

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY & MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

2013 REPORTS



Principal Beth O'Brien

2013 Town Report Honoree

This year's honoree is Principal Beth O'Brien, a local girl who grew up in Richford. She graduated from Richford High School and went on to earn her BA in Education from UVM and Masters in Education Leadership from Johnson State College. She started teaching in Montgomery in 1990 and was recognized as FNESU "Teacher of the Year" for 1994/95. She became principal at Montgomery in 1999 and "just" 13 years later was recognized as the Vermont Elementary School Principal of the Year for 2012. She received the Johnson State College Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2013.

Her record of leadership and excellence has garnered much well deserved recognition. The following is excerpted from an article that appeared in "Seven Days" in April of 2013 which is used by permission.

"Montgomery stands out as having no achievement gap... across the board, yearly test scores at the school, which in 2013 enrolled 130 students, are staggeringly high. In 2012, 94 percent of Montgomery students were judged "proficient" or "proficient with distinction" in reading skills according to the New England Common Assessment Program, compared with 73 percent statewide. Ninety-nine percent achieved those levels in math, versus 65 percent statewide.

The numbers are equally startling when one breaks out the statistics for students living in poverty. In Vermont, 17 percent of students receiving free or reduced-price lunch scored the lowest possible score — "substantially below proficient" — on the reading portion of the NECAP. At Montgomery, not one socioeconomically disadvantaged student fell into that category. In math, 28 percent of disadvantaged students Statewide scored at the lowest level, versus a mere 4 percent at Montgomery.

Montgomery students' success stretches beyond test scores. The number of special education students on individualized education programs, or IEPs, has dropped in recent years from 25 percent to 14 percent — and special education teacher Lara Morales says that's not because of shifting demographics. Rather, Montgomery students who are held to high standards and helped along with additional instruction often end up "graduating" from the special education program. The school does all this while spending roughly \$10,700 to educate each student — less than the statewide average of roughly \$12,300.

These stats make Montgomery a leader not just in Vermont but nationally: The school is one of four profiled in the forthcoming book Growing Into Equity: Professional Learning and Personalization in High-Achieving Schools, due out in June 2013.

Coauthor Sonia Caus-Gleason calls Montgomery “extraordinary,” and “one of the schools that is really in the advance team for schools across the country.”

But there is no silver bullet, says Montgomery Elementary School principal Beth O’Brien. After years of success, the friendly 45-year-old, who has been at the helm since 1999, periodically fields calls from other schools looking for her “secret.” “They want me to tell them in two minutes what’s taken us 10 years to do,” O’Brien says. “It’s not a magic wand.”

Ask Montgomery teachers what makes their school successful, and the techniques they cite come off as remarkably commonsensical. The teachers say they believe every student can and should succeed, and set high expectations for students and themselves. They credit a strong principal with leading the charge.

Theirs is a vibrant professional community that meets weekly in small groups to plan lessons and talk over classroom problems and general expectations. O’Brien touts a data-driven approach to teaching that isn’t so much about teaching to standardized tests as it is about using test results to examine which concepts students understand and which need more work.

It’s not easy, or quickly achievable, to overhaul the culture of a school. And yet O’Brien accomplished just that. When she took the lead as principal at Montgomery, the school’s test scores were roughly average when judged against the rest of the state. As the culture changed, test scores followed.

...educational professionals say that Montgomery should be an inspiration to other schools. There, teachers are proving that demographics are not destiny. Crucial to their efforts appears to be the conviction that every student is capable of success, and that teachers should not view themselves as having been dealt a “bad hand” because their school serves a high population of low-income students.”

We couldn’t have said it any better. It seems that all of Montgomery’s kids really are above average, as Garrison Keillor says, thanks to Beth and her team. And now she’s on the cover of the Town Report!!

Thank you Beth for what you’ve done, and what you are doing, shaping our children and making our school and community the best.

Notes

AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY VERMONT

For the Year Ending

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Montgomery Select Board will conduct a public informational meeting on Saturday March 1, 2014 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 History Fun Quiz

1. What year was Montgomery granted by the legislature?
2. What year did the Governor and Executive Council approve the charter?
3. What year did the first settlers arrive?
4. What year was a town government organized?
5. What year was the first church building completed and what was it called?
6. What was the most number of school districts in Montgomery?
7. In 1883, how many Montgomerians were receiving Civil War pensions?
8. What year was the first Town Clerk elected that was born in Montgomery?
9. What census year did Montgomery reach its highest population?
10. True or False? Based on census figures Montgomery was the 5th largest Town in Franklin County in 1920.
11. What year was the first woman Town Clerk elected?
12. What year was the first woman member of the Board of Selectmen elected?
13. Who was the longest serving Selectman?

Answers at inside back cover.

Our updated 3rd Edition of the Town History will be available soon!! We appreciate your help in preserving our shared heritage. Thank you.

The Montgomery Historical Society Board is...
Scott Perry, Bill McGroarty, Marijke Dollois, Sue Wilson, Pat Farmer, Patty Perl, Ken Secor,
Jo Anne Bennett, John Beaty, Elsie Saborowski, Tim Chapin, Parma Jewett, & Bill Branthoover

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Tim Murphy 1 year Term – Expires 2014

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 2015

Mark Brouillette 3 year Term – Expires 2015

Susan Regan 2 year Term – Expires 2014

Wendy Howard 3 year Term – Expires 2016

LISTERS:

Parma Jewett 3 year Term – Expires 2014

Lynda Cluba 3 year Term – Expires 2015

Deanna Robitaille..... 3 year Term – Expires 2016

AUDITORS:

Stacy St Onge 3 year Term – Expires 2014

Carol Farmer..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015

Marsha Phillips..... 3 year Term – Expires 2016

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

FIRST CONSTABLE: Brent Godin (Morgan Daybell resigned)..... 1 year Term – Expires 2014

TOWN AGENT: Merle Van Geison..... 1 year Term – Expires 2014

TOWN GRAND JUROR: Select Board..... 1 year Term – Expires 2014

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Center

Charles R Purrier 5 year Term – Expires 2016

Earl Lumbra 5 year Term – Expires 2017

Deanna Robitaille..... 5 year Term – Expires 2018

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 2018

Vivian Deuso..... 5 year Term – Expires 2014

Joann Lanphear 5 year Term – Expires 2015

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Jane Butterfield Presler..... 5 year Term – Expires 2016

Patricia Hathaway 5 year Term – Expires 2017

Rita Kalsmith..... 5 year Term – Expires 2018

Mary Niles 5 year Term – Expires 2014

Bill Harlow 5 year Term – Expires 2014

Elizabeth Crane 5 year Term – Expires 2015

Patricia Perl..... 5 year Term – Expires 2015

FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

William Baker Sr 2 year Term – Expires 2014

Randy St Onge 2 year Term – Expires 2015

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

Alissa Hardy 3 year Term – Expires 2016

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 2017
Merle Van Gieson 4 year Term – Expires 2017
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 2017
Alternate: Vacant 4 year Term – Expires 2017

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CIVIL DEFENSE: Stephen Jewett

FENCE VIEWERS: Listers

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

HEALTH OFFICER: Susan Regan 3 year Term – Expires 2016

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 2016
Corbin Erwin (Patricia Hathaway resigned) 3 year Term – Expires 2016
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 James Abbott

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION Carol McGregor

TREE WARDEN Carol McGregor

WEIGHER OF COAL Jackie Kaufman

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Ann Lavery 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 an article for consideration by the assembly.

Subsidiary Motions: alters or eliminates the main motion.

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

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

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

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

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

General rules of debate:

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

MOTIONS BY RANK

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

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

**Minutes
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2013**

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.

Without objections Representative Cindy Weed was allowed to address the Town. She gave a brief legislative update.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott Perry 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)?

Scott Perry 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 Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot. (Carol McGregor - term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Carol McGregor. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Carol McGregor.

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

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

Wendy Howard made a brief presentation to Sharon Perry for her 11 years of dedicated service as Lister.

(c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Sharon Perry resigned, Deanna Robitaille appointed)

Sharon Perry nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Deanna.

(d) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Marsha Phillips - term expires)

Carol Farmer nominated Marsha Phillips. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Marsha.

(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)

Wendy Howard nominated Merle Van Gieson. Merle was re-elected by voice vote.

(f) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring 2018. (Joy Bosley - term expires)

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

(g) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2018. (Deanna Robitaille - term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Deanna Robitaille. Deanna was re-elected by voice vote.

(h) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Rita Kalsmith - term expires)

Suzanne Pelletier nominated Rita Kalsmith. Rita was re-elected by voice vote.

(i) A Library Trustee for the remainder of a five year term which expires in 2015. (Suzanne Pelletier resigned, Patty Perl appointed)

Sue Wilson nominated Patty Perl. Patty was elected by voice vote.

(j) A Library Trustee for the remainder of a five year term which expires in 2016. (Nicole Lantery resigned, Jane Pressler appointed)

Beth Crane nominated Jane Pressler. Jane was elected by voice vote.

(k) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Randy St. Onge - term expires)

Wendy Howard nominated Randy St Onge. Randy was re-elected by voice vote.

(l) A First Constable for a term of one year. (David DeShazo - term expires)

Mark Brouillette nominated Morgan Daybell. Joanne Nichols nominated Paul Nichols. Morgan indicated that Brent Godin has announced that he would be returning to Montgomery and would be interested in returning to the Constable position when eligible to do so, and Morgan was willing to accept the position and resign at which time the Selectboard could, if they so chose, appoint Brent. Paul indicated the same reason for his nomination and declined the nomination. Morgan was elected by voice vote.

(m) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Remi Gratton - term expires)

Morgan Daybell nominated Remi Gratton. It was indicated by Roberta Baker that Remi had not attended any meetings in the last few years and was not interested in remaining on the Commission. Morgan withdrew his nomination. Merle Van Gieson nominated Jim Abbott, Jim declined. Suzanne Pelletier nominated Sharon Perry. Jacob Racusin nominated Alissa Hardy. Sue Pelletier withdrew her nomination of Sharon. Alissa Hardy was elected by voice vote.

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

Barry Kade nominated the Selectboard and they were re-elected by voice vote.

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?

Scott Perry made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Barry Kade made motioned to amend to put a period (.) after "for a term of up to 10 years" and delete the remainder of the sentence and was seconded. Scott Perry moved to call the question, hearing no objections the motion to amend passed by voice vote. The article as amended passed by voice vote.

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.

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

(b) Rescue Department: 2012 - \$33,768; 2013 - \$18,525.

Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$18,525 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Summer Roads: 2012 - \$53,000; 2013 - \$55,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$55,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Winter Roads: 2012 - \$40,000; 2013 - \$40,000.

Marijke Dollois moved to appropriate \$40,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2012 - \$12,200; 2013 - \$10,000.

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

(f) Bridges: 2012 - \$13,000; 2013 - \$10,000.

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

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2012 - \$11,948; 2013 - same.

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$11,948 and was seconded. Carol Farmer moved to amend to \$14,966 and was seconded. After much discussion at least 7 people stood to request a vote by ballot. Motion to amend passed 58 - yes, 24 - no, 2 - spoiled. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

(h) Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2012 - \$20,000; 2013 - 15,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$15,000 and was seconded. Pat Farmer moved to amend to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion to amend failed by voice vote. Motion to appropriate \$15,000 passed by voice vote.

(i) Recreation Department: 2012 - \$18,000; 2013 - same.

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

(j) Reappraisal Fund: 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$4,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$4,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(k) Montgomery Youth Center: 2012 - \$8,000; 2013 - \$6,000

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$6,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(l) Conservation Commission: 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.

Marijke Dollois moved to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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.

Marijke Dollois moved to pay \$16,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Town Treasurer: 2012 - \$10,000; 2013 - \$12,000.

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

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2012 - \$1,000; 2013 - same

Pat Farmer moved to pay each \$1,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Listers: 2012 - 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2013 - same

Sue Wilson moved to pay as written and was seconded. Merle Van Gieson moved to amend to "2nd year" to "other" and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

(e) Auditors: 2012 - 1st year members - \$9.00, 2nd year members \$10.00; 2013 - same.

Scott Perry moved to pay as written and was seconded. Marijke Dollois moved to amend to "1st year \$9 per hour and others \$10 per hour" and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion as amended passed by voice vote.

(f) Board of Civil Authority: 2012 - \$9.00/hour plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2013 - same.

Sue Wilson moved as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(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?

Barry Kade made a motion to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

Sharon Perry moved to suspend the rules and take up Article 8(a) thru (g) together as one vote and was seconded. Motion to take Article 8(a) - (g) passed by voice vote. Motion for Article 8(a) - (g) 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: 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) Mississquoi River Basin Association. 2012 - \$500; 2013 - same.

Merle Van Gieson moved to suspend the rules to take up Article 8(h) thru (k) together as one vote and was seconded. Motion failed by show of hands.

(h) Green Mountain Transit Authority - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$598.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$598 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(i) Franklin - Grand Isle Book Mobile - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$1,500.

Carol Farmer moved to appropriate \$1500 and was seconded. Sue Pelletier moved to amend to \$100 and was seconded. The motion to amend failed by a show of hands. Merle Van Gieson moved to table the question and was seconded. Motion passed by hand count 27 – 21.

(j) Franklin County Humane Society - 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$500.

Parma Jewett moved \$500 as requested and was seconded. Barry Kade moved to amend to \$100 and was seconded. Motion to amend failed by voice vote. Original motion of \$500 passed by voice vote.

(k) Montgomery Emergency Shelter Team – 2012 - \$0; 2013 - \$500.

Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$326,273 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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.

Sue Wilson moved to accept as written and was seconded. Mark Brouillette moved to lay on the table and was seconded. Motion to table passed by voice vote.

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

Marijke Dollois moved to accept as written and was seconded. Renee explained that the change is requested to avoid having the final property tax deadline falling on a weekend day or holiday. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

Barry Kade moved as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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.

Todd Lantery moved to accept as written and was seconded. There was a short video shown and Montgomery Wild and Scenic River representatives, Todd Lantery and Keith Sampietro gave a brief explanation of the project and answered questions. Motion passed by voice vote.


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


Sarita Khan moved to accept a resolution: "The Voters of Montgomery Vermont gathered at Town Meeting vote to oppose the development of the Alberta Tar Sands" and was seconded. Non-binding vote passed by voice vote.

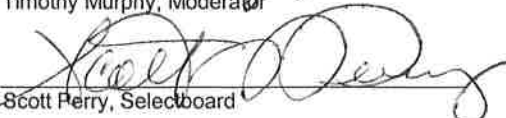
Barry Kade moved that our Delegates to the General Assembly be instructed that the voters of Montgomery support a State mandate labeling genetically modified foods and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Scott Perry moved to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned @ 1:27pm.

A true record this 12th day of March, 2013.

ATTEST: 
Renée J Patterson, Town Clerk

ATTEST: 
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST: 
Scott Perry, Selectboard



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State of the Town 2014

The “State of the Town” is strong. We remain financially sound and continue to effectively manage our accounts and debt, while providing effective services and investing for future needs.

As proposed in the 2014 budget, the Municipal Tax Rate will be going up for the third time in the last six years. In that time we have worked hard to keep the municipal tax burden level, in part as a response to the economic downturn, and deferred some expenses. We judge this year’s increase to be necessary to continue to provide the level of services our citizens have come to expect.

For context, our 2013 Effective Municipal Tax Rate (.3551), which is an “apples to apples” comparison to other Vermont towns, ranked us the 59th lowest of 260 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 5th lowest Municipal rate, out of the 15 towns and villages in Franklin County.

The Selectboard and Water Commission met about 34 times in Regular and Special Meetings since Town Meeting 2013 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 2014 Budget

1. **Summary:** The proposed 2014 budget estimate is \$899,958, about \$83,000 more than the 2013 budget estimate. This increase is largely driven by increased operating costs (highway, fire, rescue, legal, and reappraisal), health care, and debt service. Being conservative in our estimate of non-tax revenues, we estimate this will result in an increase in the Municipal Tax Rate to about \$0.4043 based on the projected post-reappraisal (equalized) grand list.

Elsewhere in the budget there is a decrease in the Teen Center request based on cash on hand and spending history. Other departments are largely level funded.

2. **2013 Audit:** An independent audit was completed by Angolano and Co. in May 2013 and found no discrepancies. A copy of their May 8, 2013 letter is included in this report. A copy of the full report is available by request at the Town Office. Our Treasurer continues to provide strong financial management and oversight and should be applauded for this effort. Town Boards, Commissions and Officers also deserve credit for supporting our accounting and control procedures. We continue to put funds aside for periodic outside audits.

3. **Fire Department:** The fire department has added several new members to their roster and have begun the training and other necessary work to be certified. New individual equipment will need to be purchased and this is reflected in their budget request. They are looking at grant sources to help defray the cost but need to plan to be able to pay the full amount if those grants don't come through.

4. **Ambulance Coverage:** We will continue to contract with Richford for daytime (6:00am to 6:00pm) coverage. We need to purchase equipment for our ambulance and cover increased dispatch costs (see Articles 5 and 6). Our Ambulance service is in need of EMTs and drivers. Please contact Kevin Scheffler or Morgan Daybell if you can help out. Unless we see an increase in staff we may need to mothball or sell our vehicle and contract with a nearby town for ambulance coverage fulltime.

5. **Roads/Public Works:** This department comprises about 42% of the 2014 Municipal budget expense.

a. **Ice Storm Response and Expenses:** The ice storm that hit in late December cost about \$20,000 in unanticipated labor, materials, and contracted services. We will try to recoup some of that if a disaster declaration is made and could expect to be reimbursed about 75% of qualifying costs. This year we have added a small appropriation to start building a Disaster Emergency Response fund to help lessen the impact of these types of events in the future. Our thanks to our crew and all the extra hires for a great response to quickly open, and keep open our road network. Special thanks to Richford for loaning us a truck while one of ours was out of service.

b. **Mercy Hill Project:** Major improvements to the stretch of Regan Road known as Mercy Hill were made last summer and fall with most of the work done by our crew with a leased excavator. Total cost was just over \$30,000 but a State Better Backroads Grant will reimburse us \$10,000 this year.

c. **Longley Bridge:** The State is in charge of the repair and restoration of Longley Bridge. An engineering firm should be chosen in February and they anticipate going to bid for construction in April 2016.

d. **Black Falls Bridge:** The State is ready to begin the replacement of the small bridge on Black Falls Extension. Construction will be this summer. The Town's portion of the project will be about \$18,000 and will be paid out of the Bridges reserved fund.

e. The Town won a grant from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns' insurance arm to subsidize the purchase of a new culvert steamer. It replaces a well-worn device and will be used for thawing and cleaning the Town's culverts. We also appreciate abutting landowners help in removing debris from ditches that could lead to clogs.

f. Perhaps the "elephant in the room" is the lack of certainty regarding the Federal government passing a Transportation Bill. This could result in the State reducing State Aid, just as the level of their funding is returning from previously scaled back levels. State Aid is normally about \$80,000.

6. **Debt Service:** The Town took advantage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), otherwise known as, "stimulus" funds, and secured a low interest loan administered by the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank to finance the new Public Works Building in 2009. As a result of the Federal government's inability to enact a budget, the

sequester agreement containing across the board cuts in all programs went into effect. This had the effect of increasing our annual bond payment by \$700 this year. We have been advised this increase will be set annually and be about the same amount per year until 2021 as a result of the most recent Federal budget agreement.

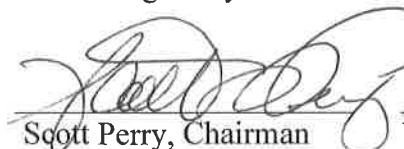
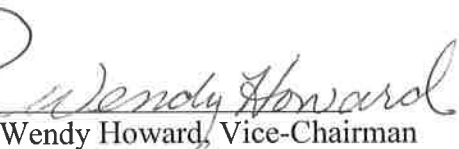
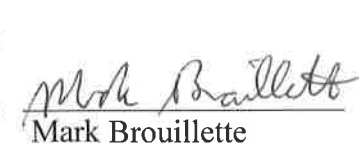
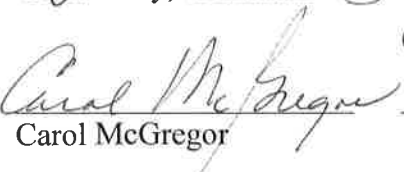
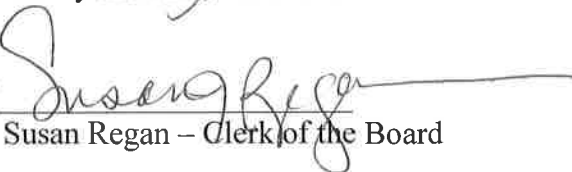
B. New Town Office: The Selectboard has begun preliminary study of the feasibility and cost of a new Town Office. Our well-worn facility, built in 1972 when our population was 651, is too small. By comparison all of the six facilities in other Towns visited as part of our information gathering have vaults at least three times the size of ours, have handicapped accessible bathrooms, have separate workspaces with storage for the Listers and Zoning Administrator, have meeting rooms that better accommodate the public, and have modern mechanical and telecommunication systems. They are also more energy efficient and don't flood. The Selectboard hopes to have information to present to the Town at either a Special Town Meeting or the Annual Town Meeting in 2015. We welcome your ideas and input.

C. Water Commission: The Selectboard also serves as the Water Commission. The Municipal Water System continues to perform well and we remain on target for operating revenues and savings for capital improvements. Our current rates, which were set in 2010, will likely remain unchanged for 2014. During the ice storm we provided uninterrupted service and we were also able to help Alpine Haven using our portable generator to operate their system pumps as well.

As a reminder, all of the Town's meetings are subject to Vermont Open Meeting laws and 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. The County Courier is the official newspaper when notice is required to be made in a local newspaper. Warnings, Minutes and other Town information are available at the Town Office. Warnings are also normally posted in both Post Offices and are available on the Town website (www.montgomeryvt.us).

Annual appointments will be made by the Selectboard at our Regular meetings in March and April. Please consider serving your community in one of these elected or appointed positions. If you don't, who will?

Respectfully,
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 - 2014

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 4th day of March, 2014 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. (Sue Regan - term expires)
 - (b) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot. (Scott Perry - term expires)
 - (c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Parma Jewett – term expires)
 - (d) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Stacy St. Onge - 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. (Vivian Deuso - term expires)
 - (g) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2018. (Annie Purrier - term expires)
 - (h) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Cheryl Wisell - term expires)
 - (i) A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Bill Harlow – term expires)
 - (j) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (William Baker Sr. - term expires)
 - (k) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Morgan Daybell resigned. Brent Godin appointed - term expires)
 - (l) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Parma Jewett - term expires)
 - (m) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Roberta Baker - term expires)
 - (n) A Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of three years. (Anita Woodward - term expires)
 - (o) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard - term expires)
5. Shall the voters approve the use of the Ambulance Replacement Reserve fund for the following additional purposes: to pay for equipment upgrades for the existing ambulance, to pay for ambulance services from other providers in the event the Montgomery Ambulance Service can no longer provide service.
6. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:
 - (a) Fire Department: 2013 - 20,000; 2014 - 28,000.
 - (b) Rescue Department: 2013 - \$18,525; 2014 - \$26,500.
 - (c) Summer Roads: 2013 - \$55,000, 2014 - \$50,000.
 - (d) Winter Roads: 2013 - \$40,000; 2014 - \$50,000.
 - (e) Machinery Replacement: 2013 - \$10,000; 2014 – same.
 - (f) Bridges: 2013 - \$10,000; 2014 – same.
 - (g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2013 - 14,966; 2014 - same.
 - (h) Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2013 - 15,000; 2014 – same.
 - (i) Recreation Department: 2013 - \$18,000; 2014 – same.

- (j) Reappraisal Fund: 2013 - \$4,000; 2014 - 12,000.
- (k) Montgomery Youth Center: 2013 - \$6,000; 2014 - \$3,000.
- (l) Conservation Commission: 2013 - \$500; 2014 - same.

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

- (a) Town Clerk: 2013 - \$16,000; 2014 - same.
- (b) Town Treasurer: 2013 - \$12,000; 2014 - same.
- (c) Each Selectboard Member: 2013 - \$1,000; 2014 - same.
- (d) Listers: 2013 - 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr ; 2014 - same.
- (e) Auditors: 2013 - 1st year members - \$9.00, 2nd year members \$10.00; 2014 - same.
- (f) Board of Civil Authority: 2013 - \$9.00; 2014 - 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: 2013 - \$1,800; 2014 - same.
- (b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2013 - \$1,440. ; 2014 - same.
- (c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2013 - \$500; 2014 - 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. 2013 - \$1000; 2014 - same.
- (e) Green Up Day Vermont. 2013 - \$100; 2014 - same.
- (f) Mississquoi River Basin Association. 2013 - \$500; 2014 - same.
- (g) Green Mountain Transit Authority - 2013 - \$598; 2014 - same.
- (h) Franklin County Humane Society - 2013 - \$500; 2014 - \$300.

9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ 379,961 for Contingent Selectboard? 2013 - \$326,273.

10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the use of an electronic vote tabulator ? The tabulator will be supplied for free from the State and requires a programming fee by a State certified programmer, of approximately \$1,000 each election it is used.

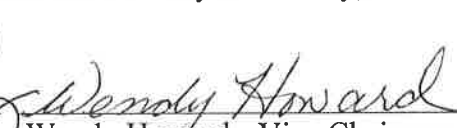
11. Are the voters in favor of selling, or otherwise disposing of, the former Hectorville Covered Bridge now in storage?

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

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 30th day of January, 2014 AD.

Selectboard


Scott Perry - Chairman


Wendy Howard - Vice Chairman


Carol McGregor


Mark Brouillette


Susan Regan - Clerk of the Board

Attest: 
Renee Patterson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 1/30/2014

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

Auditors Report 2013

The town auditors have reviewed the town's books and financial statements for the year 2013. We were pleased to know that a professional audit was performed and no negligence was found. Some recommendations were made which the Town Clerk will follow up with.

We were able to reconcile all departments with the exception of the General Fund. Once the accounting procedures recommended by the audit are implemented this account should balance out.

Recommendations:

1. Automatic bond payments should be recorded in warrants.
2. All general ledger adjustments and voided checks should be recorded with backup.
3. Auditor recommendations implemented as soon as possible.

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May 8, 2013

To the Select Board
Town of Montgomery, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Town of Montgomery, Vermont** for the year ended December 31, 2012. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 23, 2013. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Montgomery, Vermont are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during December 31, 2012. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the lives of property, plant, and equipment is based on expected usefulness. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop

the lives of property, plant, and equipment in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The disclosure of Fund Balances and Net Assets in Notes 7 and 8 to the financial statements as to how any surplus is to be used in future fiscal years.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of Select Board and management of Town of Montgomery, Vermont and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Angolano & Company

Angolano & Company,
Shelburne, Vermont
Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

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1	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	CHANGE 14-13 BUDGET
2	Unreserved Funds	\$32,527	\$19,303	\$19,303	\$23,064	\$23,064	\$3,761
3	Delinquent Taxes	\$83,031	\$65,153	\$57,161	\$73,606	\$55,179	(\$1,982)
4	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$25,422	\$20,800	\$20,000	\$19,648	\$20,000	\$0
5	State Aid - Roads	\$97,785	\$59,515	\$70,000	\$80,335	\$75,000	\$5,000
6	Town Machinery	\$79,118	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	Water Dept Fee	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
8	Judicial Fines	\$0	\$262	\$0	\$234	\$0	\$0
9	Rent - US Postal Service	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$0
10	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$0	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
11	Licenses & Vital Records	\$7,182	\$6,261	\$6,000	\$8,145	\$7,000	\$1,000
12	Recording Fees	\$7,647	\$10,285	\$7,500	\$10,725	\$8,500	\$1,000
13	Office Fees	\$1,469	\$2,356	\$1,500	\$2,428	\$2,000	\$500
14	Copier/Fax	\$419	\$528	\$400	\$439	\$400	\$0
15	Interest	\$569	\$149	\$100	\$92	\$100	\$0
16	Zoning Fees	\$2,345	\$2,325	\$2,000	\$1,985	\$2,000	\$0
17	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$16,450	\$16,453	\$16,000	\$16,442	\$16,000	\$0
18	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$29,443	\$30,302	\$29,690	\$33,153	\$30,000	\$310
19	PILOT	\$1,032	\$1,035	\$500	\$1,109	\$1,000	\$500
20	Town Hall Rental	\$2,150	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,150	\$1,000	\$0
21	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,000
22	Sand & Material	\$457	\$1,434	\$0	\$253	\$0	\$0
23	Leased Land	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$0
24	Tax Sale Redemption	\$0	\$11,097	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25	Miscellaneous	\$4,540	\$2,516	\$3,500	\$3,332	\$3,500	\$0
26	Sub-Total	\$405,566	\$272,352	\$254,734	\$295,220	\$265,823	\$11,089
27	Insurance claims reimb	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,761	\$0	\$0
28	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$56,821	\$15,298	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
29	Grants	\$180,233	\$11,758	\$16,740	\$20,190	\$10,000	(\$6,740)
30	TOTAL REVENUE LESS PROPERTY TAXES	\$642,620	\$299,408	\$271,474	\$321,170	\$275,823	\$4,349
31	Property Taxes	\$416,981	\$456,780	\$545,247	\$457,419	\$624,135	\$78,888
32	TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,059,601	\$756,188	\$816,721	\$778,589	\$899,958	\$83,237

33	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	CHANGE 14-13 BUDGET
34	ADMINISTRATION						
35	Town Officers	\$50,632	\$52,675	\$53,000	\$47,902	\$51,000	(\$2,000)
36	Social Security	\$3,876	\$4,029	\$4,200	\$3,938	\$4,000	(\$200)
37	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$16,190	\$7,170	\$7,000	\$13,895	\$14,000	\$7,000
38	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$4,094	\$3,518	\$3,288	\$1,990	\$3,306	\$18
39	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/Rtrmnt	\$18,096	\$18,889	\$19,000	\$18,388	\$21,000	\$2,000
40	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$9,010	\$7,900	\$9,600	\$7,970	\$9,800	\$200
41	Ins-Property & Liability	\$18,395	\$17,870	\$20,700	\$21,303	\$22,100	\$1,400
42	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$12,016	\$10,874	\$13,500	\$10,659	\$13,500	\$0
43	Town Reports & Postage	\$1,570	\$1,117	\$1,300	\$1,193	\$1,300	\$0
44	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$39	\$1,072	\$1,000	\$3,741	\$3,836	\$2,836
45	Audit Services	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	(\$1,000)
46	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$133,917	\$125,114	\$139,588	\$135,979	\$149,842	\$10,254
47	ASSESSMENTS						
48	County Tax	\$13,693	\$11,975	\$12,955	\$12,955	\$12,770	(\$185)
49	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,056	\$1,201	\$1,201	\$1,201	\$1,210	\$9
50	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$1,735	\$1,855	\$1,948	\$1,948	\$2,143	\$195
51	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$883	\$1,057	\$1,093	\$1,093	\$1,153	\$60
52	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$0
53	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$17,742	\$16,463	\$17,572	\$17,572	\$17,651	\$79
54	DEBT SERVICE						
55	Debt service: Public Works Bldg Bond	\$37,244	\$36,986	\$36,707	\$37,419	\$37,064	\$357
56	Debt Service: Village Water Bond	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0
57	Debt Service: Fire Pumper Truck	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,760	\$23,760
58	Debt Service: Highway Loader	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,403	\$18,403
59	Debt Service: Highway Truck	Not broken out	\$22,880	\$22,440	\$22,440	\$0	(\$22,440)
60	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$50,981	\$73,603	\$72,884	\$73,596	\$92,964	\$20,080
61	HIGHWAYS						
62	Social Security	\$7,310	\$6,760	\$7,500	\$7,269	\$7,500	\$0
63	Employee Benefits	\$26,578	\$33,509	\$40,500	\$38,324	\$52,000	\$11,500
64	Public Works Bldg	\$12,128	\$10,725	\$5,000	\$11,609	\$7,000	\$2,000
65	Public Works Bldg Fuel	\$3,587	\$4,501	\$4,000	\$4,636	\$5,000	\$1,000
66	* Summer Roads	\$70,197	\$55,281	\$55,000	\$41,547	\$50,000	(\$5,000)
67	Summer Roads--State Aid	\$15,918	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
68	* Winter Roads	\$70,000	\$41,645	\$40,000	\$46,793	\$50,000	\$10,000
69	Winter Roads--State Aid	\$49,967	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$33,000	\$5,000
70	Construction - State Aid	\$31,900	\$30,861	\$32,000	\$39,296	\$32,000	\$0
71	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$40,423	\$51,431	\$45,000	\$51,322	\$45,000	\$0
72	Diesel Fuel	\$48,365	\$38,477	\$45,000	\$48,230	\$55,000	\$10,000
73	Sub-Total	\$376,372	\$311,189	\$312,000	\$327,026	\$346,500	\$34,500
74	* Bridges	\$234,849	\$4,015	\$10,000	\$5,262	\$10,000	\$0
75	Trans. Enhancement Grant (Longley Bridge)	\$0	\$20,925	\$11,045	\$11,044	\$0	(\$11,045)
76	Flood/Emergency Road Repairs	\$49,799	\$8,700	\$0	\$1,188	\$12,000	\$12,000
77	* Machinery Replacement	\$31,148	\$0	\$10,000	\$6,900	\$10,000	\$0
78	TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$692,168	\$344,829	\$343,045	\$351,420	\$378,500	\$35,455
79	INFRASTRUCTURE & BUILDINGS						
80	Office Building	\$12,851	\$9,893	\$9,000	\$4,410	\$9,000	\$0
81	Office Building Fuel	\$3,157	\$2,184	\$3,000	\$2,675	\$3,000	\$0
82	Town Hall - Grange	\$2,879	\$3,742	\$3,500	\$4,810	\$5,000	\$1,500
83	Town Hall Fuel	\$3,585	\$1,485	\$1,500	\$3,491	\$3,500	\$2,000
84	Public Safety Building	\$7,315	\$4,317	\$6,000	\$4,414	\$5,000	(\$1,000)
85	Public Safety Building Fuel	\$6,309	\$6,145	\$7,000	\$6,867	\$7,000	\$0
86	Waste Water Study	\$12,893	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
87	Street Lights	\$11,389	\$11,373	\$11,500	\$11,291	\$11,500	\$0
88	Mowing	\$4,303	\$4,165	\$4,500	\$3,625	\$4,500	\$0
89	Sub-Total	\$64,680	\$43,304	\$46,000	\$41,583	\$48,500	\$2,500
90	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maintenance Fund	\$9,593	\$15,710	\$15,000	\$2,569	\$15,000	\$0
91	Public Works Building Construction	\$12,039	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
92	TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE & BUILDINGS	\$86,312	\$59,014	\$61,000	\$44,152	\$63,500	\$2,500

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

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93	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	CHANGE 14-13 BUDGET
94	MISCELLANEOUS						
95	Delinquent Taxes	\$85,186	\$81,658	\$81,658	\$78,827	\$78,827	(\$2,831)
96	Licenses & Vital Records	\$3,178	\$2,684	\$3,000	\$4,284	\$3,500	\$500
97	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$4,269	\$8,805	\$5,000	\$2,148	\$3,000	(\$2,000)
98	Miscellaneous	\$2,931	\$4,655	\$4,000	\$2,653	\$3,000	(\$1,000)
99	Sub-Total	\$95,563	\$97,803	\$93,658	\$87,912	\$88,327	(\$5,331)
100	* Reappraisal Fund	\$3,435	\$36,012	\$4,000	\$40,214	\$12,000	\$8,000
101	Restoration of Records	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,363	\$0	\$0
102	Tax Sale Purchase	\$9,935	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
103	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$108,932	\$133,815	\$97,658	\$129,489	\$100,327	\$2,669
104	LIBRARY						
105	* Operating Expense	\$11,948	\$11,948	\$14,966	\$14,966	\$14,966	\$0
106	TOTAL LIBRARY	\$11,948	\$11,948	\$14,966	\$14,966	\$14,966	\$0
107	POLICE/CONSTABLE						
108	* Operating Expenses	\$298	\$2,177	\$0	\$2,660	\$0	\$0
109	TOTAL POLICE	\$298	\$2,177	\$0	\$2,660	\$0	\$0
110	RECREATION						
111	* Operating Expenses	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
112	TOTAL RECREATION	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
113	RESCUE AND FIRE						
114	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$28,000	\$8,000
115	* Rescue Operating Expenses	\$24,800	\$33,768	\$18,525	\$18,525	\$26,500	\$7,975
116	TOTAL RESCUE AND FIRE	\$54,800	\$53,768	\$38,525	\$38,525	\$54,500	\$15,975
117	CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
118	* Operating Expenses, Speakers, and Projects	\$0	\$688	\$500	\$2,532	\$500	\$0
119	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$0	\$688	\$500	\$2,532	\$500	\$0
120	MONTGOMERY YOUTH CENTER						\$0
121	* Operating Expenses	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	(\$3,000)
122	TOTAL MONTGOMERY YOUTH CENTER	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	(\$3,000)
123	REQUESTS						
124	* Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
125	* Franklin County Home Health	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$0
126	* Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
127	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
128	* Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
129	* Green Up Day Vermont	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
130	* Northern VT Res, Conservation Council	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$0	(\$75)
131	* Green Mountain Transit	\$0	\$0	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$0
132	* Franklin County Humane Society	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$300	(\$200)
133	* Montgomery Emergency Shelter Team	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	(\$500)
134	TOTAL REQUESTS	\$5,415	\$5,415	\$6,983	\$6,983	\$6,208	(\$775)
135							
136	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,188,513	\$852,834	\$816,721	\$841,874	\$899,958	\$83,237
	* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting						
	Contingent Selectboard = TOTAL 2014 EXPENSES at Line 136 minus BUDGET 2014 REVENUES LESS PROPERTY TAXES at Line 29						
	minus total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on highlighted by asterisk (*)						
	Contingent Selectboard =	\$379,961					

	2014 Proposed Budget Percentage Breakout				
	Proposed 2014 Municipal Budget Revenue				
1	Other Revenue	\$275,823	31%		
2	2014 Taxes	\$624,135	69%		
3	Total Municipal Budget	\$899,958	100%		
4					
5	Proposed 2014 Municipal Budget Percentages By Major Expense Category				
6	Administration	\$149,842	17%	\$0.0416	
7	Assessments	\$17,651	2%	\$0.0049	
8	Fire & Rescue	\$54,500	6%	\$0.0151	
9	Highways	\$378,500	42%	\$0.1051	
10	Library	\$14,966	2%	\$0.0042	
11	Police	\$0	0%	\$0.0000	
12	Miscellaneous	\$100,327	11%	\$0.0279	
13	Recreation	\$18,000	2%	\$0.0050	
14	RequestsTotal	\$6,208	1%	\$0.0017	
15	Bldgs and Infrastructure	\$63,500	7%	\$0.0176	
16	Debt Service	\$92,964	10%	\$0.0258	
17	Conservation Commission	\$500	0%	\$0.0001	
18	Youth Center	\$3,000	0%	\$0.0008	
19	Total Municipal Expenses	\$899,958	100%	\$0.2500	
20					
21	Proposed 2014 Municipal and School Budgets				
22	Total Proposed School Budget	\$2,579,775	74%		
23	Total Proposed Municipal Budget	\$899,958	26%		
24	Total Proposed Town Budget	\$3,479,733	100%		

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE HISTORY 1993-2014					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL** AGREEMENT TAX RATE Vet. Exempt.	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION TAX RATE (Set by State)	TOTAL TAX RATE
2014 Projected	*	**		***	
Homestead	\$0.4043	\$0.0030	\$0.4073	\$1.2391	\$1.6464
Non-Homestead	\$0.4043	\$0.0030	\$0.4073	\$1.5100	\$1.9173
TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	
2013 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.4259	\$1.8898
Non-Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.8564	\$2.3203
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	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	~~~~~	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		
Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.0166	\$1.3816
Non-Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.2174	\$1.5824
ACT 68 +~~~~~	~~~~~	ACT 68 +	~~~~~	ACT 68 +	~~~~~
	MUNICIPAL	SCHOOL	STATE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	SCHOOL TAX RATE	SCHOOL TAX RATE	TAX 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
* Based on Equalized Grand List					
** Local Agreement rate reflects 2007 Town Meeting approval of increasing the Veteran's Assessment exemption from \$10,000 to \$40,000					
*** Based on Projected Post-Reappraisal CLA of 100%					

Town of Montgomery Liabilities as of 12/31/13

Water Project: USDA-RD

Bond #1 – Principal Balance \$ 137,374.43

Payment due 5/13/14 \$3,758.00

Payment due 11/13/14 3,758.00

Bond #2 – Principal Balance \$ 336,204.05

Payment due 5/13/14 \$10,625.00

Payment due 11/13/14 10,625.00

Bond #3 – Principal Balance \$316,874.98

Payment due 6/10/14 \$8,718.00

Payment due 12/10/14 8,718.00

2013 International Fire Truck:

State of Vermont – Principal \$88,000

Payment due 6/30/14 \$24,200.00

Public Works Building Bond:

Bank of New York– Principal \$400,000

Payment due 6/01/14 \$ 5,681.88

Add Sequestration Interest due 6/1 331.68

Payment due 12/1/14 \$30,681.88

Add Sequestration Interest due 12/1 368.53

MONTGOMERY TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES 2013

SELECTBOARD:

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

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Renee J Patterson \$27,999.92

ASSISTANT CLERKS:

Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$9,765.00	
Lynda Cluba	<u>\$286.00</u>	\$10,051.00

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Anita Woodward, 4% of Delq Tax collected \$4,308.27

LISTERS:

Deanna Robitaille	7,308.00	
Lynda Cluba	5,782.50	
Sharon Perry	873.75	
Parma Jewett	<u>5,437.50</u>	\$19,401.75

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Barry Kade	251.25	
Christina Bilodeau	<u>\$1,181.25</u>	\$1,432.50

DRB CLERK:

Deanna Robitaille	<u>300.00</u>	\$300.00
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AUDITORS:

Carol Farmer	67.50	
Marsha Phillips	130.00	
Stacey St Onge	<u>75.00</u>	\$272.50

MONTGOMERY TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES 2013

DOG OFFICER MaryAnne Wood	\$270.00
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CONSTABLE: Brent Godin	\$826.00
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JANITORS:

Building Maintenance:

Jay M Adams - Town Office & PSB	667.50	
Jay M Adams - Town Hall	870.00	
		\$1,537.50

Cleaning: Constance Sheltra - Town Office Building	67.50	
Constance Sheltra - Public Safety Bldg	123.75	
		\$191.25

Total Town Officers	\$71,590.69
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HIGHWAY:

Constance Sheltra - Garage Cleaning	\$48.75	
Robert Baker	\$11,853.75	
Lawrence Kneen III	\$40,051.78	
Shane M Reed	\$46,636.68	
		\$46,636.68
Total Highway		\$98,590.96

Report of Unreserved Funds December 31, 2012

Balance:	General Fund Checking Acct	\$254,263.26	
	Outstanding Deposit	4,791.16	
	Outstanding Checks	<u>-33,653.67</u>	
			\$225,400.75
Less Reserved Funds:			
	Fire Dept	-\$3,615.63	
	Rescue Dept	26,881.25	
	Recreation Dept	8,932.23	
	Teen Center	7,354.15	
	Library	18,220.19	
	Bridges	13,723.48	
	Restoration of Records	20,042.58	
	Bldg Capital Improvement & Maint	47,433.39	
	Conservation Commission	428.67	
	Machinery Replacement	32,912.43	
	Police Services Dept	6,623.25	
	Reappraisal Fund	<u>23,401.61</u>	
			<u>\$202,337.60</u>
	Unreserved funds		<u><u>\$23,063.15</u></u>

2013 Report of Fire Department Activities

Fire Dept Calls 2013:	Vehicle	12
	Structure	1
	Chimney	3
	Storm	1
	Alarms	0
	Brush	0
	Medical Assist	<u>1</u>
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2014 BUDGET Report
Fire Department

	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Change Budget 13/14
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	20,000	20,000	20,000	28,000	8,000
Town of Westfield	2,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	4,204	4,000	3,446	4,000	0
Proceeds from Loan	110,000	0	0	0	0
Interest	229	50	15	0	-50
Use of Capital Reserve/loan	0	185,000	186,440	0	-185,000
Use of Fund Balance	0	43,350	43,852	0	-43,350
Total Revenue	136,433	256,400	257,753	36,000	-220,400
Expenses					
Vehicle Fuel	332	500	412	500	0
Telephone	295	300	301	300	0
Insurance	7,660	7,800	9,309	9,800	2,000
Dispatch Fees	3,922	4,500	4,948	5,200	700
Radio Repair	1,134	500	645	1,200	700
Office supplies	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Repairs	731	750	1,295	2,500	1,750
Training	0	300	771	1,500	1,200
Miscellaneous	2,570	2,500	2,359	2,800	300
Association Dues	304	300	286	300	0
Equipment	1,000	1,000	2,992	9,200	8,200
Payroll	1,650	2,000	2,090	2,500	500
Social Security	126	150	160	200	50
Building Maintenance	413	0	0	0	0
Capital Improvement	0	211,600	211,600	0	-211,600
Truck Payment-Debt Service	0	24,200	24,200	0	-24,200
Total Expenses	20,137	256,400	261,368	36,000	-220,400

Beginning Balance 01/01/13

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

Total Receipts 27,461

Total Expenses 261,368

Ending Balance 12/31/12

General Fund	-4,311
Dry Hydrant	696
Capital Improvement	0
	<u>-3,615</u>

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2014 BUDGET

Rescue Department

	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Change Budget 13/14
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	33,768	18,525	18,525	26,500	7,975
Ambulance Billing	15,905	14,798	15,806	15,657	859
Grants	16,734	0	23,149	0	0
Donations	375	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	2,427	0	881	-1,546
Total Revenue	66,782	33,323	57,480	43,038	7,288
Expenses					
Ambulance Reserve Fund	0	2,000	0	0	-2,000
Equipment	0	300	0	9,000	8,700
Communications	2,731	500	382	500	0
Insurance	4,615	5,000	4,776	5,000	0
Education	1,300	1,300	1,044	1,300	0
Medical Supplies	2,920	1,500	2,016	2,000	500
Uniforms	98	200	8	200	0
Payroll & Social Security	3,655	3,800	3,792	3,888	88
Office expense	160	100	0	100	0
Maintenance (Veh.& Equip)	750	1,000	801	1,000	0
EMS Dispatch Fee	3,922	4,500	4,948	5,200	700
Building Expense	143	0	0	0	0
Contracted Services: EAS	15,547	12,750	12,750	13,250	500
Contracted Services: Billing	1,778	2,800	1,480	1,600	-1,200
Contracted Services: Other	0	0	0	0	0
Diesel fuel	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	16,734	0	27,087	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,036	0	285	0	0
Total Expenses	55,389	35,750	59,369	43,038	7,288

General Fund Reserve for Rescue Dept.

26,000.00 Ambulance Replacement

881.25 Cash on Hand

26,881.25

Montgomery Rescue 2014 Budget

2013 was another busy year for Montgomery Rescue. In addition to responding to 911 calls in town, we made the transition to electronic patient care reporting, and we are now in the process of instituting new state-wide protocols. We will need to purchase additional equipment to meet these new protocols and our budget reflects the purchase of additional equipment.

Montgomery Rescue continues to experience declining membership. We are down to five fully certified squad members at this time. This is an unsustainable demand to place on a volunteer squad that covers the town from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am for 365 days per year. I would like to make my plea once again, that if there are still people in town who are interested in keeping Montgomery Rescue going please contact Morgan Daybell, or myself. If you are waiting until you are less busy, or you have more available time, then you will likely not find an ambulance service in town to volunteer for!

We plan to continue utilizing Richford Ambulance Service to cover daytime hours for 2014 as this option allows us to keep our ambulance in operation for Montgomery from 6:00pm to 6:00am, and at any other times when members are available.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Scheffler
Montgomery Rescue Business Manager

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2014 BUDGET
Recreation Department

	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Change in Budget 13/14
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers	8,284	8,000	10,717	8,000	0
Facilities Rent	0	0	200	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Projected Activities	670	1,000	819	1,000	0
Total Revenue	26,954	27,000	29,736	37,000	10,000
Expenses					
Heating Fuel	1,097	1,200	1,261	1,300	100
Electricity	782	900	792	900	0
Water	405	500	345	350	-150
Telephone	180	150	152	160	10
Payroll & SS	8,090	9,700	9,650	10,230	530
Building Maintenance	6,907	3,500	193	3,500	0
Port-o-lets	938	950	957	1,000	50
Rubbish Removal	445	400	540	500	100
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Grounds Maintenance	442	1,000	1,001	1,000	0
Lawn Care	3,663	3,600	2,884	3,600	0
Snow Removal	0	500	0	500	0
Tennis Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
Office & Postage	67	100	65	100	0
Activity Exp & Supplies	1,660	1,500	1,378	1,500	0
Playground Project	0	0	0	20,000	20,000
Capital Improvement	0	1,953	0	1,293	-660
Playground Fund	0	1,047	296	0	-1,047
Miscellaneous	920	0	3	0	0
Total Expenses	25,596	27,000	19,517	45,933	18,933

General Fund reserve for the Rec Dept	1,953	Capital Improvement Fund
	1,366	Playground Fund
	5,614	Cash on Hand
	<u>8,933</u>	Total

2013 RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 2013, the Recreation Department continued with its ongoing efforts to provide a variety of services and activities for members of the community. In addition, there are improvements planned for 2014.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

Programs on the Fields: Residents of all ages enjoyed playing soccer, volleyball, tennis, softball, and baseball, including Little League for both boys and girls, during the warmer months of the year.

Programs Sponsored at the Montgomery Elementary School: Yoga and Zumba classes at the school were sponsored by the Recreation Department year round, and volleyball was held in the gym during the winter months.

Snowshoe Loan Program: Montgomery Properties continued to administer this program, providing a much appreciated service to the community.

SUMMER DAY CAMP:

In 2013, attendance averaged approximately 50 campers per day. The camp program remained free of charge to residents, thanks to the support of the Town, and breakfast and lunch were provided at no charge.

TEEN CENTER:

This program has continued to partner with the Recreation Department and uses the Field House.

MEMORIAL PAVILION:

This facility continued to be well utilized by the community. There were numerous events held at it, including weddings, bachelor parties, non-profit fund raisers, birthday parties and family reunions.

EVENTS:

The Variety Show: This fundraising event was held in October and was very successful. The hard work of Eamon O'Shea and his crew is much appreciated.

4th of July: The summer weather was great for the parade and Firemen's Chicken Barbeque, and both were well attended and lots of fun.

Art Auction: This was a collaborative effort involving the Town, the Recreation Department, School and various artists as well as other generous community members. Special thanks go to Micky Doheny for his auctioneering, and to head cook Sam Murphy and to Patty Hathaway for the delicious food. In addition, an awesome crew of 8th and 9th graders waited tables and showed the art. It was a fun and successful event.

Halloween Dance: Thanks go to Eamon O'Shea and Jonathan Betts for overseeing this event again. There were many creative costumes, and everyone enjoyed the dancing. This event raised funds for playground equipment.

Pumpkin Lighting: In spite of the rainy weather, about 50 people attended and stayed to enjoy the bonfire, donuts and cider.

FACILITIES UPGRADES:

In 2013, playground equipment received a fresh coat of paint thanks to Patty and Steve Hathaway.

PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

The roof on the Peter von Conta Memorial Barbeque Shelter is expected to be replaced in 2014, and a new playground structure is planned.

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 2014.

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

Nelson Mayhew

Peg Doheny

Lisa Perry

Corbin Erwin

Stephanie Machia

Marsha Phillips

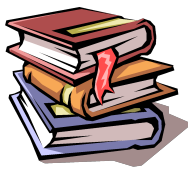
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MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY - 2014 BUDGET

	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Change Budget 13/14
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	11,948	11,948	14,966	14,966	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	11,823	10,000	21,632	12,000	-9,632
Grants	1,780	2,500	1,650	2,500	850
Use of Reserve Funds	1,045	8,540	822	9,444	8,622
Total Revenue	26,596	32,988	39,070	38,910	-160
Expenses					
Books & Subscriptions	3,891	4,734	5,737	5,525	-212
Equipment & Repairs	263	1,000	7,214	3,960	-3,254
Furniture & Shelving	133	400	275	400	125
Fundraising Expenses	371	1,450	1,241	1,450	209
Supplies	2,249	1,400	1,170	1,400	230
Mileage Reimbursement	553	565	332	565	233
Miscellaneous	358	375	1,193	400	-793
Postage	503	700	781	800	19
Printing	0	100	0	100	100
Programming	1,114	1,300	903	1,300	397
Payroll & SS & Benefits	14,641	17,573	18,037	19,610	1,573
Utilities(Phone & Internet)	392	466	436	475	39
Workshops & Memberships	480	425	250	425	175
Grant Expenditures	1,647	2,500	1,500	2,500	1,000
Total Expenses	26,596	32,988	39,070	38,910	-160

Cash on Hand

Checking	1,351	332
Petty Cash	40	40
Due from Gen Fund	18,081	18,220
Total	19,472	18,592



Montgomery Town Library

February 2014

It is our privilege to report to the Town of Montgomery on a very successful 2013 at Montgomery Town Library. We are very grateful for the support the library received from the citizens of Montgomery in the past year. Our patrons, both residents and visitors to Montgomery, have shown how much they enjoy and rely on a full-service public library. Donations, gifts, and fundraising events fund almost 50 percent of our annual budget.

Montgomery Town Library was a busy place in 2013! For starters, automation came to our library. This ambitious effort required a concerted effort by our library director, Tracey Durgan, as well as many hours and many volunteers to complete, but we are now completely linked with VOKAL (the Vermont Organization of Koha Automated Libraries), and circulation of all items is automated. The smooth operation of the library continues to rely on a single staff member, Tracey, and a dedicated team of volunteers.

MTL by the numbers:

- **6,300** items are now catalogued on Koha, the statewide automated library database.
- MTL hosted **6,530** patron visits, during which **1,740** works of fiction, **1,349** children's books, **1,137** movies, and **624** non-fiction works were checked out.
- Patrons and visitors used wifi **831** times, and the internet 2096 times.
- Participation in programs reached **1,198**.
- Patrons used interlibrary loan and ListenUP **279** times each.

In 2013, for the third straight year, we hosted a grant-funded, free Red Cross Babysitter's Training for local teens. With another grant, we brought "Summer Encore Theatre" back to highlight our summer reading programs, which also included wildlife and nature shows and reading incentives. Throughout the year, many families participated in our weekly story times, while adults enjoyed our Page-to-Screen series, T'ai Chi Chih classes and other evening events.

In the spring we held our annual Book and Bake sale, and in July we hosted our fifth annual Montgomery Town Library Wine & Cheese Silent Auction, this time at The INN. We were very grateful to receive a generous memorial gift from the family of Denise Stepanek, a resident of Montgomery and a long-time library patron and volunteer. This gift enabled us to upgrade our library computers and, with the help of a grant, install a new early literacy computer station for children.

We hope that you will visit your town library to see the wonderful improvements your support has made possible. We are here to serve you now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees Beth Crane, Bill Harlow, Rita Kalsmith, Patty Perl, Patty Hathaway, Jane Butterfield Presler, and Cheryl Wisell



We would like to sincerely thank the Town of Montgomery for your support. 2013 continued year of transition for the Montgomery Teen Center.

With the relocation of the Teen Center to the Montgomery Recreation Center building, we are struggling to regain attendance. Our goal for 2014 is to maintain our efforts to establish a presence with the eligible students and their parents. We have had the opportunity to set up a table during sporting events at Montgomery Elementary School to hand out flyers, questionnaires, and answer general questions. It is our hope that this, in addition to scheduling social events for parents and students to attend together at our facility, will help attendance grow and make the program a success. We have also updated our resources and redecorated to make our space more inviting for students to socialize in a healthy and constructive way.

Our current board includes Felicity Barnard and Gabrielle Marquette with one vacant seat. We are committed to providing safe, fun activities for the youth in this community. We plan to have several small fundraising events to compliment the many fundraising events that already exist in our community. Again, we would like to thank the Montgomery Recreation Department for allowing us to use the space in the building at the Rec Center.

Respectfully,

Gabrielle Marquette
Board Member

Felicity Barnard
Board Member

Deanna Robitaille
Director

MONTGOMERY YOUTH CENTER - 2014 BUDGET

	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Change Budget 13/14
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	8,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	-3,000
Donations/Fundraisers	212	3,000	0	1,500	-1,500
Grants	0	500	0	500	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	3,385	3,385
Total Revenue	8,212	9,500	6,000	8,385	-4,500
Expenses					
Salaries	5,797	10,000	2,974	5,000	-5,000
SS & Medi	444	775	228	385	-390
Telephone	371	325	548	600	275
Activity Exp & Supplies	47	1,000	144	1,700	700
Office Supplies/Postage/Equip	0	100	0	100	0
Resources & Training	147	700	0	500	-200
Miscellaneous	31	100	2	100	0
Total Expenses	6,836	13,000	3,897	8,385	-4,615

General Fund Reserve for the Teen Center

7,354.15

MONTGOMERY CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2014 BUDGET

	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Change Budget 13/14
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	500	500	500	500	0
Donations/Fundraisers	824	250	1,830	500	250
Grants	0	70	0	70	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	350	350
Total Revenue	1,324	820	2,330	1,420	250
Expenses					
Events Guests & Speakers	0	2,345	2,257	900	-1,445
Events Materials	0	100	0	50	-50
Postage	0	100	0	150	50
Printing	0	200	275	200	0
Grant	0	70	0	70	0
Fundraising costs	693	0	0	50	50
Total Expenses	693	2,815	2,532	1,420	-1,395

General Fund Reserve

428.67

2013 Annual Report of the Montgomery Conservation Commission

2013 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. These included a winter tree identification hike in February, a workshop on the care and management of wild apple trees in April, and a woods walk focusing on spring ephemeral wild flowers and vernal pools in May. In June the Commission hosted the *Vermont Institute of Natural Science* for an afternoon of Owls and Their Calls. This was one of our best attended events, with over 90 people of all ages coming out for the two hour program to see live owls and discuss their different habitat needs, as well as how to identify them by their plumage and the calls. The commission also held a hands-on workshop on beekeeping in May, and a presentation on fisheries in Vermont and the Mississquoi River Basin in November. In October the Commission hosted Sue Morse or Keeping Track with her traveling natural history museum for an evening exploring the wildlife of our region. This was another amazing event at the grange which brought close to 100 members of the community out to see mounts, pelts, skulls and track molds, as well as remarkable wildlife photography from across the Northern Forest. This year was also the third 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 a work day in June with community members turning out to help on the demonstration site along West Hill Brook. The Commission plans to carry on this project next year, and to continue and spread the word about invasive species in our region.

The commission would like to thank everyone who donated their time, energy and (especially) their culinary skills to helping to make our events so successful! Without the volunteer effort that's so strong in our community none of this could have been possible. The Commission also undertook a number of direct fundraising activities this year, reaching out to community members to raise close to \$2,000 from our generous neighbors. The funds raised will be crucial in continuing the Commission's mission to bring informative, interesting and fun programming to our community about the natural resources around us, and the place we call home. In 2014 we hope to continue and host fun and information field walks and events, including annual workshops on apple tree care and tree identification, as well as partnering in projects with neighboring towns, such as the Cerceris wasp surveys which are being used as a means to monitor for the presence of Emerald Ash Borer. We also hope to have the Vermont Institute of Natural Science back, and are looking to host a Game of Logging training for community members who are out actively working in woods. Other areas the Commission hopes to focus this coming year include the future impact of GMOs in our region, and water resources in our communities. Have an interesting idea for a program or event? Let us know and we'll work to make it happen. Thanks again for all your support!

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2014 BUDGET

Water Department

	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 2013	Budget 2014
Revenues					
Water Usage	59,718	61,267	59,000	63,179	61,649
Delinquent Interest/Penalties	340	0	0	0	0
Refunds/Rebates/Donations	2,010	568	500	0	0
Interest	292	84	50	67	50
User Bond Receipts	33,932	33,897	33,700	33,324	33,717
Service Fees	2,831	8,456	1,000	479	500
Town of Montgomery	13,737	13,737	13,737	13,737	13,737
Total Revenue	112,860	118,009	107,987	110,785	109,653
Expenses					
Salaries	2,614	367	0	0	0
Town Admin Assessment	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Technology equip/support	1,612	0	1,000	94	1,000
Training	0	0	500	0	0
Utilities	10,350	10,584	11,000	11,602	12,000
Contracted Services	34,601	35,000	37,000	35,792	34,768
Miscellaneous	3,179	5,509	500	96	2,928
Water Testing	320	1,002	1,085	978	1,000
Office Expense	1,158	971	1,000	1,124	1,084
Equipment	5,973	1,282	1,500	1,674	2,976
Facilities Maintenance	2,131	1,596	2,000	1,248	1,659
VT Fees	265	294	300	390	400
Annual Bond Payment	46,202	46,202	46,202	46,202	46,202
Association Dues	165	165	200	195	200
Chemicals	549	357	500	401	436
Legal Services	0	0	200	0	0
Total Expenses	109,118	108,329	107,987	104,796	109,653

Beginning Balance 01/01/13

Checking 32,049.34

Savings 108,519.49

140,568.83

Total Receipts 110,785.00

Total Expenses 104,795.86

Ending Balance 12/31/13

Checking 37,984.55

Savings 108,573.42

146,557.97

Total Balance of Delinquent Water Bills as of 12/31/13 \$ 973.59

2013 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Work on the Town-wide Reappraisal continues, as ordered by the State of Vermont. Our goal, as you may remember, was to complete this project for the 2013 Grand List. Regrettably, with the magnitude of data collection, data entry, fine-tuning and review involved in a project such as this, we were forced to request an extension in order to guarantee a finished product that would be accurate and have the best chance of preventing another mandatory reappraisal for years to come.

We continue to work diligently with Richard Lewis, of Lewis Appraisal Services. With his help and guidance, we have been able to visit and inspect all properties that allowed us to do so. We would again like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation throughout this process. If you happen to be one of the few who have not had an inspection, we are still willing to do so through the end of April 2014. If you would like to set up an appointment, please contact us (information below).

We have had many inquiries about the availability of new values for the reappraisal. We anticipate releasing the Change of Appraisal Book in May 2014. Should any issues arise; the booklets will be available no later than the first week of June. Copies will be mailed to all property owners. Upon receipt of your booklet, you are urged to come to the Listers Office and receive the Cost Report for your property. Should there be any item(s) of disagreement, you will be given the opportunity to request a Grievance Hearing. This process will be outlined in your booklets and we highly recommend that you review the material thoroughly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. One, if not all, of the Listers can usually be reached on Thursdays and Fridays at 802-326-4719 or via email at montgomerylisters@fairpoint.net.

Sincerely,

Board of Listers

Parma Jewett

Lynda Cluba

Deanna Robitaille

LISTERS' REAPPRAISAL FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT - 2013

Beginning Balance 1/1/13 50,438.97

RECEIPTS

Taxes	4,000.00	
VT-Reappraisal	<u>9,177.00</u>	13,177.00

EXPENSES

Wages & SS	9,221.86	
Contracted Services	30,720.00	
Supplies	<u>272.50</u>	40,214.36

Ending Balance 12/31/13 23,401.61

JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE
Financial Report 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013

Beginning Balance 1/1/13

TD Bank Checking	2,398.05	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>11,339.16</u>	13,737.21

INCOME:

Interest from Certificates	<u>14.87</u>	14.87
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Care of Old Cemetery	300.00	
Bank Charges	<u>1.00</u>	301.00

13,451.08

ASSETS: as of 12/31/13

TD Bank Checking	2,097.05	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>11,354.03</u>	13,451.08

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine St Onge, Treasurer

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Financial Report 2013

Beginning Balance 1/1/13		
CD's	20,800.23	
Checking	<u>788.09</u>	
		21,588.32
RECEIPTS		
Interest	155.61	
Donations	<u>1,050.00</u>	
		1,205.61
EXPENSES		
Lawncare	1,240.00	
Bank Fee	4.00	
Insurance	<u>100.00</u>	
		<u>1,344.00</u>
		<u>21,449.93</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/13		
CD's	20,800.23	
Checking	649.70	
		<u>21,449.93</u>
Respectfully, <i>Lois Lumbra</i>		

MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Financial Report 2013

Beginning Balance 01/01/13		
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	<u>2,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$93,290.97</u>
RECEIPTS		
Interest Income	1,685.88	
Donations	300.00	
Lots Sold	<u>0.00</u>	
		\$1,985.88
EXPENSES		
Grounds Maintenance	<u>2,268.50</u>	
		\$2,268.50
Ending Balance 12/31/12		
Checking	736.13	
CD - 110	8,343.77	
CD - 225	38,428.45	
CD - 233	15,000.00	
CD - 274	8,300.00	
CD - 892	20,000.00	
Charles Lumbra Fund	<u>2,200.00</u>	
		<u>\$93,008.35</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013	
NAME	TAX AMOUNT
2009 PROPERTY TAXES	
Deuso, Olive	\$ 76.63
TOTAL 2009 TAXES	\$ 76.63
2010 PROPERTY TAXES	
Deuso, Olive	\$ 77.39
TOTAL 2010 TAXES	\$ 77.39
2011 PROPERTY TAXES	
Deuso, Olive	\$ 74.53
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 44.14
TOTAL 2011 TAXES	\$ 118.67
2012 PROPERTY TAXES	
Collins, Christopher	\$ 1,557.64
Deuso, Allen	\$ 1,292.60
Deuso, Olive - c/o Lila Deuso	\$ 76.83
Deuso, Roger	\$ 2,172.86
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 49.39
Pigeon, Donna	\$ 1,032.84
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David, Sylvester, Mark	\$ 728.45
Sylvester, Nicole - 11.052A	\$ 222.59
Sylvester, Nicole and Gendron, Robert	\$ 7.16
Sylvester, Stacy and Garrow, Alan	\$ 3.20
*Wynn, Ricky and Cindy	\$ 636.16
	\$ -
TOTAL 2012 TAXES	\$ 7,779.72
2013 PROPERTY TAXES	
Abramowitz, Michael and June	\$ 1,408.42
Anderson, Terje	\$ 1,577.00
Banks, Sandra	\$ 279.30
Barnes, Clayton, Jr.	\$ 609.48
Bergeron, Craig and Desiree	\$ 1,153.62
Blouin, Sam and Charlotte	\$ 2,740.22
*Coffee, Christine	\$ 2,289.84
Collins, Christopher	\$ 2,292.45
Cota-Caforia, Lynn	\$ 2,937.97
Cousino, David and Ruth	\$ 1,267.15
Cross, Alan and Hunt, Carol	\$ 21.55
Damstrom, Thomas	\$ 652.01
Desautels, Jodi	\$ 2,563.93
Deuso, Allen	\$ 1,327.21
Deuso, Olive	\$ 78.89
Deuso, Roger	\$ 2,670.87
Donna, Daniel and Rose	\$ 2,485.09
Duculon, Stacey	\$ 1,578.30
Engstrom, Roy	\$ 559.19
Farrar, Lee	\$ 2,587.14
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,737.95
Fleckenstein, Sandra and Abramowitz, Michael	\$ 1,231.99
Fleming, Danielle	\$ 1,152.78
Fournier, Aaron	\$ 489.58
**Francis, Andrew	\$ 809.21
Gadpaille, Eric - Parcel 00301.001X	\$ 1,870.90
Gadpaille, Eric - Parcel 00303.010X	\$ 1,220.48
Gendron, Robert and Nicole	\$ 355.01
Godfrey, Luke and Amy - Parcel 00012.168X	\$ 1,563.88
Godfrey, Luke and Amy - Parcel 00030.031X	\$ 2,748.34
Heald, Ovide and Kala	\$ 932.76
*Hill, Susan	\$ 787.46
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	\$ 1,203.86
**Kremer, Herman and Carol	\$ 15.20
Lumbra, Dale	\$ 1,287.19
McDonald, Ryan	\$ 1,354.99
Morrell, Robert and Sandra	\$ 675.00
**Moses, Frederick	\$ 1,618.20
Orndorff, James	\$ 522.07
Perry, Nonna - Parcel 00010.005X	\$ 744.81
Perry, Nonna - Parcel 00010.007X	\$ 194.91
Pigeon, Donna	\$ 1,403.78
Reed, Christopher - Parcel 00025.013B	\$ 2,733.31
**Reilly, Henry	\$ 720.70
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David, Sylvester, Mark	\$ 942.04
**Simrell, Spencer and Stuart	\$ 38.06
Smith, James and Doris	\$ 2,262.29
Sylvester, Margaret	\$ 371.06
Sylvester, Nicole - Parcel 00011.052A	\$ 457.10
Sylvester, Nicole and Gendron, Robert	\$ 1,127.26
Ulmonen, Kirsi and McHugh, Brian	\$ 606.97
Walsh, Michael	\$ 654.32
Wedel Trust	\$ 577.28
Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 304.06
Wilson, Peter and Michelle	\$ 1,503.56
Worthington, Cleve and Becky	\$ 1,221.32
Wry, Kevin	\$ 261.03
Wynn, Ricky and Cindy	\$ 1,255.28
TOTAL 2013 TAXES	\$ 71,035.42
TOTAL TAXES	\$ 79,087.83
**Paid in full as of February 1, 2014	
*Partial paid as of February 1, 2014	

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
JANUARY 1, 2013 - DECEMBER 31, 2013

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX DUE</u>	<u>TAX COLLECTED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>	<u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u>
2009	\$ 76.63		\$ 76.63	.00	.00
2010	\$ 395.88	\$ 318.49	\$ 77.39	\$ 25.48	\$ 57.24
2011	\$ 9,409.59	\$ 9,290.92	\$ 118.67	\$ 743.24	\$ 1,485.74
2012	\$ 71,776.37	\$ 63,996.65	\$ 7,779.72	\$ 5,119.74	\$ 4,639.30
2013	<u>\$ 150,569.25</u>	<u>\$ 79,533.83</u>	<u>\$ 71,035.42</u>	<u>\$ 6,360.24</u>	<u>\$ 1,190.73</u>
TOTALS	\$ 232,227.72	\$ 153,139.89	\$ 79,087.83	\$ 12,248.70	\$ 7,373.01

Taxes Collected:	\$153,139.89
8% Penalties Collected:	\$ 12,248.70
Interest Collected:	<u>\$ 7,373.01</u>
Total Paid to the Treasurer by A. Woodward:	\$172,761.60

2013 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
April 8	Andrew Jedi Quintin	Brad Scott Quintin	Greta Jane Quintin
May 3	Brielle Solange Hardy	Larrs Densmore Hardy	Rachael Rejeanne Hardy
May 4	Hazel Ann O'Shea	Eamon Patrick O'Shea	Shawna O'Shea
May 11	Maryam Mae Lague-Lyons	Lawrence Tyler Lyons	Heidi Anne Lague
May 11	Laurel Elizabeth Tryhorne	Matthew Judd Tryhorne	Mary Elizabeth Tryhorne
June 3	Emma Louise Frances Bott	David Michael Bott	Rebecca Susan Frances Johnston
June 28	Porter William Sorenson	Colin Charles Sorenson	Hannah Elizabeth Sorenson
July 8	Naomi Sky Wilson	Michael Minnis Wilson	Bridget Marie Stanhope
July 12	Kiley Grace Potter		Julie Ann Laberge
July 12	Evelyn Lucy Johnston	Thomas Mark Johnston	Journey Garner Snoke
September 13	Jack Justus Witherspoon	John Franklin Witherspoon	Allison May Witherspoon
September 27	Ella Rose Wirth	Joshua Barret Wirth	Jennifer Lee Wirth
October 31	Annabella Victoria Moore	Nicholas Charles Moore III	Jacqueline Patricia Dreyer
December 4	Teasel Wind Worthington	Travis Robert Worthington	Alexys Eileen Worthington
December 4	Trillium Shadow Worthington	Travis Robert Worthington	Alexys Eileen Worthington

2013 DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
February 25	Marian Louise Cutter	Montgomery
March 23	Shirley June Gaudette	Montgomery Center
April 21	Henry Reilly Sr	Montgomery Center
April 27	Robert Francis Deuso	Montgomery
June 29	Edwin Andrew Wood	Montgomery
August 20	Paulette Baird	Montgomery Center
October 28	Eileen Ruth Hathaway	Montgomery
November 20	Patricia M Sutlief	Montgomery
December 8	Donna Rae Shields	Montgomery Center

2013 CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>			<u>Town of Residence</u>
February 24	Jillian-Teresa Marie Sgroi	Daniel Aaron Marshall	Montgomery Center
April 12	Katrina Mae Elizabeth Peck	Keith Duncan Barteaux	Bear River, Nova Scotia
May 4	Ethan Mark Paxman	Berna Cayanan Yabut	Montgomery Center
June 16	Alton Joseph Romero Jr	Rhonda Gaye Martinson Greenway	Montgomery Center
July 13	Scott Tyler Webster	Jose Alejandro Fernandez	Wilton, Connecticut
August 19	Melissa Ann Haberman	David Burns	Montgomery
September 14	Zane Oliver Squires Jr	Kathleen Marie Pittsley	Trego, Montana
October 5	Shana Leslie Wheeler	John Matthew Richards	Dublin, Ohio
October 11	Becky Ruth Price	Launa Berniece Holland Fackrell	Fairview, Texas
October 30	James Keith Walker	David Leon Schulz	Bellaire, Michigan
September 21	Shannon Anne Bernath	Nicholas Thomas Brodeur	Beaconsfield, Quebec
November 9	Michael Jeffrey Beamis	Jenny Lynn Carpenter	Berwick, Maine
November 17	Jennifer Lynn Wallenberg	Gary Allen LeRoux	Montgomery Center
December 14	Andrea Janine Chisnell	Emily Ann Collins	Kent, Ohio
December 31	Jenny Lynn Seckinger	Melissa Michele Summers	Grand Rapids, Michigan

Town of Montgomery

Zoning Office

*PO Box 356 --- 98 Main Street
Montgomery Center, VT 05471
Ann E. Lavery
Zoning Administrator*

2013 Montgomery Zoning Report

In 2013 forty-three Zoning Applications were received and processed. Ten of these were for Certificates of Zoning Compliance. One permit for a new single-family dwelling was issued, and one permit to replace an existing mobile home with a single family dwelling was granted.

Three Minor Subdivisions were approved.

The remainder of the permits were issued for various accessory use structures, such as; garages, additions, porches, signs, etc.

I assumed the office of Zoning Administrator on June 10, 2013, and have enjoyed working in Montgomery. If you need assistance, have any questions, or are curious about the Zoning Process please do not hesitate to contact me in the office on Mondays from 1 – 4PM, at 326-4719. You may also reach me at 848-3632 and leave a message.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation, and allowing me to serve your community.

Sincerely,





2013 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 planning: Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and VT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on emergency 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 System 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:

- ✧ Conducted a community meeting under the Healthy People, Strong Communities project to gather input and share ideas on economic development, community health, bike and pedestrian safety, disaster resilience and the overall future of the community.
- ✧ Coordinated outreach for a 3-day closure of VT Route 242.
- ✧ Met with the planning commission as part of the enhanced municipal consultation process to review the town plan, identify training needs and discuss local and regional priorities.
- ✧ Provided information, mapping and data for the zoning and subdivision bylaw updates.
- ✧ Provided the planning commission with Fluvial Erosion Hazard maps as part of their bylaw review.
- ✧ Began updates to the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ✧ Provided zoning technical assistance.
- ✧ Updated the E-911 poster map, road atlas and road map.

Montgomery
Regional Commissioners:
Carol McGregor & One Vacant Seat

Transportation Advisory
Committee:
Mark Brouillette

This year the Commission will further develop our Healthy People, Strong Communities project to promote economic development and community health, including providing over \$200,000 in implementation grants to community groups and adopting a new regional plan. 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.



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Services and
Support for Seniors



September 19, 2013

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

Dear Selectboard:

As our older population continues to grow, more and more seniors are looking to the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA) for assistance. I am writing to request continued support from the Town of Montgomery, in the amount of \$1,800 which will be used to help us assist older residents age with independence and dignity.

With your past support, CVAA has been able to offer the following services to older residents of Montgomery: Case Management, Meals on Wheels, Senior Community Meals, Transportation and the Senior HelpLine. Harry Benoit, CVAA's Case Manager for Montgomery, visits elders in their homes and helps to connect them with the services and benefits they need in order to maintain their independence.

Older people are living longer than ever before, and as a result, they are facing more complex problems and greater challenges to their ability to live independently. The demand for home-delivered meals has grown significantly. Our Case Management caseloads have become more time consuming as Case Managers are frequently called upon to solve problems stemming from a crisis situation such as a serious illness, the death of a spouse, or the cumulative effects of confusion or isolation.

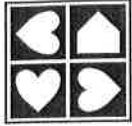
CVAA remains committed to providing the vital services that our eldest community members need in order to remain in their own homes. In turn, we hope that the leadership and citizens of Montgomery will continue to lend their financial support.

If there are any questions regarding our programs or services for older Vermonters, please feel free to contact me. Thanks so much for your time and kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sarah Lemnah".

Sarah Lemnah
Communications and Development Director



F R A N K L I N C O U N T Y

Home Health Agency, Inc.

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www.fchha.org

November 6, 2013

Town of Montgomery
PO Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Dear Montgomery Residents,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients we serve, we would like to thank the Town of Montgomery for your support of \$1,440. The support we receive from towns throughout Franklin County are essential to our ability to provide a wide variety of medically necessary home care and hospice services to members of our community,

We often provide services at little or no cost to individual in the community who do not have the resources to pay for medically necessary home care. Contributions from the town are essential to our ability to continue providing high quality, community based health care in a manner that promotes independence, comfort, dignity and quality of life to all residents in Franklin County in need of our services.

Once again, thank you for your continue support.

Sincerely,

Janet L. McCarthy, BSN MSA
Executive Director

How many patients were served in Montgomery?

30 residents of Montgomery received 1,471 visits. The breakdown by profession was:

562	Nursing
181	Physical Therapy
42	Occupational Therapy
7	Speech-Language Pathology
23	Medical Social Work
445	Licensed Nursing Assistants
211	Care Attendants



FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION



October 1, 2013

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-third (43rd) 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 can 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. FCIDC continues to make a substantial financial commitment to the recruitment of Canadian businesses; we are starting to see some return on our investment. This past September we met with a Canadian food producer interested in US production in which they would use local milk. We also have scheduled an October meeting to meet with a metal products manufacturer from Quebec City. As you can see FCIDC is optimistic about the continued Franklin County job creation.

This year marks the thirty-first (31st) year of level-funding request. As in prior years, as you prepare your FY'2015 budget, we are asking the Town of Montgomery to invest \$500.00 for economic development. This funding will cover our FY'2015 which runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Again, everyone at FCIDC sincerely appreciates your investment in Franklin County.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith
Executive Director

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FCIDC ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

January 10, 2014

Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) is the Regional Development Corporation for Franklin County. FCIDC is located in St. Albans and serves all of the communities within Franklin County. We are funded through a variety of sources including State and municipal funding, contributions from businesses, banks and utilities, property rental income, and some grant administration and bookkeeping

The mission of FCIDC is to create an environment that will attract capital investment as well as create and retain jobs. Currently the unemployment rate is hovering around four percent. Our region has been very fortunate to have the diversification of employers that we do. We have a strong agriculture and manufacturing presence, great healthcare, state and federal jobs as well as an expanding retail base. FCIDC is focused mainly on the growth of value added manufacturing and technology jobs, but we do tend to be involved in other aspects of the economy, i.e. diversified agriculture, workforce development and improving the County's infrastructure.

Historically our manufacturing growth has been attributed to our close proximity to the Quebec border. Canadian companies want to be close to their home headquarters access the US market and to eliminate any border delays by shipping directly within the U.S. Over the last two years FCIDC has contracted with a local consultant who is bilingual to promote Vermont/US Growth opportunities to Canadian companies. Currently we are in discussion with two Canadian firms looking to expand into Franklin County over the next two years.

In Addition to focusing on our mission here is a brief list of just some of the activities FCIDC is involved with:

- Franklin/Grand Isle Career Job Expo – To be held March 27, 2014
- In Good Taste – A showcase for local foods
- The Enosburg Business Park – Accessed a grant and invested money into the Park
- Ongoing company visits
- Site Location Resource
- Active participation on
 - Georgia Industrial Development Corporation
 - Challenger Learning Center
 - Franklin/Grand Isle Workforce Investment Board
 - Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Brownfield commitment
- Maintaining a Revolving Loan Fund – To serve as a lender of last resort
- Administer a bi-annual wage survey for local manufacturers
- Work closely with local schools to promote career education
- Assist the Small Business Development Center with space for their business counselor

Tim Smith serves as the executive Director of FCIDC and can be reached at 524-2194 or by email Tim@FCIDC.com .



HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471



December 26, 2013

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 2014, our 21st 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 \$4,320 enabling 16 children from 10 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past eleven 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 \$225 for the Day Camp and \$450 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





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 16, 2013

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 19,000 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, , 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 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 2014 request.

Sincerely,

John Little
Chair

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Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 1, 2013

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 4, 2013

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

The weather warmed up just in time for Green Up Day 2013! Many towns reported an increase in volunteers, with some towns setting all-time records. Coordinators overall reported seeing and collecting less trash. We are beginning to track illegal dumpsites by town as well, with the help of our coordinators.

Green Up Day celebrated 43 years in 2013. 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. Our coordinators tell us that **most of their volunteer force is families with young children**. 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 for grades K-12. Please visit 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. 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 because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 3, 2014, 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!

Getting you where you need to go!

November 27, 2013

Town of Montgomery
Select Board Members
98 Main Street
PO Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471



Cc: Renee Patterson, Town Clerk

Greetings:

Each year, GMTA provides thousands of rides to members within our community. These rides may be through traditional public transit services, while others may be coordinated special services ideal for the individual. Regardless of the method, each ride we provide is an individual story of a need being met. Whether the need is for an affordable way to commute to work, access to essential and sometimes critical health care, or a safe and reliable ride for daily services, we are proud to be a viable solution for so many.

Our ability to maintain our role as a trusted and essential provider within the region would not be possible without our key partnerships. Since 2003, GMTA has relied on relationships with area organizations, state and federal agencies, local municipalities and the private citizens to keep us strong. Without these partnerships and their support, we would be unable to continue to provide the services that we do.

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) would like to submit a request for level funding for the FY 15 Town of Montgomery budget. **We respectfully request \$568.00 for FY15 be placed before the Town of Montgomery voters for consideration.** The requested funding directly supports GMTA's ongoing operations and the amount is based on a fair share equation applied to the municipalities GMTA serves.

To better understand what this request supports, I have included our annual report for the past fiscal year. This summary should not only demonstrate where GMTA travels and what need is fulfilled, but more importantly the number of people who rely on GMTA for their daily transportation needs.

Please accept our genuine thanks and appreciation in continuing this mutually beneficial partnership.

Best Regards-

Tawnya Kristen
GMTA Community Relations Manager
tkristen@gmtaride.org
802.223.7287



franklin county humane society
providing shelter from the storm

November 5, 2013

Town of Montgomery

RE: FCHS Allocation Request for 2014

Attention: Town Clerk

To Whom It May Concern:

Franklin County Humane Society is a 501 C-3 non-profit organization that provides shelter, medical care and safe haven to dogs and cats throughout Franklin County and Northwestern Vermont. In calendar year 2012 we exceeded 800 abandoned, unwanted and/or abused animals as well as private surrenders.

Without state or federal funding, we are dependent on the generosity and support of members, patrons, fundraising events, adoption fees and allocations from the communities we serve.


Franklin County Humane Society offers many services to our community members they include: Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic open to the public, Pet Food Pantry providing free pet food to people who may have to choose between food for their families or pets, Pet lost and found postings that have helped in reuniting pets with their families, educational programs for our youth to establish good practices to be responsible pet owners, rabies and micro chipping clinics, pet therapy visits to area assisted living facilities to brighten up their days, our TNR spay, neuter and release program for feral and barn cats funded by a grant assisted many towns in their cat overpopulation problems we have a long way to go but did spay, neuter and vaccinate over 400 cats and kittens unfortunately funding is not available through grants till next year (2014) but the need to make this program continue is so important and Pets for Vets and Pets for Seniors programs funded by donations. Contributions made by towns make it possible for the shelter to continue to provide these services.

Your town has been supportive of us in the past and if you would consider through your budget to put our request for public vote. FCHS would appreciate your allocation of \$300.00 to the shelter to help with our mission statement and this support is key to making life for both people and pets in Franklin County a better place. The staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and last but not least the animals who find a second chance at the lives they so deserve thank you for your support.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call or e-mail me at rusty@franklincountyhumane.org.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to your response.

With best regards,


Rusty Posner

Shelter Director

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Saint Albans, VT 05478
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info@franklincountyhumane.org
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Town Of Montgomery

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<http://www.montgomeryvt.us>

The following Social Service and other organizations requested taxpayer assistance for 2014 totaling \$4,400.00.

Franklin Grand Isle United Way - \$1,500

Northwestern Counseling 7 Support Services - \$800

American Red Cross of VT and Northern NH- \$500

VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force - \$100

VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired - \$500

Friends of Northern Lake Champlain - \$1,000

The Selectboard denied their requests to help keep taxes down and because they did not demonstrate specific benefits to Montgomery and/or had not received consistent taxpayer support in previous years.

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

Respectfully,
The Selectboard.

St. Albans Barracks
Post Office Box 809
St. Albans VT 05478

January 1, 2014

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, I am providing you the "2013" Vermont State Police St. Albans Barracks Annual Report for review. This report will provide you information in regards to current staffing, specialty services provided and our annual crime statistics. Please review this document and if appropriate, include this information in your town's annual report prior to town meeting day.

St. Albans Barracks Mission Statement

The mission of the Vermont State Police St. Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Each Trooper will dedicate themselves to this community caretaking mission. We will reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways with a two pronged approach of intensive criminal interdiction along with an aggressive highway safety enforcement program.

- *Criminal interdiction and investigation – The St. Albans Barracks will make every attempt to interdict crime before it makes its way into our jurisdiction. We will accomplish this goal through an extensive intelligence network that will allow us to stay in touch with the communities that we serve and by sharing investigative information with our local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners. We will aggressively pursue those that distribute drugs to our citizens and we will pursue those that commit violent crimes in our area and will bring the weight of the Barracks to bear on these types of investigations.*
- *Highway Safety Enforcement Programs – Through an aggressive motor vehicle enforcement program, our Troopers will seek out and arrest those individuals that choose to drink and drive on our highways. We will coordinate our efforts with other highway safety resources in an effort to target specific problem areas and make our presence known on the roadways. Along with this, our Troopers will take advantage of every motor vehicle contact to look beyond the traffic stop in an effort to identify criminal activity as it traverses our highways.*

Specialty Services Provided by the Troopers Assigned to the St. Albans Barracks

In addition to their field responsibilities, many of the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas. It should be noted that these duties are considered (additional duties) that fall above and beyond the Troopers daily activities. Many of these Troopers are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are capable of responding anywhere in the state when their services are needed.

The allocation of these resources is as follows:

- 4– Troopers on the Tactical Services Unit (SWAT Team)
- 1 – Trooper on the SCUBA Team
- 1 – Trooper on the Search and Rescue Team
- 1 -- Trooper assigned a K-9
- 1-- Trooper on the Crash Reconstruction Team
- 3-- Troopers trained as Drug Recognition Experts
- 2-- Troopers on the Crime Scene Search Team
- 2 – Troopers on the Clandestine Laboratory Team

Highway Safety Highlights

In keeping with the Field Force Mission Statement, it has been the intent of the Barracks during this last year to deter and prevent motor vehicle violations through aggressive motor vehicle enforcement and any opportunities to educate. Working with our county and local law enforcement partners and the State Police Traffic Safety Unit, we successfully reduced the number of property damage accidents this year from 178 in 2012 to 150 in 2013. Motor vehicle accidents with injury remained consistent, with 61 in both 2012 and 2013. We have continued to be aggressive with road patrols, with 1393 tickets written and 3311 warnings issued in 2013. Finally, we were successful in arresting 125 impaired drivers in 2013, up from 88 in 2012.

Fatal motor vehicle accidents in 2013 totaled five in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, which remained the same from 2012. We will continue to make an aggressive motor vehicle campaign a priority in the coming year.

Annual Crime Statistics for St. Albans Barracks:

Total cases investigated:	5837
Total arrests:	540
Total tickets issued:	1393
Total warnings issued:	3311
Fatal Accidents Investigated:	5
Burglaries Investigated:	97
DUI's	125

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Total Cases:	175
Total Arrests:	12
DUI's	4
Accidents w/ Damage	7
Accidents w/ Injury	3
Vandalisms:	1
Alarms	11
Burglaries	5

Summary: We will continue our partnerships and cooperation with our local communities in our collective goals of making our highways and communities safe for all those who live in and visit Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

It has been a pleasure to serve and continue to serve the citizens of your community. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Lt. John Flannigan
Station Commander
St. Albans Barracks

Town Of Montgomery

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New Ways Now Available to Pay Water Bills, Taxes, and other Fees

For your convenience we now accept Visa, Master Card, and Discover credit and debit cards. You can pay online; over the phone with the Town or in person during business hours; or over the phone with our service provider, paygov.us, 24 X 7, 365 days a year. Fees are paid by you, the user, at these rates:

-- For transactions less than \$100 the fee is \$3.00, or \$4.95 for transactions by phone directly with our service provider.

-- For transactions greater than \$100 the fees are 3%, or 4.95% for transactions by phone directly with our service provider.

There are buttons on the Town Home page, Town Clerk / Treasurer's page, and Water Dept page for those electing to use the on line option.

PayGov.us provides similar services to hundreds of cities and Towns throughout the U.S. They provide all security for these transactions and hold all the data, none is held by the Town. More information is available at their web site www.paygov.us.

The Town Clerk / Treasurer has also made arrangements for those wishing to do automatic bank payments, or ACH payments to the Town for recurring expenses. It will be implemented for Water bills first but may be expanded to other payments. Please contact her if you would like to make this type of arrangement or have any questions.

Of course those wishing to pay in person or via U.S. mail will still be able to do so using more traditional means. Payment on time is always appreciated and can save you money. We hope these additional options provide better service for our citizens.

ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE OFFICERS

OF THE

**MONTGOMERY TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2013

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**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Timothy Murphy

School Directors

Bruce Mercy	Term Expires 2014
Karen Soule	Term Expires 2014
Jenny Sirkin	Term Expires 2015
Cathy Howell	Term Expires 2015
Charles Purrier	Term Expires 2016

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 - 2013
ANNUAL MEETING**

The legally qualified voters of the Montgomery Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, met at the Montgomery Elementary School in the said Town, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, on Monday the 11th day of March A.D. 2013 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following business:

Timothy Murphy called the meeting to order @ 7:30 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator. **Charles Purrier 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; **Trevor Walker nominated Cathy Howell. Without objections the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Cathy.**

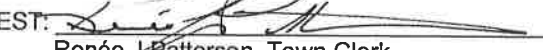
ARTICLE 3. To elect one School Director for a term of three years, by ballot; **Morgan Daybell nominated Charles Purrier. Without objections the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Charlie.**

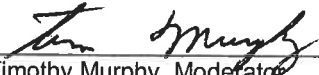
ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Montgomery Town School District appropriate \$2,542,423 necessary for the support of schools for the school year beginning July 1, 2013? **Ed Grossman moved to accept as written and was seconded. Charlie offered an amended page 82 which corrects line 40, Actual FY13 residential tax rate to \$1.4407 showing a decrease in the anticipated FY14 rate by .0148. Motion passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Colin Wood moved to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:36 pm.

True records this 15th day of March, 2013

ATTEST: 
Renée J. Patterson, Town Clerk

ATTEST: 
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST: 
Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman

WARNING
MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, March 10, 2014

The legally qualified voters of the Montgomery Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Montgomery Elementary School on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., to transact the following business, viz:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a School Director for a term of two (2) years.
(Bruce Mercy's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for the remaining year of term of three (3) years.
(Rachael Hardy resigned; Jenny Sirkin appointed.)
- ARTICLE 4. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.
(Karen Soule resigned.)
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,579,775 necessary for the support of schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014?
- ARTICLE 6. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called and held for that purpose on January 13, 2014.

School Directors

Charles Purrier, Chair
Bruce Mercy, Vice-Chair
Karen Soule, Clerk
Jenny Sirkin
Cathy Howell

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Joint Report of School Directors and Office of Superintendent of Schools

Enrollment as of October 1, 2013

Grades	EEE	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	8	10	11	15	11	11	10	8	16	11	19					130
Enosburg Falls Middle & High School												4	8	4	9	25
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School												1	1	4	2	8
North Country Union High School												2	3	2	4	11
Lamoille Union High School												0	0	1	0	1
BFA												0	1	1	0	2
St. Johnsbury Academy												0	1	0	0	1
Stanstead College												5	1	1	0	7
																185

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.

Superintendent's Report

Jay Nichols

Vermont's tradition of direct democracy is on display once again as hundreds of towns vote on town budgets and school district budgets, most in March, some a little later in the year. Our state has a combination of direct democracy as exemplified by our Town Meeting structures and representative democracy as demonstrated, for example, by electing School Board members to represent our citizenry in overall policy development and governance of our school districts.

In October 2013, our students in grades three through eight, and eleven, took their last New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) assessments. These assessments gave us feedback as to how our students did on mathematics and reading progress toward the standards set by our state in collaboration with a couple of our neighboring states. Now, Vermont, along with 45 other states, has agreed to implement new Common Core State Standards. These Standards will be evaluated, at least in part, by a new measurement tool called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). This assessment will again focus on grades three through eight and one high school grade. It will mostly focus on mathematics and literacy. The test is being designed to be taken electronically and to be a "smart test." What this means is that a student will go to his or her next test question based on the accuracy of his or her previous answer. In this way, the assessment will really be able to dig deeply into how well a student achieves the Common Core State Standards. It is important to recognize that these Standards are much more rigorous than previous Standards that have been used in virtually every state in the nation.

How are students in Vermont doing? And, more importantly, to our local citizenry, how are students in FNESU doing? Are we getting high quality results for our strong financial support of our schools? The 2013 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP), often touted as the nation's report card, clearly demonstrates that Vermont is one of the highest performing states in our nation. Moreover, if Vermont were a country, it would be one of the top performing nations in the world in both reading and mathematics! In the rhetoric we hear about failing schools, we need to remember that Vermont has one of the highest performing school systems in the world. How about Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union?

In Franklin Northeast, we have a poverty percentage of over 55% compared to the state's average of just over 40%. Thus, we are one of the poorer SU's in the state. Further, we have amongst the lowest school budgets in the state, as well. Despite this, our schools are doing quite well. As a total, according to NECAP results from 2012 (note: 2013 results not available as of this writing), in reading and writing, our students were in a statistical margin of error that indicates a virtual dead heat with state averages. In math, our students were slightly behind. If you factor in poverty indicators, our schools in the aggregate, in third through eighth grade, outperformed the state as a whole in mathematics, reading, and writing! In the 11th grade, we finished statistically the same as the state in reading. We

were slightly outperformed in writing. In mathematics, our high school students in grade 11 did not fare as well as the state, finishing with 12% less of our students meeting the standard. If you factor in poverty, we again outperformed the state in all academic areas with the exception of high school mathematics.

Of course, schools are about more than test scores. It is our job, in collaboration with families and communities, to develop young people that will become contributing members of our society. Schools, in isolation, can do a great deal; but when schools and other stakeholders work in collaboration toward the same objectives, the impact is immense. When parents provide their children with effective parenting, students come to school more prepared to learn. When they don't, it makes the job of the school that much tougher; and more importantly, puts the child at a distinct disadvantage to children who come to school ready to learn. To help combat the issue of students coming into Kindergarten significantly behind in the skills, knowledge, and dispositions they need to be successful, FNESU has committed to the implementation and ongoing development of early childhood programs. These programs have made a huge difference for many students in our communities. Kindergarten teachers are reporting that students who attend our playschool and preschool programs are much better prepared than students with similar demographic considerations that do not attend formalized early childhood programs.

In terms of school budgets, your local school boards have worked hard to bring you, the voters, a budget proposal that strikes the necessary balance inherent with any school system in Vermont; that is, a budget that is affordable to the taxpayers while providing the necessary resources to continue to run effective schools. There are many financial pressures on residents in Vermont and the nation. For example, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) (some people call this "Obamacare") will cost one of our school districts, by our estimates, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000! The cost of the single-payer health insurance will have an impact eventually on all of our school districts. To what extent is very hard to tell right now when there is so much uncertainty at the federal and state level. In all of our towns, the rising cost of health care continues to play a substantial part in budget increases.

As always, special education costs are significant drivers of cost in all of our schools. By federal law, these students are entitled to access a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE). In many instances, there is not a major financial implication; in others, the cost can be astounding. We do receive revenue on every allowable dollar spent on special education services at the rate of approximately 57 cents. This obviously makes special education rising costs much more tenable for citizens worried about their taxes-any offsetting revenue helps to keep local taxes down. What is important to understand is that School Boards, and Superintendents for that matter, have little to no control over rising special education costs in most instances.

Finally, let me close with a heartfelt thanks to the residents of Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Richford for their continued support of our schools. There is nothing more important in our democratic society than having high-functioning, well-supported public schools. As your Superintendent of Schools, I pledge to continue to make it my mission to focus on the hard work necessary to continue to make sure our schools are high performing and fiscally responsible.

Curriculum

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

As educational leaders, we are constantly reminded that teachers are our most important resource. Across the United States, educators are working to understand the implications of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. The 2013-2014 school year is the beginning of implementing teaching and learning aimed at developing students who are college and career ready as defined by the CCSS. 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 English Language Arts and Math New England Common Assessment Program. Therefore, the bulk of curriculum work in Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) has been aimed at ensuring all teachers have a deep understanding of the instructional and assessment implications of these new, rigorous standards.

The FNESU Co-Directors of Instruction and Learning worked with Principals and the Superintendent to develop a professional learning plan for our teachers, which is ongoing, sustained, inquiry-based learning. This Common Core

Academy model is focused on research-based strategies to improve student academic achievement through a collaborative learning process. As part of the Academy work, teachers have worked in grade-level and content groups to unpack the new standards, design learning opportunities for students, and develop common assessments to evaluate students' progress toward meeting the standards.

In mathematics, professional learning around successful implementation of CCSS must begin with an emphasis on this repeated idea: "Focus, Coherence & Rigor." Collaboratively investigating the areas of math focus at each grade level has begun to create instructional unity both within grade levels and across grade levels throughout FNESU.

In addition to our progress toward unity of focus resulting in coherence, FNESU professional learning is also aimed at increasing rigor. In mathematics, achieving the "rigor" that we want for our students requires students' deep understanding of the ideas and connections behind the math skills that we have always valued. When math students make connections and truly understand, they can apply their skills even when the situation involves an unfamiliar problem or circumstance. Building this kind of understanding involves teacher ability to use instructional tasks that are challenging and that create opportunities for students to share, represent and discuss their mathematical thinking. To this end, the teachers in the Common Core Academy are learning how to use math tasks and how to generate student-centered discussion while leveraging the habits of mind that the CCSS-M label as the "Mathematical Practices."

In literacy, teachers have learned how to support students in having effective academic conversations. The SBAC assessment will measure students' listening comprehension, so creating opportunities for students to learn by listening has been another focus of professional learning. Teaching students to use the research process effectively to evaluate and synthesize multiple sources is a priority throughout FNESU. Teachers have learned how to engage students in close reading, including the use of text-dependent questions and the analysis of the structure and features of the text. Later this year, teachers will work with the cluster of standards that ask students to analyze and construct arguments. All of these instructional strategies have the ultimate goal of creating students who independently and effectively use all types of text to learn, and communicate their ideas clearly in both speaking and writing.

Philosophically, we believe that our success in implementing the CCSS depends first on teacher understanding of these new standards, including the new kinds of instruction and assessment required to achieve student mastery. Therefore, FNESU considers this year's Common Core Academy to be the first year in a three-year plan to provide our teachers with the high level of professional learning required by this unprecedented change in public education. We have been gratified by the professional responses of our teachers, and we look forward to getting baseline student achievement data when the SBAC is administered next spring.

LEAPS

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

A 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC)

Maria Gleason, 21st CCLC Project Director

I am excited to have been hired as the Project Director for the LEAPS After-School Program. I started this position in late July 2013 and have grown very fond and proud of the program that this community has continued to support over the last decade. For the tenth year, we are serving grades 5-12 at Enosburg Falls Middle and High School and grades 3-6 at Richford Elementary. The three other sites are in their fifth year and are serving grades K-8 in Bakersfield, grades K-8 in Berkshire, and grades K-4 at Enosburg Elementary. 21stCCLC is the primary funding source for our entire project with an award amount for this fiscal year of approximately \$230,000. This grant funds Enosburg Middle and High and Richford Elementary at fifty percent through June 2014; and Bakersfield, Berkshire, and Enosburg Elementary at sixty-five percent through June 2014. We are in the process of applying for the 21stCCLC grant, which will fund all of these programs at fifty percent through June 2019. Other funding sources include Consolidated Federal Program Funds, private grants, tuition paid by parents, donations, and in-kind services.

LEAPS connects after-school programming, supplemental instruction, and skill development with the local school system and community. LEAPS is committed to learning in a safe, supportive, healthy, and fun environment. Several choices are provided for enriching life-long learning activities and positive relationships. The program enhances the

lives of students, educators, school staff, parents, and community members. We develop skill-based programs that support students transitioning to their next level of continued education or professional career, and also guide them to become productive and involved community members.

Each site varies in scope and work towards achieving three common goals with the intent to strengthen student learning during the school day. These goals are to: improve student achievement in math and reading/language arts; improve students' self-esteem and social skills; and reduce students' high-risk behaviors and attitudes. The goals parallel those of the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). These goals are promoted through offering a variety of enrichment activities, homework assistance, tutoring services, and clear expectations that will foster a positive school atmosphere.

Staff for these programs primarily consists of school-day staff and some recruited community members that lead other activities in which students have expressed an interest. All of our sites provide a variety of high-quality enrichment activities every day, such as physical activities, the arts, science, literacy, and math. LEAPS has access to classrooms, the gym, cafeteria, library, and outdoor sports fields. All of these sites follow school rules, policies, procedures, and practice fire drills and lockdowns during the after-school hours.

During the 2012-2013 school year, our project served 558 students in all five sites, 390 of whom were regular attendees defined by attending 60 or more program hours. Research shows that in order for after-school programming to positively impact student learning, students must attend more than 60 hours per year. Overall, 70% of students who are enrolled in LEAPS after-school program are regular attendees! This is up 9% from the last year!

Our programs would not have been as successful without the continued and growing support of our Community Partners: Arvin A. Brown Library, Cornerstone Youth Center, Local Motion, LJW Memorial Fund, Creative Habitat, VT National Guard, Enosburg Library, Enosburg Art Gallery, Berkshire Recreational Department, Kidstructive Fun, Green Heron Farm, UVM Extension Service, Berkshire PTO, Snyder's Academy of Taekwondo, Hannafords, The VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, VT Department of Fish/Wildlife, and the Northern Tier Center for Health Program. Thank you for all of your support.

Continuum of Supportive Services

Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS **AS IT APPLIES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) has embraced the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in a manner that is unprecedented in many other Supervisory Unions. The question arises as to what the CCSS means for students with disabilities. There is some controversy about this throughout the 45 states that have adopted CCSS, and we are hard at work at FNESU in deciphering what this initiative means for identified students.

Special education students are part of a heterogeneous group – they have varied characteristics and needs. A student with autism has needs significantly different from a student with a learning disability in math – yet both students' instruction must be geared towards the same rigor as outlined through the CCSS. Deciphering what skills will be taught and how, is critical in preparing students with disabilities to be college and/or career ready. This means that collaboration between regular and special education teachers is more important than ever before.

At FNESU, we have supported our special education teachers' understanding of CCSS through attendance at various trainings throughout the state and within our district. Additionally, we have utilized the expertise of our Co-Directors of Instruction and Learning in assisting our special educators in interpreting CCSS and their significance to students with disabilities. We are currently developing local expertise in areas such as behavioral assessments and assistive technology. Through the proper use of research-based instructional practices, accommodations/modifications, technology, and collaboration, we are confident that we will continue coordinating our specialized instruction under the rigorous umbrella of the CCSS and meet the needs of this diverse population of students.

FRANKLIN NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION SPECIAL EDUCATION DATA:

The following information is taken from the Vermont Agency of Education website and represents the percentage of special education students enrolled in our schools.

Special Education National Average:	12.9%
Vermont Special Education Statewide Average:	15.5%
Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union Special Education Average	14.82%

By town (2012/2013) within FNESU:

Bakersfield	13%
Berkshire	16.7%
Enosburg School District	19.4%
Montgomery	9.6%
Richford School District	15.4%

As you can tell from the information above, the overall number of identified students receiving special education services throughout FNESU falls in the average range. Additionally, district-wide we are spending 23% less than the statewide average cost per pupil. Your administrators and teachers are to be commended for their diligence in being fiscally conservative while providing appropriate services.

In closing, and having worked in various school districts throughout Northern Vermont, I feel privileged to work side-by-side with so many educational leaders who truly place our children first.

Technology Report

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director

Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) continues to be a leader in the use of educational technology. Our school leaders understand the valuable role that technology plays in today's educational system. FNESU schools continue their commitment to 1:1 programs and maximizing students' access to mobile devices. At the same time, our schools continue to be mindful of the economy and persistently seek ways to minimize the financial burden on taxpayers while still providing students with access to the tools they need to be successful in today's world.

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 assist in developing 21st 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 endeavor. 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 iPads, Chromebooks and laptops for their 1:1 programs. iPads are tablets, manufactured by Apple, with a touch interface. Chromebooks are a type of inexpensive laptop that run Google's Chrome Operating System. Currently, every town in FNESU has some form of 1:1 program in place for grade 6-8 students, with several schools offering this level of access to an even broader range of grade levels.

Bakersfield and Berkshire have had successful 1:1 iPad programs running for a few years now. Bakersfield currently provides iPads to students in grades 6-8 and Berkshire has them available for grades 5-8. Enosburg continues their ambitious 1:1 efforts, as they provide iPads for all students in grades 5-12. Both Montgomery and Richford started a transition to Chromebooks for their respective 1:1 programs this year. Montgomery now offers Chromebooks to students in grades 6-8, while Richford schools now provide a mixture of laptops and Chromebooks to students in grades 2-12.

FNESU schools continue to grow technologically in other areas as well. We benefit from the use of an observation system called TeachPoint, which allows administrators to leave detailed, real-time feedback for teachers about what they observed while visiting classrooms. Teacher-created websites and the use of classroom management tools like Edmodo improve the communication between teachers and students and continue to grow in popularity. All teachers use our online curriculum database, Rubicon Atlas, to develop and map curriculum. 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.

Keeping the economy and our taxpayers in mind, FNESU schools have taken advantage of grants as they have become available to help ease the burden on local budgets. All of our schools are also taking advantage of the many free tools provided to schools by Google Apps for Education. We continue to use free and open source learning tools, and actively seek ways for technology to offset spending in other areas. As more and more students have computing devices readily available to them, schools are able to take advantage of these devices to cut spending in other areas. For example, Google Apps for Education allows teachers and students to communicate (including handing in assignments) electronically, cutting printing costs. Some schools have also begun using electronic textbooks instead of pricier paper versions. The transition to less expensive student devices such as iPads and Chromebooks is also a big savings compared to the pricier laptops that were used in the past.

While the use of technology continues to grow, Internet Safety is becoming more and more important. Both teachers and students need to be properly educated in its use. Teaching students to use technology safely and appropriately will be an ongoing focus.

Technology Education Resources:

- http://bit.ly/fnesu_tech_plan (FNESU 2012-2015 Technology Plan)
- <http://www.common sense media.org/> (internet safety/digital citizenship resource)
- <http://vtisp.org/> (internet safety resources)
- <http://vermonttges2010.pbworks.com/w/page/26068224/FrontPage> (VT's expectations of technology standards at each grade level)
- <http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/> (Google Apps for Education)

FNESU is fortunate to have communities that support our schools and understand the value of technology in education and the importance of preparing our students for the world that will be waiting for them when they graduate. Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions pertaining to technology in FNESU schools at dderosia@fnesu.net or by phone at 848-7661 x21.

Principal's Report

Beth O'Brien, Principal

The Montgomery Elementary School was included in the book Growing Into Equity, co-authored by Sonia Caus Gleason and Nancy Gerzon that was published last summer. The authors discuss professional learning and personalization in high-achieving schools, and include four case studies "...that show the lived values, professional learning practices, leadership, and systems that help schools transform learning." I have an extra copy if anyone is interested in borrowing it.

Loretta Heimbecker retired in June as our school nurse and health educator, after many years of dedicated service. At the beginning of this school year, we welcomed Rachael Hardy as our new half-time school nurse, and Jay Farnham as our new health teacher two afternoons per week. We share both of these employees with Berkshire Elementary School.

We were pleased to receive a letter from Armando Vilaseca, Vermont's Secretary of Education, on August 1, 2013, in which he congratulated us for meeting AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for all student groups. This means that we are not currently identified as a school in need of improvement under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

accountability system. The Secretary thanked us for our commitment to continuous improvement, which is evidenced by student achievement, and encouraged us to "...keep up your commitment to improvement and the good work in which you are engaged, and help Vermont take the next steps toward excellence." At the same time, we were also informed that Montgomery Elementary School was one of only nine schools across the state being recognized as a *2013 Commended School*. The *2013 Commended Schools* were recognized for their commitment to continuous improvement, which is "...demonstrated by the fact that the percentage of all students in the proficient or above category for New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) scores in both reading and mathematics is 20% or more above the state average."

In mid November, Maria Gleason, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union's 21st Century (After-School) Grant Coordinator, submitted a letter declaring intent to re-apply for the grant (she did include Montgomery Elementary School). The grant application is due in February; as of this writing, we are still learning about the minimum requirements of the grant. From what we have learned to date, we are concerned about our ability to meet and sustain the minimum requirements. Initial polling of the staff and a minimal response from reach-out in the weekly newsletter indicate to us that we would still have a gap staffing the program. We are hoping for community support of the program. If you are interested in working in this program, please contact me.

The focus of our professional learning continues to be centered around the transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Forty-five states have adopted these standards, which are aligned to standards from the highest achieving countries. This will be the first time that students across the country will be taught and assessed on a common set of standards; however, it is not a national curriculum. These standards are a progression of skills that students work through from kindergarten through twelfth grade. They are more focused on developing practical skills, so that students are fully prepared for college or the workplace. It is also the hope that learning and teaching materials will be shared across states. For instance, we are currently using many resources (e.g., curriculum, pacing guides, assessments) from EngageNY in Math.

The table below outlines the key shifts (*EngageNY*):

<i>Six Shifts in ELA/Literacy</i>	<i>Six Shifts in Math</i>
<i>Read as much nonfiction as fiction</i>	<i>Focus/learn about fewer, key topics</i>
<i>Learn about the world by reading</i>	<i>Build skills within and across grades</i>
<i>Read challenging material more carefully</i>	<i>Develop speed and accuracy</i>
<i>Discuss reading using evidence</i>	<i>Really know it=Really do it</i>
<i>Write nonfiction using evidence</i>	<i>Use it in the real world</i>
<i>Increase academic vocabulary</i>	<i>Think fast and solve problems</i>

This is the first year of full implementation of these new standards. During the past year, we have been examining and refining our curricula and instructional methods, in order to provide and strengthen continuity and learning opportunities throughout all grades and content areas. Beginning in Spring 2015, students across the country will be assessed on their progress toward meeting these new standards. We are working hard to be ready!

Montgomery Town School District
Teacher Quality Data
2012-2013

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	23/23	0/23	100%	0%	0/11	0%

Professional Qualifications of Teachers

School	Number of Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree	Number of Teachers with a Master's Degree
MES	9	2

Business Manager's Update

Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

Montgomery School District Budget Highlights

Montgomery's FY15 budget is up 1.47%, a slightly smaller increase than was passed in FY14.

In FY14, the school nurse and music teacher were contracted from, the Supervisory Union. These two employees will be under contract with the district in FY15. These changes, in themselves, have not reduced or increased the budget. Similarly, the Principal's time is now shown entirely in the Principal's Office section of the budget (line 159); in FY14, some of the Principal's time was still being carried in the Elementary Instruction section of the budget (line 25).

The FY15 budget assumes 58 high-school students, the same number as was budgeted in FY14. The \$49,312 increase is due to anticipated increases to tuition rates, the number of students expected to attend the Career Center, and changes in the schools students are choosing. High-school tuition accounts for the largest increase to the budget; and if the tuition amount had not changed, the overall Montgomery budget would be decreasing in FY15.

The last payment on the 1993 Bond was made this year, and the FY15 budget shows a significant drop in debt service expenses (line 192). Revenue has also declined as FY14 saw the last payment from the "sinking fund," the fund established by the Board from the 2005 project bond proceeds when that project came in far under budget. Payments from the sinking fund could only be used to offset bond payments, and were timed to be used up at the last payment of the 1993 bond.

Education Funding

State property tax rates in Vermont are currently governed by **Act 68**, Vermont's School Finance law. This law divides property into two Grand Lists: one for residential property and one for non-residential property, with a

separate tax rate for each category. The process for calculating the equalized residential tax rate is shown on the first page of the budget, starting on line 25.

Four factors go into setting the *equalized residential tax rate*, the rate you see on your tax bill for homesteads.

- The **Base Amount** consists of the Base Education Tax Rate and Base Education Amount. These amounts are set by statute and revised annually by the Legislature. This budget uses the figures recommended by the tax commissioner on December 13. The final base rate and base amount are expected to be set by the Legislature after Town Meeting Day.
- The **Education Spending** is the budget approved by voters each year, lowered by any expected revenues (such as grants, interest). This is the only part of the formula where local boards and voters control the outcome.
- The **Equalized Pupil Count** is the number of students in a district, with different weights given to different types of students (such as living in poverty, non-English speaking).
- The **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** measures the difference between assessed property values and market values. A CLA below 100% means that on average, properties are assessed below what they could sell for.

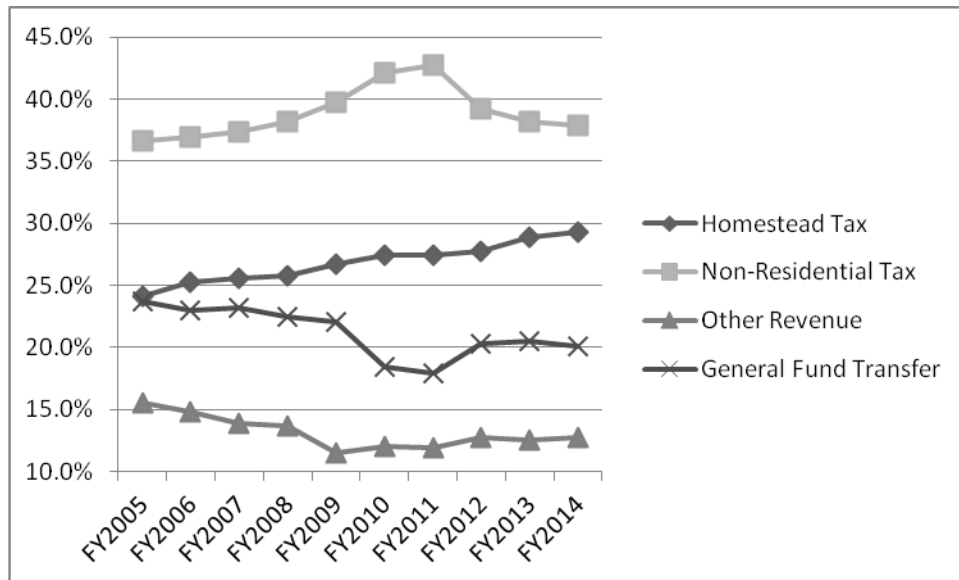
As of this writing, the Montgomery listers are finalizing the town-wide reappraisal. Once that is completed, a new CLA will be calculated for the town. The anticipated tax rates presented, as well as the data on the Three Prior Years Comparison sheet, assume a CLA of 100% after the reappraisal. If the actual CLA comes in higher, the tax rate will be lower than presented. If the CLA remains below 100%, the tax rate will be higher than presented. Following the last town-wide reappraisal (in 2004), the CLA for the FY05 budget year rose to 126.50%

Households with income below \$99,000 may be eligible for a reduction in their residential education property tax. In 2012, of the 402 owner-occupied Montgomery households, 285 had their school taxes reduced based on income.

All Vermont residents who own and occupy a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim (HS-122) with the VT Department of Taxes by April 15. To apply for a property tax adjustment, the second page of the form must be completed.

Non-residential tax rates are set by the legislature and change based on the CLA. *Local budget decisions do not change the non-residential tax rate assessed by the state.*

The majority of education funding comes from the Statewide property tax. Over the past ten years, the share of State education funding from homestead property tax has steadily increased, while the share from the State General Fund and other sources has decreased. While the share of non-residential property tax had been increasing, it has declined sharply in the past four years.



Act 68 Reports

Act 68 requires districts to provide two standardized reports (which appear after the budget) to allow taxpayers to compare cost data across districts. “Three Year Comparisons” provides three years of historical financial data and FY15 projections based upon the proposed budget. “Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness” includes data on enrollment, student-teacher ratios, student-administrator ratios, expenditures per student, and tax rates for schools of similar sizes.

Audit

The School District was audited by Angolano & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. A copy of the audit can be obtained by calling the School District Treasurer at 802-326-4719 or the Supervisory Union office at 802-848-7661.

Respectfully submitted,

Montgomery School Directors

Charles Purrier, Chair
 Bruce Mercy, Vice-Chair
 Karen Soule, Clerk
 Jenny Sirkin
 Cathy Howell

Administration

Jay Nichols, Superintendent
 Jody Vaillancourt/Jennifer Kennison,
 Co-Directors of Instruction & Learning
 Maria Gleason, 21st CCLC Project Director
 Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs
 Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director
 Beth O’Brien, Principal
 Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**

Beginning Balance 07/01/12

Checking Account	<u>428,533.11</u>	\$428,533.11
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RECEIPTS

State of Vermont	509,246.24	
Property Taxes - Town of Montgomery	1,721,888.01	
FNESU Reimbursements	23,154.47	
Interest	801.10	
E-Rate Reimbursements	2,064.75	
Tuition Refunds & Reimb	1,377.44	
Use of School/Sports Games	1,417.43	
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	1,453.63	
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	85,000.00	
Small Grants & Donations	<u>1,600.00</u>	
		<u>\$2,348,003.07</u>
		\$2,776,536.18

EXPENSES

Disbursements	\$ 2,263,752.85	
Transfer to Hot Lunch	22,500.00	
Transfer to Greatwest P/R Acct	<u>100.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 2,286,352.85</u>

Ending Balance 06/30/13

Checking Account	<u><u>\$490,183.33</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted,

Renée J Patterson, Treasurer

**MONTGOMERY FOOD SERVICE
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**

Beginning Balance 07/01/12

Checking	11,841.72	
		\$11,841.72

RECEIPTS

State of Vermont	3,785.45	
Student & Adult Meals/Catering	30,731.12	
FNESU - Fresh Fruits and Veggies	43,747.78	
Interest	5.15	
MTSD Support	22,500.00	
		\$100,769.50
		\$112,611.22

EXPENSES

Disbursements	89,522.62	
		\$89,522.62

Ending Balance 06/30/12

Checking	\$23,088.60	
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**MONTGOMERY SCHOOL CAPITAL DEPT SERVICE FUND
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**

Beginning Balance 07/01/12

CD-Debt Service Fund	163,811.04	
		\$163,811.04

RECEIPTS

Interest	304.62	
		\$304.62

EXPENSES

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

Ending Balance 06/30/12

	\$79,115.66	
CD - Debt Service Fund	79,115.66	
		\$79,115.66

Respectfully Submitted,
Renée J Patterson, Treasurer

Montgomery Elementary School Fundraisers

	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
QSP (mags)	\$2,067.00	\$1,793.55	\$1,443.20	\$1,585.38	\$1,185.15
Meadow Farms (regular)			\$2,869.00	\$2,568.95	\$1,899.95
Cookie		\$1,055.00			\$770.80
Pizza	\$3,424.25	\$3,775.15	\$2,145.43	\$2,085.87	\$1,673.39
Seeds					\$1,043.15

2012-13 SALARIES AND WAGES

PRINCIPAL		ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	
Beth O'Brien	\$63,857	Jeffrey Ward	\$1,500
TEACHERS		CUSTODIANS	
Kristina Bowen	\$34,451	Andrew Smith	\$29,143
Jeffrey Ward	\$58,290	Colin Wood	\$27,302
Beth O'Brien	\$21,286	Total	\$56,445
Susan Zeineth-Collins	\$52,758		
Natalie Bruzzi	\$5,459		
Pamela Krout-Voss	\$21,611	SECRETARY	
Steven Moran	\$55,993	Ruthanne Little	\$25,884
Crystal Johnson	\$7,358		
Sara Caldwell	\$40,186	FOOD SERVICE	
Susan Ruprecht	\$32,177	Wendy Howard	\$20,445
Claudia Woodward	\$32,722	Dawn Reed	\$13,760
Lara Morales	\$50,230	Total	\$34,205
Andrew Schlatter	\$27,500		
Total	\$440,021	GUIDANCE	
		Lindsey Waldman	\$14,640
TREASURER		Total	\$14,640
Renee Patterson	\$3,563		
		COACHES	
PARAEDUCATORS		Steven Moran	\$450
Robin Pelkey	\$22,270	John Newton	\$900
Elaine Bruckner	\$11,476	Michael Singer	\$450
Annie Purrier	\$18,795	Timothy Lagasse	\$900
Angela Paquette	\$15,402	Total	\$2,700
Deborah Moskevitz	\$12,697		
Nicole Howrigan	\$1,095	SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS	
Total	\$81,735	Richard Daybell	\$150
		Karen Soule	\$600
LIBRARIAN		Charles R. Purrier	\$600
Robin Bryce	\$15,537	Bruce Mercy	\$600
Total	\$15,537	Rachael Hardy	\$600
		Catherine Howell	\$450
EXTRACURRICULAR COORDINATOR		Total	\$3,000
Jeff Ward	\$4,500		

2012-13 SALARIES AND WAGES

<u>SUBSTITUTES</u>	
Marnie Bimm	\$1,704
Linda Carpenter	\$346
Anna Charette	\$75
Ronda McAllister	\$208
Sharon DeVries	\$1,573
Joann Foote	\$1,350
Kara Godfrey	\$101
Jessica St.Louis	\$75
Lara Starr	\$75
Mary Niles	\$338
Marlene Stewart	\$375
Katie Woods	\$294
Maryanne Wood	\$425
Total	<u>\$6,939</u>

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2012-13 TUITION PAYMENTS

North Country Union High School	\$155,856
Enosburg Falls High School	\$315,085
Bellows Free Academy Union High School	\$5,325
Cold Hollow Career Center	\$7,140
Richford High School	\$120,150
St.Johnsbury Academy	\$14,570
North Country Career Center	\$9,366
Stanstead College	\$24,922
Morristown	\$11,700
Lamoille Union High School	\$11,979
Total	<u>\$676,093</u>

Montgomery Town School District FY15 Revenues and Tax Rates

		2013-2014	2014-2015	14 to 15
		Reported to AOE	Anticipated	Change
	Anticipated Local Revenues			
1	Use of Fund Balance *	\$170,361	\$160,000	(\$10,361)
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	\$79,000	\$0	(\$79,000)
5	Anticipated Interest	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
6	Total Anticipated Local Revenues	\$253,161	\$163,800	(\$89,361)
7				
8	Anticipated Categorical Grants			
9	Federal Education Jobs Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
10	Special Education State Aid	\$152,434	\$150,810	(\$1,624)
11	Special Education IDEA-B Sub Grant	\$23,215	\$16,901	(\$6,314)
12	State Transportation Aid	\$50,257	\$54,789	\$4,532
13	Small Schools Grant	\$83,536	\$88,582	\$5,046
14	Early Essential Education Grant	\$8,649	\$10,600	\$1,951
15	Medicaid Funds	\$9,659	\$10,919	\$1,260
16	Total Anticipated Categorical Grants	\$327,750	\$332,601	\$4,851
17				
18	Anticipated Education Spending Revenue			
19	Education Spending Revenue	\$1,919,636	\$2,038,236	\$118,600
20	Technical Center Tuition Revenue	\$41,875	\$45,138	\$3,263
21	Total Anticipated Ed Spending Revenue	\$1,961,511	\$2,083,374	\$121,863
22				
23	Total Anticipated Revenue	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$37,353
24				
25	Anticipated Residential Tax Rate			
26	Budgeted Expenditures	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$37,352
27	<i>less</i> Local and Grant Revenue	\$580,911	\$496,401	(\$84,510)
28	<i>equals</i> Education Spending	\$1,961,511	\$2,083,374	\$121,863
29	<i>divided by</i> Equalized Pupils	182.17	181.01	(1.16)
30	<i>equals</i> Per Pupil Education Spending	\$10,767	\$11,510	\$742
31	<i>divided by</i> Base Education Amount	\$9,151	\$9,382	\$0
32	<i>equals</i> % above base education payment	117.66%	122.68%	5.01%
33	<i>multiplied by</i> Residential State School Tax Rate	\$0.9400	\$1.0100	\$0.0700
34	<i>equals</i> Equalized residential school tax rate	\$1.1060	\$1.2391	\$0.1330
35	<i>divided by</i> Common Level of Appraisal	77.57%	100.00%	22.43%
36	Local Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.4259	\$1.2391	(\$0.1868)
37				
38				
39	Non-Residential School Tax Rate	\$1.4300	\$1.5100	\$0.0800
40	<i>divided by</i> Common Level of Appraisal	77.57%	100.00%	22.43%
41	Local Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.8435	\$1.5100	(\$0.3335)

Montgomery Town School District FY15 Anticipated Budget

Line #	DESCRIPTION	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Anticipated	2014-15 Change
1	Instruction / Elementary				
2	This section of the budget contains the costs for general instruction for grades K through 4. In FY14, one .5 FTE teacher was hired through a contracted service with the Supervisory Union. In FY15, that person is paid directly by the district.				
3	Salary	\$291,997	\$299,671	\$312,481	\$12,810
4	Substitutes	\$4,344	\$8,400	\$5,400	(\$3,000)
5	Health Insurance	\$61,132	\$72,989	\$76,613	\$3,624
6	Catamount Assessment	\$60	\$0	\$100	\$100
7	Social Security	\$21,631	\$23,644	\$23,912	\$268
8	Life Insurance	\$597	\$432	\$645	\$213
9	Worker's Compensation	\$1,675	\$1,669	\$1,788	\$119
10	Unemployment Insurance	\$131	\$192	\$76	(\$116)
11	Tuition Reimbursement	\$7,598	\$11,505	\$11,478	(\$27)
12	Dental Insurance	\$3,359	\$2,679	\$2,730	\$51
13	Professional Development	\$340	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,500
14	Staff Development	\$0	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000
15	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$248	\$281	\$313	\$32
16	Contracted Services	\$23,191	\$25,739	\$0	(\$25,739)
17	Professional Services	\$1,165	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
18	Copier Service	\$3,415	\$4,408	\$3,575	(\$833)
19	Mileage Reimbursement	\$105	\$650	\$650	\$0
20	Technical Education / Home Economics	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
21	Supplies	\$15,938	\$12,800	\$12,800	\$0
22	Textbooks	\$1,113	\$6,000	\$1,500	(\$4,500)
23	Equipment	\$772	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
24	Dues and Fees	\$528	\$250	\$500	\$250
25	Total Instruction / Elementary	\$439,338	\$474,309	\$462,561	(\$11,748)
26					
27	Instruction / Secondary				
28	This section of the budget contains the costs for general instruction for grades 5 through 8.				
29	Salary	\$89,938	\$94,317	\$100,040	\$5,723
30	Substitutes	\$963	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
31	Health Insurance	\$14,093	\$17,288	\$18,735	\$1,447
32	Catamount Assessment	\$60	\$0	\$100	\$100
33	Social Security	\$6,745	\$7,215	\$7,657	\$442
34	Life Insurance	\$153	\$153	\$180	\$27
35	Worker's Compensation	\$453	\$509	\$574	\$65
36	Unemployment Insurance	\$65	\$96	\$22	(\$74)
37	Tuition Reimbursement	\$468	\$3,089	\$3,141	\$52
38	Dental Insurance	\$922	\$656	\$1,063	\$407
39	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$83	\$225	\$88	(\$137)
40	Total Instruction / Secondary	\$113,943	\$124,548	\$132,600	\$8,052
41					
42	Guidance				
43	This section of the budget contains the cost for the guidance office.				
44	Salary	\$14,721	\$15,278	\$17,694	\$2,416
45	Health Insurance	\$0	\$800	\$0	(\$800)
46	Social Security	\$1,126	\$1,169	\$1,354	\$185
47	Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$38	\$38
48	Worker's Compensation	\$70	\$82	\$101	\$19
49	Unemployment Insurance	\$15	\$21	\$8	(\$13)
50	Tuition Reimbursement	\$90	\$691	\$687	(\$4)

Montgomery Town School District FY15 Anticipated Budget

Line #	DESCRIPTION	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Anticipated	2014-15 Change
51	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
52	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$45	\$18	(\$27)
53	Contracted Services / Psychological	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	(\$2,500)
54	Staff Development	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150
55	Supplies	\$269	\$200	\$200	\$0
56	Total Guidance	\$16,291	\$20,786	\$20,250	(\$536)
57					
58	Health Services				
59	This section of the budget contains costs for providing school nursing services. In FY15, the school nurse will be a direct employee of the Montgomery Town School District. In FY14, this service was contracted from the Supervisory Union.				
60	Salary	\$0	\$0	\$17,598	\$17,598
61	Substitutes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
62	Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$8,918	\$8,918
63	Social Security	\$0	\$0	\$1,347	\$1,347
64	Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$47	\$47
65	Worker's Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$101	\$101
66	Unemployment Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$34	\$34
67	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$252	\$252
68	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$287	\$287
69	Staff Development	\$75	\$0	\$150	\$150
70	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$0	\$23	\$23
71	Contracted Services	\$38,582	\$42,885	\$0	(\$42,885)
72	Repairs	\$125	\$0	\$0	\$0
73	Supplies	\$743	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
74	Dues and Fees	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
75	Total Health Services	\$39,574	\$43,885	\$29,757	(\$14,128)
76					
77	Paraeducators				
78	This section of the budget contains costs associated with non-licensed educators. Due to changes in Federal Grants, two positions were moved from Federal Grants to the local budget.				
79	Salary	\$23,369	\$20,258	\$52,503	\$32,245
80	Social Security	\$1,788	\$1,550	\$4,019	\$2,469
81	Municipal Retirement	\$935	\$988	\$2,758	\$1,770
82	Worker's Compensation	\$105	\$109	\$302	\$193
83	Unemployment Insurance	\$35	\$53	\$27	(\$26)
84	Total Paraeducators	\$26,231	\$22,958	\$59,609	\$36,651
85					
86	Library Services				
87	This section of the budget contains the costs for maintaining the school library.				
88	Salary	\$15,745	\$15,942	\$17,694	\$1,752
89	Substitutes	\$383	\$0	\$0	\$0
90	Health Insurance	\$0	\$800	\$0	(\$800)
91	Social Security	\$1,234	\$1,220	\$1,354	\$134
92	Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$38	\$38
93	Worker's Compensation	\$70	\$86	\$101	\$15
94	Unemployment Insurance	\$15	\$21	\$8	(\$13)
95	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$691	\$687	(\$4)
96	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
97	Professional Development	\$181	\$0	\$250	\$250
98	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$45	\$18	(\$27)

Montgomery Town School District FY15 Anticipated Budget

Line #	DESCRIPTION	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Anticipated	2014-15 Change
99	Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
100	Mileage	\$113	\$0	\$0	\$0
101	Supplies	\$472	\$400	\$400	\$0
102	Books	\$2,414	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
103	Total Library Services	\$20,626	\$21,705	\$23,050	\$1,345
104					
105	Technology				
106	This section of the budget contains costs for schoolwide technology purchases and support.				
107	Salary	\$1,365	\$3,150	\$4,200	\$1,050
108	Social Security	\$65	\$241	\$322	\$81
109	Worker's Compensation	\$35	\$17	\$24	\$7
110	Unemployment Insurance	\$5	\$8	\$5	(\$3)
111	Internet, Email, PowerSchool	\$0	\$1,213	\$1,404	\$191
112	Supplies and Software	\$3,241	\$955	\$955	\$0
113	Equipment	\$8,154	\$3,300	\$7,800	\$4,500
114	Total Technology	\$12,864	\$8,884	\$14,710	\$5,826
115					
116	School Directors				
117	This section of the budget contains the costs for school board expenses, including the office of the treasurer and district-wide fees and insurance.				
118	Salary / Directors	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
119	Salary / Treasurer	\$3,563	\$3,829	\$4,021	\$192
120	Salary / Board Secretary	\$354	\$897	\$616	(\$281)
121	Salary / Truant Officer	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0
122	Social Security	\$529	\$591	\$356	(\$235)
123	Worker's Compensation	\$35	\$42	\$27	(\$15)
124	Legal Service	\$6,261	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
125	Audit and Annual Report	\$3,600	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$0
126	Property/E&O/Bonds/Liability Insurance	\$7,974	\$8,772	\$8,507	(\$265)
127	Postage	\$16		\$0	\$0
128	Advertising	\$831	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
129	Supplies	\$611	\$550	\$550	\$0
130	Dues and Fees	\$33	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
131	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,854	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
132	School Directors' Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
133	Food Service Program	\$22,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
134	Total School Directors	\$51,161	\$34,581	\$33,977	(\$604)
135					
136	Superintendent's Office	\$50,039	\$55,475	\$56,444	\$969
137					
138	Principal's Office				
139	This section of the budget includes costs for the office of the building Principal. Through FY14, the Principal's time was split between Elementary Education (25%) and the Principal's Office. In this budget, 100% of the Principal's salary and benefits are included in this section.				
140	Salary / Principal	\$60,130	\$65,454	\$89,890	\$24,436
141	Salary / Administrative Assistant	\$29,807	\$25,779	\$27,555	\$1,776
142	Salary / Assistant Principal	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
143	Substitutes	\$234	\$0	\$250	\$250
144	Health Insurance	\$13,096	\$15,757	\$19,630	\$3,873
145	Social Security	\$6,852	\$7,094	\$8,985	\$1,891
146	Life Insurance	\$214	\$192	\$279	\$87

Montgomery Town School District FY15 Anticipated Budget

Line #	DESCRIPTION	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Anticipated	2014-15 Change
147	Municipal Retirement	\$1,294	\$1,353	\$1,447	\$94
148	Worker's Compensation	\$453	\$501	\$671	\$170
149	Unemployment Insurance	\$40	\$61	\$16	(\$45)
150	Tuition Reimbursement	\$450	\$1,295	\$1,716	\$421
151	Dental Insurance	\$1,304	\$1,314	\$2,082	\$768
152	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$171	\$209	\$0	(\$209)
153	Professional Development	\$1,205	\$500	\$500	\$0
154	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$37	\$34	\$45	\$11
155	Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,362	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
156	Supplies	\$1,895	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
157	Equipment	\$913	\$200	\$200	\$0
158	Dues and Fees / Graduation	\$1,802	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
159	Total Principal's Office	\$122,757	\$125,343	\$158,866	\$33,523
160					
161	Operation of Plant				
162	This section of the budget includes costs related to building maintenance.				
163	Salary	\$56,525	\$59,000	\$62,124	\$3,124
164	Health Insurance	\$5,926	\$6,747	\$6,778	\$31
165	Social Security	\$4,244	\$5,030	\$4,754	(\$276)
166	Municipal Retirement	\$2,258	\$3,332	\$3,263	(\$69)
167	Worker's Compensation	\$2,845	\$2,838	\$2,793	(\$45)
168	Unemployment Insurance	\$60	\$92	\$18	(\$74)
169	Professional Development	\$83	\$0	\$0	\$0
170	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$34	\$45	\$11
171	Water	\$2,143	\$2,069	\$2,400	\$331
172	Rubbish Removal	\$2,802	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0
173	Snow Removal	\$3,675	\$8,515	\$8,515	\$0
174	Repairs to Building and Grounds	\$33,125	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
175	Service Contracts	\$2,647	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
176	Communications	\$2,766	\$3,200	\$3,394	\$194
177	Mileage Reimbursement	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0
178	Supplies	\$6,498	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
179	Electricity	\$20,105	\$21,985	\$21,985	\$0
180	Fuel	\$19,000	\$21,677	\$23,098	\$1,421
181	Equipment	\$24,140	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
182	Total Operation of Plant	\$189,141	\$153,819	\$158,467	\$4,648
183					
184	Transportation	\$125,726	\$130,261	\$130,261	\$0
185					
186	Debt Service				
187	This section of the budget contains the costs associated with long-term borrowing. The 1993 Bond was paid off in FY14. Principal payments for the 2005 bond decrease by \$5000 in FY15.				
188	1993 Bond Interest	\$4,674	\$1,558	\$0	(\$1,558)
189	2005 Bond Interest	\$37,838	\$35,136	\$32,465	(\$2,671)
190	1993 Bond Principal	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0	(\$55,000)
191	2005 Bond Principal	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$65,000	(\$5,000)
192	Total Debt Service	\$167,512	\$161,694	\$97,465	(\$64,229)
193					
194	Co-Curricular				
195	This section of the budget includes costs for student activities outside of the regular classroom.				
196	Salary	\$7,200	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$0

Montgomery Town School District FY15 Anticipated Budget

Line #	DESCRIPTION	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Anticipated	2014-15 Change
197	Game Personnel	\$910	\$0	\$900	\$900
198	Social Security	\$620	\$585	\$590	\$5
199	Worker's Compensation	\$35	\$44	\$47	\$3
200	Referees and Officials	\$610	\$1,300	\$600	(\$700)
201	Washington D.C. Trip	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
202	Supplies	\$65	\$250	\$250	\$0
203	Dues and Fees	\$535	\$500	\$500	\$0
204	Transportation and Field Trips	\$6,518	\$6,064	\$6,064	\$0
205	Total Co-Curricular	\$17,493	\$17,393	\$17,601	\$208
206					
207	Tuition				
208	This section of the budget contains costs related to regular education paid to other districts. The FY14 budget included tuition payments for 58 kids. The FY15 budget assumes 60 kids.				
209	Public High School Tuition	\$620,095	\$627,133	\$609,906	(\$17,227)
210	Private High School Tuition	\$39,492	\$117,756	\$178,597	\$60,841
211	Technical Education Tuition	\$49,519	\$63,172	\$68,871	\$5,699
212	High School Tuition Prior Year	\$28,465	\$0	\$0	\$0
213	Tech Ed Tuition Prior Year	(\$1,642)	\$0	\$0	\$0
214	Total Tuition	\$735,928	\$808,061	\$857,373	\$49,312
215					
216	Special Education				
217	This section of the budget contains the costs for special education for grades K through 12. In FY14, speech services were budgeted as a contracted service from the Supervisory Union; in FY15, they will be provided by a 0.3 FTE district employee.				
218	Salary	\$49,603	\$49,819	\$52,505	\$2,686
219	Summer Instruction	\$3,407	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
220	Salary / SLP	\$0	\$0	\$20,378	\$20,378
221	Wages / Paraeducators	\$54,560	\$59,827	\$75,630	\$15,803
222	Substitutes	\$715	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
223	Health Insurance	(\$165)	\$2,000	\$5,619	\$3,619
224	Social Security	\$8,287	\$8,694	\$11,365	\$2,671
225	Life Insurance	\$90	\$90	\$121	\$31
226	Municipal Retirement	\$2,219	\$2,930	\$3,973	\$1,043
227	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$558	\$608	\$850	\$242
228	Unemployment Insurance	\$115	\$184	\$46	(\$138)
229	Tuition Reimbursement	\$375	\$1,727	\$2,231	\$504
230	Dental Insurance	\$503	\$546	\$746	\$200
231	Professional Development	\$125	\$500	\$500	\$0
232	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$23	\$45	\$59	\$14
233	Contracted Services / Speech	\$3,542	\$35,096	\$0	(\$35,096)
234	Purchased Professional Services	\$5,277	\$5,460	\$5,775	\$315
235	FNESU SPED Services Assessment	\$2,230	\$6,808	\$6,724	(\$84)
236	Psychological Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
237	SPED Student Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$1,700	\$1,700
238	Mileage Reimbursement	\$492	\$650	\$650	\$0
239	SPED Tuition	\$41,378	\$55,015	\$42,540	(\$12,475)
240	SPED Excess Costs	\$9,699	\$46,803	\$39,520	(\$7,283)
241	Supplies and Equipment	\$1,186	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
242	Total Special Education	\$184,217	\$287,802	\$281,932	(\$5,870)
243					
244	Early Education				
245	This section of the budget contains the costs for general instruction for children up through pre-K.				

Montgomery Town School District FY15 Anticipated Budget

Line #	DESCRIPTION	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Anticipated	2014-15 Change
246	Salary / Paraeducators	\$709	\$13,104	\$8,005	(\$5,099)
247	Salary / Teachers	\$6,469	\$7,307	\$8,025	\$718
248	Substitutes	\$58	\$750	\$400	(\$350)
249	Health Insurance	\$0	\$2,669	\$2,810	\$141
250	Social Security	\$522	\$1,561	\$1,227	(\$334)
251	Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$19	\$19
252	Municipal Retirement	\$28	\$647	\$421	(\$226)
253	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$70	\$110	\$92	(\$18)
254	Unemployment Insurance	\$5	\$51	\$5	(\$46)
255	Tuition Reimbursement	\$418	\$345	\$344	(\$1)
256	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$109	\$115	\$6
257	Professional Development	\$0	\$1,500	\$500	(\$1,000)
258	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$0	\$9	\$9
259	Contracted Early Education Teachers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
260	Contracted Speech Services	\$0	\$8,774	\$0	(\$8,774)
261	Contracted Psychological Services	\$0	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$0
262	Purchased Professional Services	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
263	Mileage Reimbursement	\$135	\$725	\$725	\$0
264	Supplies	\$1,086	\$0	\$500	\$500
265	Total Early Education	\$9,499	\$43,952	\$29,497	(\$14,455)
266					
267	Early Education / SPED				
268	This section of the budget contains the costs for special education for children up through pre-K.				
269	Salary	\$1,086	\$0	\$6,793	\$6,793
270	Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$1,873	\$1,873
271	Social Security	\$83	\$0	\$520	\$520
272	Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$10
273	Municipal Retirement	\$43	\$0	\$0	\$0
274	Worker's Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$39	\$39
275	Unemployment Insurance	\$15	\$0	\$1	\$1
276	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$172	\$172
277	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$58	\$58
278	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$5
279	Contracted Services	\$12,635	\$6,965	\$5,884	(\$1,081)
280	Mileage Reimbursement	\$430	\$0	\$0	\$0
281	Total Early Education / SPED	\$14,293	\$6,965	\$15,355	\$8,390
282					
283	Total Budget	\$2,336,635	\$2,542,421	\$2,579,775	\$37,354
284					
285				% Increase:	1.47%

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2015 Report **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/>

FY2013 School Level Data

Cohort Description: K - 8, FY2013 enrollment < 200
 (34 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
 11 out of 34

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchrr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Folsom Education and Community Center	PK - 8	120	13.30	1.00	9.02	120.00	13.30
	Orwell Village School	K - 8	123	11.10	1.00	11.08	123.00	11.10
	Millers Run School USD #37	PK - 8	130	12.50	1.00	10.40	130.00	12.50
	Montgomery Center School	PK - 8	132	10.05	0.75	13.13	176.00	13.40
<- Larger	Newton Elementary School	PK - 8	132	10.70	1.00	12.34	132.00	10.70
	Glover Community School	PK - 8	136	10.00	1.00	13.60	136.00	10.00
	Irasburg Village School	PK - 8	139	10.86	1.00	12.80	139.00	10.86
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			121.15	11.47	0.98	10.56	123.88	11.73

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. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2012 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2012 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) 18 out of 38
Smaller ->	Charleston	PK-8	114.83	\$10,682	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Orleans ID	K-8	115.80	\$11,868	
	Benson	PK-8	117.59	\$11,077	
	Montgomery	PK-8	118.73	\$10,212	
<- Larger	Glover	K-8	126.19	\$12,207	
	Strafford	K-8	127.12	\$11,793	
	Irasburg	K-8	129.40	\$10,971	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			122.96	\$12,477	

FY2014 School District Data

				School district tax rate			of prorated member district rates		
				SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
				Equalized	Education	Equalized	Equalized	Common	Actual
Grades offered				Pupils	Spending per	Homestead	Homestead	Level	Homestead
in School					Equalized Pupil	Ed tax rate	Ed tax rate	of Appraisal	Ed tax rate
District									
LEA ID	School District					Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.
Smaller ->	T209	Troy	K-8	162.56	12,295.63	1.2630	1.2760	100.40%	1.2709
	T061	Dummerston	K-8	171.45	15,413.25	1.5833	1.5966	99.07%	1.6115
	T199	Strafford	K-8	173.44	14,045.13	1.4427	1.4427	113.97%	1.2659
	T128	Montgomery	K-8	182.17	10,767.48	1.1061	1.1061	77.57%	1.4259
	T210	Tunbridge	K-8	182.24	13,426.17	1.3791	1.3791	102.75%	1.3422
<- Larger	T161	Putney	PK-8	187.60	15,172.37	1.5585	1.5832	98.93%	1.6004
	T116	Lunenburg	PK-8	187.70	12,471.00	1.2810	1.2810	116.99%	1.0950

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		T128		Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.	Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.	
County: Franklin		Franklin Northeast		9,382	1.01	
Expenditures		FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,394,733	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+ -	-	-		2.
3.	<i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	- -	-	-		3.
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,394,733	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+ -	-	-		5.
6.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+ -	-	-		6.
7.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$2,394,733	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-		8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-		9.
Revenues						
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$541,957	\$538,862	\$580,912	\$496,401	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)	+ -	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	12.
13.	<i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	- -	-	-		13.
14.	Total local revenues	\$541,957	\$538,862	\$580,912	\$496,401	14.
15.	Education Spending	\$1,852,776	\$1,951,162	\$1,961,511	\$2,083,374	15.
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	183.37	181.51	182.17	181.01	16.
17.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$10,104.03	\$10,749.61	\$10,767.48	\$11,510	17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	- \$944.85	\$922.88	\$887.60	\$538.45	18.
19.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	- \$27.75	\$27.86	-	-	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	- NA	NA	-	-	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)	+ threshold = \$14,733 -	threshold = \$14,841 -	threshold = \$15,456 -	threshold = \$16,168 -	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,104	\$10,750	\$10,767	\$11,510	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$11,510 / \$9,382)	118.259% based on \$8,544	123.233% based on \$8,723	117.665% based on \$9,151	122.679% based on \$9,382	27.
Prorating the local tax rate						
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (122.679% x \$1.010)	\$1.0289 based on \$0.87	\$1.0968 based on \$0.89	\$1.1061 based on \$0.94	\$1.2391 based on \$1.010	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 \$1.24)	\$1.0289	\$1.0968	\$1.1061	\$1.2391	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	75.88%	76.13%	77.57%	100.00%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.239 / 100.00%)	\$1.3560 based on \$0.860	\$1.4407 based on \$0.87	\$1.4259 based on \$0.94	\$1.2391 based on \$1.01	32.
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.						
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (122.679% x 1.84%)	2.13% based on 1.80%	2.22% based on 1.80%	2.12% based on 1.80%	2.26% based on 1.84%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.26%)	2.13% based on 1.80%	2.22% based on 1.80%	2.12% based on 1.80%	2.26% based on 1.84%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,382. The tax commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.01 and \$1.51. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.84%.

**Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union FY15
Anticipated Budget, Spending, and Assessment**

		FY13	FY14	FY15	14 to 15	Montgomery
	Spending	Actual	Budget	Anticipated	Change	Share
1	Salaries	\$490,711	\$487,903	\$485,065	(\$2,838)	\$38,817
2	Health Insurance	\$91,648	\$132,548	\$129,256	(\$3,292)	\$10,344
3	FICA	\$38,276	\$37,489	\$37,112	(\$378)	\$2,970
4	Life Insurance	\$1,282	\$1,395	\$1,415	\$20	\$113
5	Municipal Retirement	\$33,447	\$34,720	\$36,122	\$1,402	\$2,891
6	Worker's Comp Ins.	\$2,543	\$2,647	\$2,769	\$122	\$222
7	Unemployment Ins.	\$3,121	\$2,369	\$1,934	(\$435)	\$155
8	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$8,216	\$8,158	(\$58)	\$653
9	Dental Insurance	\$11,288	\$13,761	\$15,651	\$1,890	\$1,252
10	Disability Insurance	\$1,076	\$1,170	\$1,167	(\$3)	\$93
11	Technology Services	\$873	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$160
12	Service Contracts	\$3,131	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$280
13	Audit	\$2,200	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$200	\$176
14	Rent	\$14,572	\$15,320	\$15,960	\$640	\$1,277
15	Mileage Reimbursement	\$429	\$3,148	\$2,000	(\$1,148)	\$160
16	Training	\$2,266	\$4,500	\$16,000	\$11,500	\$1,280
17	Property & Liability Ins.	\$4,062	\$4,671	\$4,671	\$0	\$374
18	Phone & Internet	\$3,667	\$3,584	\$3,700	\$116	\$296
19	Miscellaneous	\$3,894	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$320
20	Legal	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$160
21	Equipment Repair	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$32
22	Office Supplies	\$10,900	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$1,200
23	Professional Books	\$2,236	\$1,600	\$3,000	\$1,400	\$240
24	Software	\$298	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$240
25	Dues & Fees	\$4,928	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$1,500	\$520
26	Office Equipment	\$15,229	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$480
27	Relicensing Board	\$2,018	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$80
28	Advertising	\$1,251	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$120
29	Total Spending:	\$745,347	\$796,446	\$811,079	\$14,637	\$64,906
30						
31	Revenues and Transfers					
32	Use of Fund Balance	\$37,902	\$34,750	\$34,750	\$0	\$2,781
33	Interest	\$684	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$80
34	Medicaid Support	\$22,452	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$2,000	\$1,761
35	Misc. Revenue	\$1,425	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
36	Indirect Cost	\$26,583	\$21,315	\$25,000	\$3,685	\$2,001
37	SPED	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	\$1,761
38	Relicensing Board Grant	\$1,050	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$80
39	Total Revenues and Transfers	\$112,096	\$100,065	\$105,750	\$5,685	\$8,463
40						
41	SU Assessment	\$0	\$696,381	\$705,329	\$8,952	\$56,444
42						
43						Assessment
44	District Assessments					Rate
45	Bakersfield	\$68,557	\$69,344	\$68,508	(\$836)	9.71%
46	Berkshire	\$76,831	\$84,894	\$86,604	\$1,710	12.28%
47	Enosburgh	\$265,560	\$281,999	\$290,404	\$8,405	41.17%
48	Montgomery	\$50,039	\$55,475	\$56,444	\$969	8.00%
49	Richford	\$191,881	\$204,670	\$203,369	(\$1,301)	28.83%
50	Total District Assessments	\$652,867	\$696,381	\$705,329	\$8,947	100.00%

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Montgomery History Fun Quiz

1. What year was Montgomery granted by the legislature? 1780
2. What year did the Governor and Executive Council approve the charter? 1789
3. What year did the first settlers arrive? 1793
4. What year was a town government organized? 1802
5. What year was the first church building completed and what was it called? 1835, Union Church, now Pratt Hall
6. What was the most number of school districts in Montgomery? 12 or 13, depending how you count them, in the mid-1800s
7. In 1883, how many Montgomerians were receiving Civil War pensions? 24
8. What year was the first Town Clerk elected that was born in Montgomery? 1850, Joshua Clapp
9. What census year did Montgomery reach its highest population? 1900, 1,876 people.
10. True or False? Based on census figures Montgomery was the 5th largest Town in Franklin County in 1920. True, behind St. Albans, Swanton, Enosburg & Richford.
11. What year was the first woman Town Clerk elected? 1957, Roseanna Ariel
12. What year was the first woman member of the Selectboard elected? 1972, Beatrice Chaffee
13. Who was the longest serving Selectman? Billy Cabana, 33 years

Our updated 3rd Edition of the Town History will be available soon!! We appreciate your help in preserving our shared heritage. Thank you.

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Who Meets Where and When

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 Wednesday	7:00pm	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