,400	\$9,400	\$0
4	Health Insurance / Elementary	\$35,095	\$44,968	\$72,989	\$28,021
5	Health Insurance / Secondary	\$15,760	\$14,303	\$17,288	\$2,985
6	FICA / Elementary	\$21,898	\$23,143	\$22,925	(\$219)
7	FICA / Secondary	\$6,514	\$6,938	\$7,215	\$278
8	FICA / Substitutes	\$512	\$719	\$719	\$0
9	Life Insurance / Elementary	\$582	\$432	\$432	\$0
10	Life Insurance / Secondary	\$153	\$153	\$153	\$0
11	Worker's Compensation Insurance Elem	\$1,637	\$1,634	\$1,618	(\$15)
12	Worker's Compensation Insurance Sec	\$487	\$490	\$509	\$20
13	Worker's Compensation Insurance Subs	\$38	\$51	\$51	\$0
14	Unemployment Insurance Elementary	\$133	\$192	\$192	\$0
15	Unemployment Insurance Secondary	\$64	\$95	\$96	\$0
16	Cafeteria 125 Plan Elementary	\$197	\$281	\$281	\$0
17	Cafeteria 125 Plan Secondary	\$77	\$225	\$225	\$0
18	Contracted Services	\$18,546	\$23,770	\$25,739	\$1,969
19	Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,530	\$14,089	\$14,594	\$504
20	In-service	\$440	\$500	\$500	\$0
21	Dental Insurance / Elementary	\$2,633	\$2,659	\$2,679	\$20
22	Dental Insurance / Secondary	\$907	\$651	\$656	\$5
23	Staff Development	\$125	\$500	\$500	\$0
24	Copier Service	\$3,406	\$4,408	\$4,408	\$0
25	Mileage Reimbursement	\$187	\$650	\$650	\$0
26	Technical Education / Home Economics	\$0	\$300	\$0	(\$300)
27	Dues and Fees	\$305	\$250	\$250	\$0
28	Supplies	\$20,191	\$12,500	\$12,800	\$300
29	Textbooks	\$366	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
30	Equipment	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
31	Total K-8 Instructional	\$520,679	\$564,519	\$598,856	\$34,337
32					
33	<b>Special Education</b>				
34	Salary / Teacher	\$46,283	\$47,902	\$49,819	\$1,916
35	Wages / Paraeducators	\$53,934	\$53,821	\$59,827	\$6,006
36	Wages / Substitutes	\$1,778	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
37	Summer Instruction	\$1,282	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
38	Health Insurance	\$11,263	\$11,706	\$2,000	(\$9,706)
39	FICA	\$7,737	\$8,088	\$8,694	\$606
40	Life Insurance	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$0
41	Municipal Retirement	\$2,283	\$2,230	\$2,930	\$700
42	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$523	\$566	\$608	\$43
43	Unemployment Insurance	\$101	\$169	\$184	\$16
44	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$0
45	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,667	\$1,727	\$60
46	In-service and Conferences	\$147	\$500	\$500	\$0
47	Dental Insurance	\$539	\$542	\$546	\$4
48	Purchased Professional Services	\$3,996	\$5,460	\$5,460	\$0
49	Contracted Speech Services	\$5,924	\$5,314	\$35,096	\$29,783



	DESCRIPTION	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	13 to 14
		Actual	Budget	Anticipated	Change
50	Psychological Services	\$2,940	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,000
51	Mileage	\$650	\$450	\$650	\$200
52	FNESU SPED Services Assessment	\$2,551	\$2,230	\$6,808	\$4,578
53	Supplies and Equipment	\$985	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
54	Total Special Education	\$143,050	\$150,780	\$185,985	\$35,205
55					
56	<b>Early Education Program</b>				
57	Salaries / Early Education Teachers	\$6,913	\$6,387	\$7,307	\$920
58	Wages / Early Education Paraeducators	\$7,610	\$6,799	\$13,104	\$6,305
59	Substitutes	\$498	\$750	\$750	\$0
60	Health Insurance	\$1,227	\$1,186	\$2,669	\$1,483
61	Life Insurance	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$0
62	Dental Insurance	\$89	\$0	\$109	\$109
63	FICA	\$1,123	\$1,009	\$1,561	\$553
64	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$35	\$71	\$110	\$39
65	Unemployment Insurance	\$9	\$33	\$51	\$18
66	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$8	\$0	\$0	\$0
67	Municipal Retirement	\$296	\$0	\$647	\$647
68	Contracted Early Education Teachers	\$7,013	\$6,699	\$6,965	\$266
69	Contracted Speech Services	\$1,046	\$5,314	\$8,774	\$3,460
70	Contracted Psychological Services	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$0
71	Training	\$625	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
72	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$333	\$345	\$12
73	Purchased Professional Services	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
74	Mileage Reimbursement	\$713	\$200	\$725	\$525
75	Dues and Fees	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$0
76	Supplies	\$917	\$0	\$0	\$0
77	Total Early Education	\$28,156	\$36,582	\$50,918	\$14,336
78					
79	<b>Paraeducators</b>				
80	Salary	\$16,840	\$19,507	\$20,258	\$752
81	FICA	\$1,288	\$1,492	\$1,550	\$57
82	Municipal Retirement	\$667	\$749	\$988	\$239
83	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$70	\$105	\$109	\$4
84	Unemployment Insurance	\$18	\$51	\$53	\$2
85	Total Paraeducators	\$18,883	\$21,904	\$22,958	\$1,054
86					
87	<b>Co-Curricular Activities</b>				
88	Salaries	\$7,200	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$0
89	FICA	\$599	\$585	\$585	\$0
90	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$35	\$44	\$44	\$0
91	Referees and Officials	\$1,190	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
92	Transportation and Field Trips	\$4,795	\$6,064	\$6,064	\$0
93	Supplies	\$2,172	\$250	\$250	\$0
94	Dues and Fees	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
95	Washington D.C. Trip	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
96	Total Co-Curricular	\$17,491	\$16,894	\$17,394	\$500



	DESCRIPTION	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Anticipated	13 to 14 Change
97	<b>Guidance Services</b>				
98	Salary	\$13,809	\$14,690	\$15,278	\$588
99	Health Insurance	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$0
100	FICA	\$1,056	\$1,124	\$1,169	\$45
101	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$70	\$79	\$82	\$3
102	Unemployment Insurance	\$14	\$21	\$21	\$0
103	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0
104	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$667	\$691	\$24
105	Psychological Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
106	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
107	Supplies	\$349	\$200	\$200	\$0
108	Total Guidance	\$15,299	\$17,626	\$20,786	\$3,160
109					
110	<b>Health Services</b>				
111	Contracted Professional Services	\$37,463	\$39,789	\$42,885	\$3,097
112	Supplies	\$801	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
113	Total Health	\$38,264	\$40,789	\$43,885	\$3,097
114					
115	<b>Standardized Testing</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
116					
117	<b>Library Services</b>				
118	Salary	\$14,810	\$15,329	\$15,942	\$613
119	Substitute	\$375	\$0	\$0	\$0
120	Health Insurance	\$0	\$800	\$800	\$0
121	FICA	\$1,162	\$1,173	\$1,220	\$47
122	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$70	\$83	\$86	\$3
123	Unemployment Insurance	\$14	\$21	\$21	\$0
124	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0
125	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$667	\$691	\$24
126	Training	\$58	\$0	\$0	\$0
127	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
128	Supplies	\$685	\$400	\$400	\$0
129	Books	\$3,520	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
130	Total Library Services	\$20,693	\$21,017	\$21,704	\$687
131					
132	<b>Technology</b>				
133	Salaries	\$1,369	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$0
134	FICA	\$105	\$241	\$241	\$0
135	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$35	\$17	\$17	\$0
136	Unemployment Insurance	\$5	\$8	\$8	\$0
137	Internet, Email, Powerschool	\$245	\$1,154	\$1,213	\$59
138	Supplies and Software	\$3,510	\$955	\$955	\$0
139	Equipment	\$2,030	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$0
140	Total Technology	\$7,298	\$8,825	\$8,885	\$59
141					
142	<b>School Directors</b>				
143	Salaries / Directors	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
144	Salary / Treasurer	\$3,787	\$3,647	\$3,829	\$183
145	Wages / Board Secretary	\$326	\$870	\$897	\$27
146	FICA	\$544	\$575	\$591	\$16
147	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$35	\$41	\$42	\$1



	DESCRIPTION	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	13 to 14
		Actual	Budget	Anticipated	Change
148	Truant Officer	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0
149	Legal Service	\$5,919	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
150	Audit and Annual Report	\$3,500	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$0
151	Advertising	\$754	\$2,000	\$1,000	(\$1,000)
152	Supplies & Postage	\$550	\$250	\$550	\$300
153	Dues and Fees	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
154	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,053	\$1,300	\$2,000	\$700
155	Total School Directors	\$21,568	\$23,082	\$23,309	\$227
156					
157	<b>Supervisory Union</b>				
158	FNESU Assessment	\$51,850	\$50,039	\$55,475	\$5,436
159					
160	<b>School Administration</b>				
161	Salary / Principal	\$61,997	\$63,857	\$65,454	\$1,597
162	Salary / Assistant Principal	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
163	Wages / Administrative Assistant	\$25,227	\$25,003	\$25,779	\$776
164	Health Insurance	\$12,809	\$14,083	\$15,757	\$1,674
165	FICA	\$6,648	\$6,913	\$7,094	\$181
166	Life Insurance	\$180	\$192	\$192	\$0
167	Municipal Retirement / Secretary	\$1,255	\$1,250	\$1,353	\$103
168	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$453	\$488	\$501	\$13
169	Unemployment Insurance	\$41	\$61	\$61	\$0
170	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$198	\$204	\$209	\$5
171	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$34	\$34	\$34	\$0
172	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,251	\$1,295	\$45
173	Professional Development	\$75	\$500	\$500	\$0
174	Mileage	\$1,026	\$514	\$1,100	\$586
175	Dental Insurance	\$1,283	\$1,304	\$1,314	\$10
176	Supplies	\$698	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
177	Equipment	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$0
178	Dues / Fees / Graduation	\$1,456	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$300
179	Total School Administration	\$114,881	\$120,053	\$125,343	\$5,290
180					
181	<b>Operation of Plant</b>				
182	Salaries / Custodians	\$55,448	\$56,856	\$59,000	\$2,144
183	Health Insurance	\$5,725	\$6,041	\$6,747	\$705
184	FICA	\$4,164	\$4,812	\$5,030	\$218
185	Municipal Retirement	\$2,215	\$3,034	\$3,332	\$298
186	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$2,678	\$2,735	\$2,838	\$103
187	Unemployment Insurance	\$60	\$90	\$92	\$3
188	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$34	\$34	\$0
189	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
190	Training	\$85	\$0	\$0	\$0
191	Water	\$1,466	\$2,069	\$2,069	\$0
192	Rubbish Removal	\$2,990	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0
193	Snow Removal	\$0	\$8,515	\$8,515	\$0
194	Repairs to Building and Grounds	\$11,404	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
195	Service Contracts	\$2,062	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
196	Property/E&O/Bonds/Liability Insurance	\$8,183	\$9,001	\$8,772	(\$229)
197	Communications	\$2,484	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0
198	Mileage	\$217	\$300	\$300	\$0

	DESCRIPTION	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Budget	2013-14 Anticipated	13 to 14 Change
199	Supplies	\$9,224	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
200	Electricity	\$19,722	\$21,985	\$21,985	\$0
201	Fuel	\$17,151	\$22,354	\$21,677	(\$676)
202	Equipment	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
203	Total Operation of Plant	\$145,278	\$160,025	\$162,591	\$2,565
204					
205	<b>Grants</b>				
206	Exxon Mobil Grant	\$1,197	\$0	\$0	\$0
207	Library Grant	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
208	NSRF Grant	\$269	\$0	\$0	\$0
209	Vermont Kids Against Tobacco	\$188	\$0	\$0	\$0
210	Combined Federal Programs Sub-Grant	\$4,739	\$0	\$0	\$0
211	Total Grants	\$6,493	\$0	\$0	\$0
212					
213	<b>Food Service Program</b>	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
214					
215	<b>Transportation</b>	\$117,313	\$121,163	\$130,261	\$9,098
216					
217	<b>Debt Service</b>				
218	1993 Bond Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
219	1993 Bond Interest	\$7,791	\$4,674	\$1,558	(\$3,116)
220	2005 Bond Principal	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
221	2005 Bond Interest	\$40,467	\$37,838	\$35,136	(\$2,702)
222	Total Debt Service	\$173,257	\$167,512	\$161,694	(\$5,818)
223					
224	<b>Elementary School Expenses</b>	\$1,442,951	\$1,523,310	\$1,632,544	\$109,234
225					
226	<b>Payments to Other School Districts and Agencies</b>				
227	SPED Student Transportation	\$1,515	\$0	\$0	\$0
228	High School Tuition	\$687,105	\$805,463	\$744,889	(\$60,574)
229	Technical Education Tuition	\$49,653	\$49,857	\$63,172	\$13,316
230	SPED Tuition and Excess Costs	\$70,199	\$111,394	\$101,818	(\$9,576)
231	<b>Other School Costs</b>	\$808,473	\$966,714	\$909,879	(\$56,835)
232					
233	<b>Total Budget</b>	\$2,251,424	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	\$52,399
The 2012 - 2013 budget anticipated there would be 64 high school students with 3.5 Tech FTE.					
The 2013 - 2014 budget anticipates there will be 58 high school students with 3.5 Tech FTE.					



**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/>

**FY2012 School Level Data**

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)  
 18 out of 38

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tch. Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller >	Charleston Elementary School	PK - 8	119	12.00	1.00	9.92	119.00	12.00
	Lunenburg Schools	PK - 8	119	11.45	1.00	10.39	119.00	11.45
< Larger	Glover Community School	K - 8	127	9.70	1.00	13.09	127.00	9.70
	Montgomery Center School	PK - 8	127	10.05	0.75	12.84	169.33	13.40
	Innsburg Village School	K - 8	129	10.46	1.00	12.33	129.00	10.46
	Orwell Village School	K - 8	129	10.80	1.00	12.17	129.00	10.80
	Benson Village School	PK - 8	131	10.40	1.00	12.60	131.00	10.40
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			125.50	12.44	0.98	10.09	127.68	12.66

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.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other.

**FY2011 School District Data**

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2011 FTE < 200  
 (38 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		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) 14 out of 38
Smaller >	Dorset	K-8	118.62	\$18,866	< Larger
	Innsburg	K-8	121.21	\$12,080	
< Larger	Stratford	K-8	124.72	\$11,530	
	Montgomery	K-8	127.71	\$9,645	
	Glover	K-8	135.19	\$10,975	
	Gulford	K-8	144.54	\$15,404	
	Millers Run USD #37	PK-d	147.13	\$9,471	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data				122.56	\$12,440

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

**FY2013 School District Data**

LEA ID School District		Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchDist Equalized Pupil	SchDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller >	T209 Troy	K-8	170.97	11,503.51	1.1737	1.2007	102.16%	1.1753
	T061 Dumfries	K-8	174.24	14,661.55	1.4959	1.5173	99.43%	1.5260
< Larger	T210 Tunbridge	K-8	179.13	12,634.40	1.2891	1.2891	101.79%	1.2664
	T128 Montgomery	K-8	181.51	10,749.61	1.0968	1.0968	76.13%	1.4407
	T161 Putney	PK-8	184.55	14,598.99	1.4895	1.5212	90.50%	1.6809
	T013 Barton ID	K-8	189.10	9,388.68	0.9579	1.0363	101.99%	1.0161
	T116 Lunenburg	PK-8	190.31	12,550.27	1.2605	1.2805	116.74%	1.0969

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**T128  
Franklin Northeast

Enter your choice for FY11 base education amount. See note at bottom of page.

Enter your choice for estimated increased base rate for FY2014. See note at bottom of page.

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Expenditures		FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,458,203	\$2,394,733	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	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.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$2,458,203	\$2,394,733	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	\$2,458,203	\$2,394,733	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$50,251	\$51,820	\$50,039	\$55,478	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	<b>Local revenues</b> (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surpluses, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$658,967	\$541,957	\$538,862		10.
11.	<i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	\$658,967	\$541,957	\$538,862	\$500,912	14.
15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,799,236	\$1,852,776	\$1,951,162	\$1,961,511	15.
16.	<b>Equalized Pupils</b> (Act 130 count in by school district)	175.63	183.37	181.61	182.17	16.
17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$10,244.47	\$10,104.03	\$10,749.61	\$10,767	17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$1,018.72	\$644.85	\$622.68	\$658	18.
19.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	\$34.39	\$27.75	\$27.66		19.
20.	<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	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,244	\$10,104	\$10,750	\$10,767	26.
27.	<b>District spending adjustment</b> (minimum of 199%) (\$10,767 / \$2,151)	119.903%	118.259%	123.233%	117.664%	27.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>						
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (117.664% x \$0.940)	\$1.0312 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$1.0280 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$1.0968 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.1060 <small>based on \$0.940</small>	28.
29.	Percent of Montgomery equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.00%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.11)	\$1.0312	\$1.0280	\$1.0968	\$1.1060	30.
31.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	72.11%	75.88%	76.13%	77.57%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.108 / 77.57%)	\$1.4300 <small>based on \$0.88</small>	\$1.3580 <small>based on \$0.87</small>	\$1.4407 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1.4258 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	32.
<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>						
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (117.664% x 1.80%)	2.16% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.13% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.22% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.12% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.12%)	2.16% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.13% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.22% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.12% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$9.151. That would require base education tax rates of \$0.94 and \$1.43. The tax commissioner has suggested allowing one year of inflation, resulting in a base amount of \$9.915 and base tax rates of \$0.92 and \$1.41. The administration also has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.89 and \$1.38 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$9.915. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.



**Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union FY14  
Anticipated Budget, Revenues, and Assessment**

		FY12	FY13	FY14	13 to 14	Montgomery's
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Change	Share
1	Salaries & Wages	\$469,228	\$472,598	\$480,537	\$7,939	\$38,281
2	Health Insurance	\$97,567	\$114,638	\$132,549	\$17,911	\$10,559
3	FICA	\$37,461	\$37,202	\$37,489	\$287	\$2,986
4	Life Insurance	\$1,071	\$1,440	\$1,395	(\$45)	\$111
5	Municipal Retirement	\$28,946	\$29,894	\$34,721	\$4,827	\$2,766
6	Worker's Comp Ins.	\$3,238	\$2,602	\$2,646	\$45	\$211
7	Unemployment Ins.	\$432	\$358	\$2,371	\$2,013	\$189
8	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$5,356	\$8,216	\$2,860	\$655
9	Dental Insurance	\$10,737	\$12,324	\$13,761	\$1,437	\$1,096
10	Disability Insurance	\$1,121	\$1,151	\$1,171	\$20	\$93
11	Technology Services	\$152	\$4,000	\$2,000	(\$2,000)	\$159
12	Service Contracts	\$3,176	\$4,000	\$3,500	(\$500)	\$279
13	Audit	\$1,900	\$2,400	\$2,000	(\$400)	\$159
14	Rent	\$14,271	\$14,572	\$15,320	\$748	\$1,220
15	Mileage Reimbursement	\$8,265	\$10,208	\$10,514	\$307	\$838
16	Training	\$1,351	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$358
17	Property & Liability Ins.	\$5,504	\$6,054	\$4,671	(\$1,383)	\$372
18	Phone & Internet	\$3,196	\$3,300	\$3,584	\$284	\$286
19	Miscellaneous	\$1,815	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500	\$159
20	Legal	\$1,380	\$4,000	\$2,000	(\$2,000)	\$159
21	Equipment Repair	\$0	\$450	\$400	(\$50)	\$32
22	Office Supplies	\$11,910	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$1,195
23	Professional Books	\$1,600	\$1,300	\$1,600	\$300	\$127
24	Software	\$210	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$80
25	Dues & Fees	\$4,609	\$5,100	\$5,000	(\$100)	\$398
26	Office Equipment	\$11,731	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$478
27	Relicensing Board	\$918	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$80
28	Advertising	\$1,548	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$119
29	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$723,338</b>	<b>\$763,447</b>	<b>\$796,446</b>	<b>\$32,999</b>	<b>\$63,447</b>
30						
	Revenues and	FY12	FY13	FY14	13 to 14	Montgomery's
	Transfers	Actual	Budget	Anticipated	Change	Share
33	SPED	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	\$1,753
34	Grants	\$39,616	\$49,228	\$41,315	(\$7,913)	\$3,291
35	Use of Fund Balance	\$36,733	\$37,902	\$34,750	(\$3,152)	\$2,768
36	Relicensing Board	\$1,050	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$80
37	Other	\$3,459	\$450	\$1,000	\$550	\$80
38	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$102,858</b>	<b>\$110,580</b>	<b>\$100,065</b>	<b>(\$10,515)</b>	<b>\$7,971</b>
39						
40	<b>SU Assessment</b>	<b>\$654,601</b>	<b>\$652,867</b>	<b>\$696,381</b>	<b>\$43,514</b>	<b>\$55,475</b>
41						
	School District	FY12	FY13	FY14	13 to 14	Assessment
	Assessments	Actual	Assessment	Assessment	Change	Rate
44	Bakersfield	\$65,574	\$68,557	\$69,344	\$787	9.96%
45	Berkshire	\$77,393	\$76,831	\$84,894	\$8,063	12.19%
46	Enosburgh	\$268,779	\$265,560	\$281,999	\$16,439	40.49%
47	Montgomery	\$51,850	\$50,039	\$55,475	\$5,436	7.97%
48	Richford	\$191,005	\$191,881	\$204,670	\$12,789	29.39%
49	<b>Total SU Assessment</b>	<b>\$654,601</b>	<b>\$652,867</b>	<b>\$696,381</b>	<b>\$43,514</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

## **911 Procedure During Phone Isolation Outages**

There are rare times when the 911 system does not work. Whenever the phone system is out of order so we are only able to call numbers with a 326 prefix the town is "isolated" and 911 does not work. (note: no one from outside the 326 prefix area can call in either)

**If you dial 911 and get either a busy signal or no answer to the normal ring tone you should:**

- 1. Use a cell phone to dial 911 if you have one and coverage where you are;**
- 2. Call someone on the EMS Squad/Fire Dept directly. They can then reach dispatch by radio, and have them tone out emergency services.**

### **Ambulance/EMS**

**Morgan Daybell 326-4603**

**Kevin Scheffler 326-4058**

### **Fire Dept**

**Billy Baker Sr. 326-4753**

- 3. Call someone you know in the 326 exchange with a cell phone and coverage, and ask them to call 911 for you.**
- 4. Call the Public Safety Building (PSB) at 326-4555. If our First Responders have been made aware of the problem they will man the PSB and respond directly to your call as manning and circumstances allow.**

We continue to work with the State to make sure our First Responders are notified quickly any time Montgomery is isolated. Ultimately we want the system to make changes so Montgomery is never isolated.

Thank You  
The Selectboard



2010 State of Vermont Census	1201
Registered Voters	834

(See 911 procedures on inside back cover)

CLERK/TREASURER Office .....326-4719

Email.....montgomerytc@fairpoint.net

TOWN LIBRARY .....326-3113

FRANKLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY ..... 524-9650

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – voicemail .....326-9001

Group	Day	Time	Place
Listers	Thursday/Friday	8:00am-12:00 noon	Town Office
Budget Committee	January 'til needed	A Periodic	Town Office
Cemetery Commissions	As needed	A Periodic	Town Office
Development Review Board	By Appointment	A Periodic	Town Office
Fire Department	Every Other Tuesday		Fire Station
Library Trustees	Second Monday	6:30pm	Library
Planning Commission	Second Tuesday	7:00pm	Town Office
Recreation Board	First Monday	5:30pm	Rec Ctr/Mont Prop
Rescue Squad	As needed	A Periodic	Ambulance Station
School Board	Second Monday	4:30pm	School
Selectboard/Water Comm	First & Third Monday	6:30pm	Town Office