

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY & MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

2014 REPORTS



**Town Clerk & Treasurer
Renée Patterson**

2014 Town Report Honoree

From the VT Secretary of State's Web Site "Who's Who In Local Government"...

"Town Clerk (elected) Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union, hunting and fishing licenses; as well as motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. **Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(2)** (emphasis added)

Town Treasurer (elected) Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. **Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(3)** (emphasis added)"

This year's honoree is Renée Patterson. Renée is the 18th person to hold the office of Town Clerk since the Town's first clerk, Samuel Barnard, took the oath of office 213 years ago, and the 19th Treasurer. She has done a tremendous job since being elected in 2003 with her patience, tact, and ambassadorial skills tested daily.

She has also used her math prowess tracking an annual budget of over 3 million dollars while consolidating the Town's finances and putting better controls in place. She's supported a new school addition, a new Public Works Building, several new Town vehicle purchases, numerous natural disaster responses, grant applications and administration, dog licenses, electronic payment systems, and elections. She endured at least three federally mandated audits and a half dozen other independent audits, passing all with flying colors and good humor.

We know she isn't going too far away. We're glad she'll be working for us part time and hope she'll keep us in her good graces and stay involved as much as her, Larry's, the kids' and grandkids' lives allow.



THANK YOU Renée

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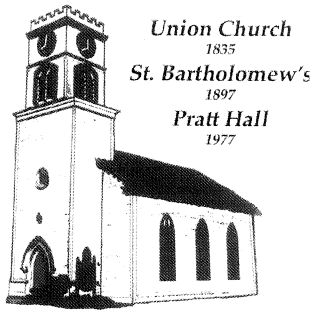
***PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN & SCHOOL
MEETING***

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Montgomery Select Board will conduct public informational meetings on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00pm and Saturday February 28, 2015 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 and Australian ballot articles.

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Who was the original owner of your property?

If you've read the 1780 Montgomery Town Charter you will have seen a list of individuals to whom land was granted, the original owners. They included Governor Thomas Chittenden and State Surveyor Ira Allen (no conflict of interest there!). There is no evidence that any of the grantees ever visited or lived in Montgomery. Rather the land was sold, (or sometime awarded to Revolutionary War veterans for service as was the case for Joshua Clapp), and then subdivided, or combined, and over time evolved into the present day boundaries approximated by the Tax Map.

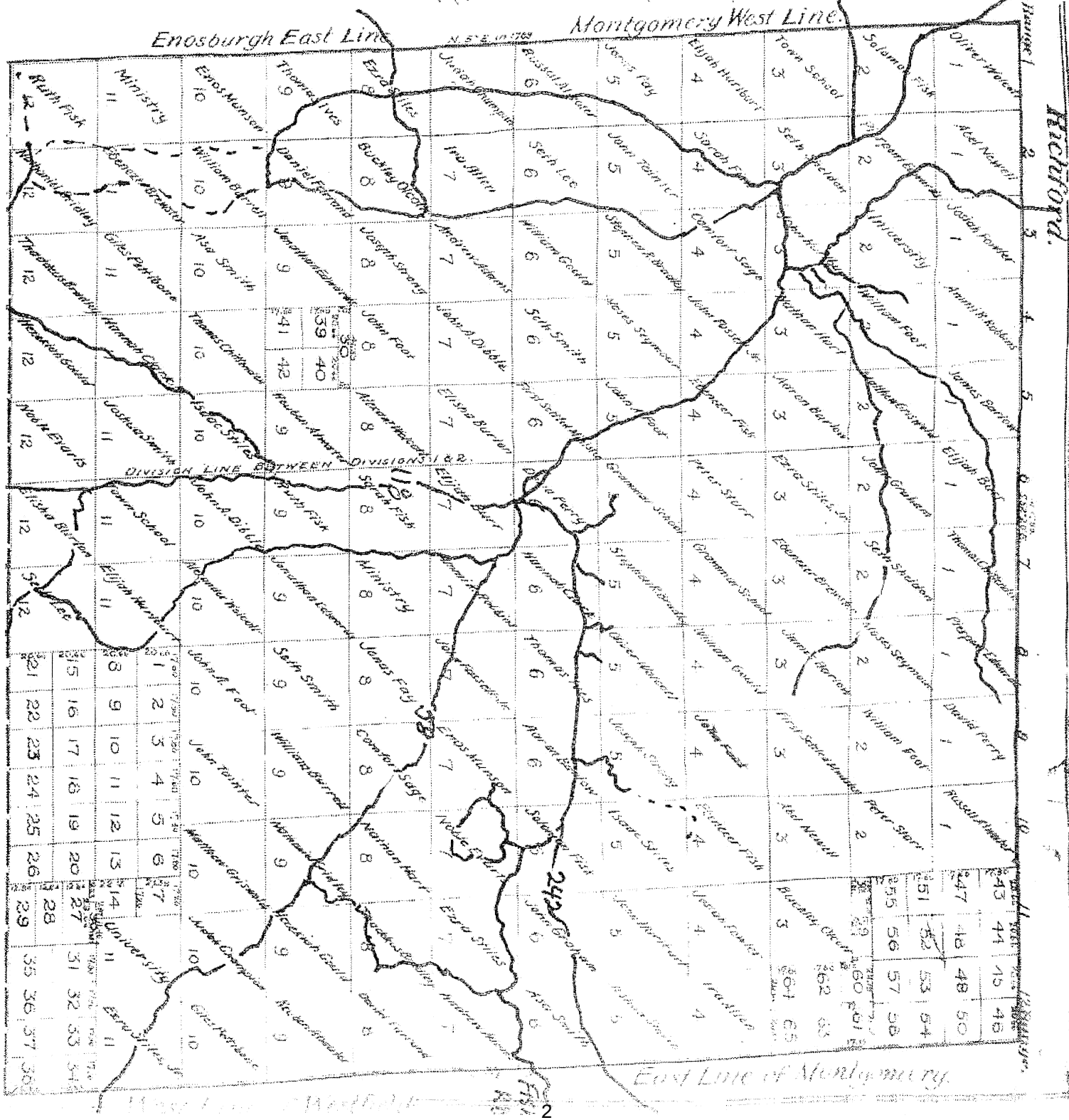
Montgomery was originally a square containing 23,040 acres divided into 12 lots wide by 12 lots long. Each of the lots were approximately ½ mile square and totaled 160 acres. Some of these were further subdivided into 4, 40 acre lots. Each grantee was awarded 2 of the 160 acres lots and 1 of the 40 acre lots, not adjoining, for a total of 320 acres. Other lots were set aside for the benefit of the town, county, and state schools/university and the first minister/ministry.

The lotting map was put together and lots were granted without regard to topography. For example a lot to benefit the State university was in Hazen's Notch, and a lot to benefit the ministry was in the Deep Gibou.

The map that follows is a copy of an 1898 hand drawn copy of the original lotting map, with Montgomery's contemporary road system added. Lots are labeled with the grantee's name and there is a legend with an alphabetical list of the grantees with coordinates on the matrix to help you find each individual's lots. If you know the approximate location of your land in relation to the roads shown, you will be able to tell who originally owned your property in 1789 when the legislature approved the charter. This map is only an approximation.

In the future we hope to add an appropriately scaled copy of the current tax map boundaries which will make this determination even easier. None of the lots of Montgomery's southern pan handle, lands formerly belonging to Lowell and Avery's Gore, were included in the original charter grants.

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2	Allen, Stu	4.2	4.2
3	Alvander, Russell	6.1	5.1
4	Alvander, Stephen	4.5	4.1
5	Brunker, Elizabeth	4.5	4.4
6	Burman, Anne	3.5	3.4
7	Burton, James	1.5	1.3
8	Bradley, Stephen R.	5.3	5.1
9	Bradley, Heather	11.3	9.4
10	Brennan, Benjamin	11.3	9.4
11	Burr, Elsie	10.2	9.4
12	Burru, William	10.2	9.4
13	Champion, Judith	7.1	6.2
14	Chattenden, Thomas	10.4	9.7
15	Clark, Hannah	11.4	9.6
16	Clark, John	7.4	6.5
17	Coleman, Frederick	2.2	1.5
18	Cornick, Frederick	9.3	9.1
19	Cornick, Robert	12.5	10.9
20	Cornick, David	7.2	6.2
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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Morgan Daybell 1 year Term – Expires 2015

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Deanna-Dee Robitaille-appointed, (Renee Patterson resigned)
..... 3 year Term – Expires 2015

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Perry 3 year Term – Expires 2017
Carol McGregor 2 year Term – Expires 2015
Mark Brouillette 3 year Term – Expires 2015
Susan Regan 2 year Term – Expires 2016
Wendy Howard 3 year Term – Expires 2016

LISTERS:

Parma Jewett 3 year Term – Expires 2017
Lynda Cluba 3 year Term – Expires 2015
Deanna Robitaille 3 year Term – Expires 2016

AUDITORS:

Stacy St Onge 3 year Term – Expires 2017
Carol Farmer 3 year Term – Expires 2015
Marsha Phillips 3 year Term – Expires 2016

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR: Anita Woodward 3 year Term – Expires 2017

FIRST CONSTABLE: Brent Godin 1 year Term – Expires 2015

TOWN AGENT: Merle Van Geison 1 year Term – Expires 2015

TOWN GRAND JUROR: Select Board 1 year Term – Expires 2015

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Center

Charles R Purrier 5 year Term – Expires 2016
Earl Lumbr 5 year Term – Expires 2017
Vacant (Deanna Robitaille resigned) 5 year Term – Expires 2018
Annie B Purrier 5 year Term – Expires 2019
Lyndol Elkins 5 year Term – Expires 2015

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Village

Lois Lumbr 5 year Term – Expires 2016
Penny Lumbr 5 year Term – Expires 2017
Joy Bosley 5 year Term – Expires 2018
Chade Bartsch 5 year Term – Expires 2019
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
Cheryl Wisell 5 year Term – Expires 2019
Marijke Dollois 5 year Term – Expires 2019
Elizabeth Crane 5 year Term – Expires 2015
Patricia Perl 5 year Term – Expires 2015

FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

William Baker Sr. 2 year Term – Expires 2016
Randy St Onge 2 year Term – Expires 2015

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: 2 year Terms – Expire Feb 2017

Gabrielle Marquette Tosca Smith Laurie Murphy Patricia Hathaway Misty McCartney

PLANNING COMMISSION:

George "Joe" Sherman 3 year Term – Expires 2017
Roberta Baker 3 year Term – Expires 2017
Barry Kade 3 year Term – Expires 2015
Charlie Hancock 3 year Term – Expires 2015
Alissa Hardy 3 year Term – Expires 2016

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 2018
Alternate: Barry Kade 4 year Term – Expires 2017
Alternate: Vacant 4 year Term – Expires 2017

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CIVIL DEFENSE:

Brent Godin & Curtt Perry 1 year Term – Expires 2015

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... 1 year Term – Expires 2015

NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Carol McGregor & Mark Brouillette 1 year Term – Expires 2015

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 3 year Term – Expires 2016
Marsha Phillips 3 year Term – Expires 2017
Stephanie Machia 3 year Term – Expires 2017
Peg Doheny 3 year Term – Expires 2015
Lisa Perry 3 year Term – Expires 2015
Nelson Mayhew 3 year Term – Expires 2015

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Jarlath Dux 1 year Term – Expires 2015

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER: James Abbott 1 year Term – Expires 2015

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION: Carol McGregor 1 year Term – Expires 2015

TREE WARDEN: Carol McGregor 1 year Term – Expires 2015

WEIGHER OF COAL: Jackie Kaufman 1 year Term – Expires 2015

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Ann Lavery 3 year Term – Expires 2017

WARNING
MONTGOMERY TOWN
BOND VOTE & ZONING VOTE, TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Montgomery Town Hall, 57 Main Street, in the Town of Montgomery on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 between ten o'clock (10:00 a.m.) in the forenoon at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the afternoon at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business:

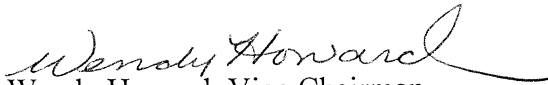
- Article 1. Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Montgomery in an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) and subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of renovating the existing town office, or constructing a new town office, to accommodate the town's increased need for vault, office and public meeting space at an estimated cost of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000)?
- Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Montgomery vote to adopt the amended zoning bylaws approved by the Montgomery Selectboard at a duly warned meeting held for that purpose on December 15, 2014?

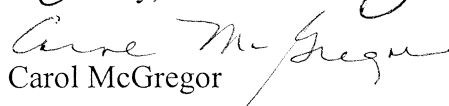
The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are further warned and notified that informational meetings will be held at the Town of Montgomery Town Hall on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of explaining the proposed building improvements and the financing thereof, and explaining the revised Zoning Bylaws.

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. The deadline for applying for addition to the checklist is 5:00 P.M. Wednesday February 25, 2015. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. on that day for receipt of applications for additions to the checklist. The deadline for persons requesting absentee ballots on behalf of absent voters is 5:00 P.M. Monday, March 2, 2015. Voters may contact the Town Clerk's office with questions regarding voting.

Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Montgomery Selectboard duly noticed, called and held on January 23, 2015.



Scott Perry, Chairman


Wendy Howard, Vice Chairman


Carol McGregor


Mark Brouillette

Susan Regan, Clerk of the Board





Town Of Montgomery

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Proposed New Town Office

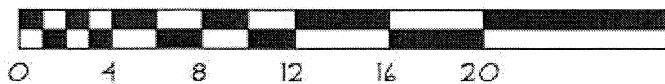
As anticipated in last year's Town Report, the Selectboard completed a study of the feasibility and cost of a new Town Office during 2014 which formed the basis for this year's bond vote. The study was completed by Cross Consulting Engineers and the architectural firm Arnold and Scangas.

Four locations were initially considered, the current site, the former Baptist Church, the PSB property, and the former area of Cota's greenhouse. Based on the engineer's and architect's advice we eliminated the Baptist Church option due to function, cost, and flooding considerations. This left us with two potential designs; a two story building at the current site or a single level building at one of the two remaining locations.

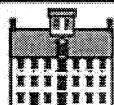
- The designs provide badly needed vault space. Our current vault is crammed full and at 54 square feet is the smallest in the county or other towns visited. The new plan provides 225 square feet.
- Our two current bathrooms total 40 square feet. The new plans' are ADA compliant and provide 60 square feet each.
- The new facility will have a dedicated public meeting room about double the current space's square footage. The current meeting room is only 250 square feet and serves as work space for the Listers, and many other Town officers, boards and commissions as long as they don't try to work at the same time.
- The new facility eliminates the basement. Our current facility frequently experiences basement flooding even with two sump pumps as a result of the water table. Clean up is costly and leads to mildew and health issues for some. Waterproofing is expensive and not guaranteed to succeed. The area can't be used to store equipment or documents.
- The new facility provides dedicated office space and storage for the Listers, Zoning Administrator, and Selectboard.
- These and other improvements will provide a safe, accessible, and more productive work environment Town workers and citizens deserve. They also provide room to grow.

The worst case scenario for the cost is 1.2 million dollars. The Town is eligible for up to 35% grant from USDA – RD. Projected interest rates for the loan for the balance are about 4%. The estimated tax rate impact is about 2.6 cents.

We welcome your ideas and support. Thank you, the Selectboard.



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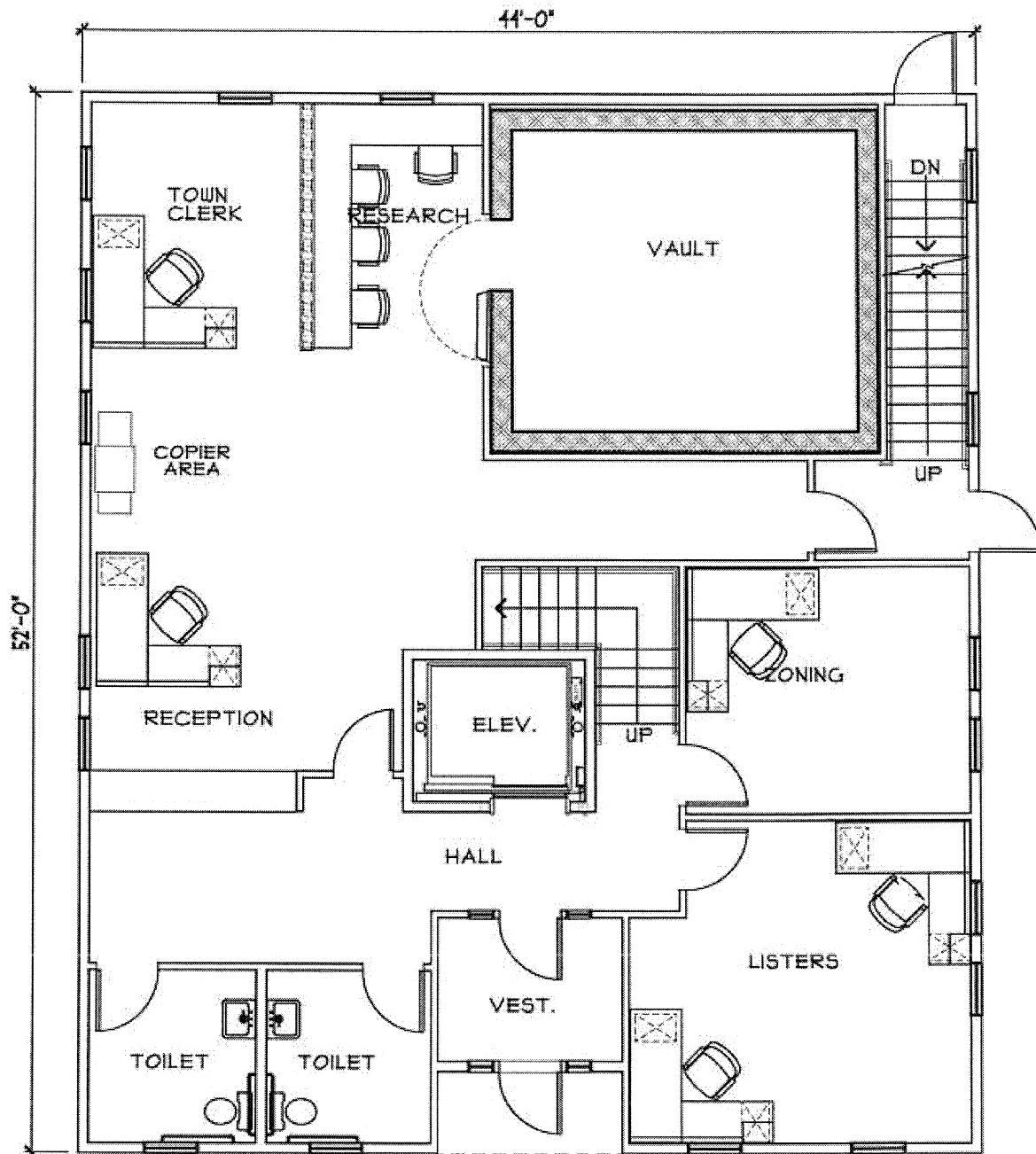
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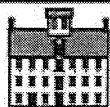
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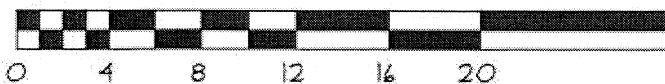
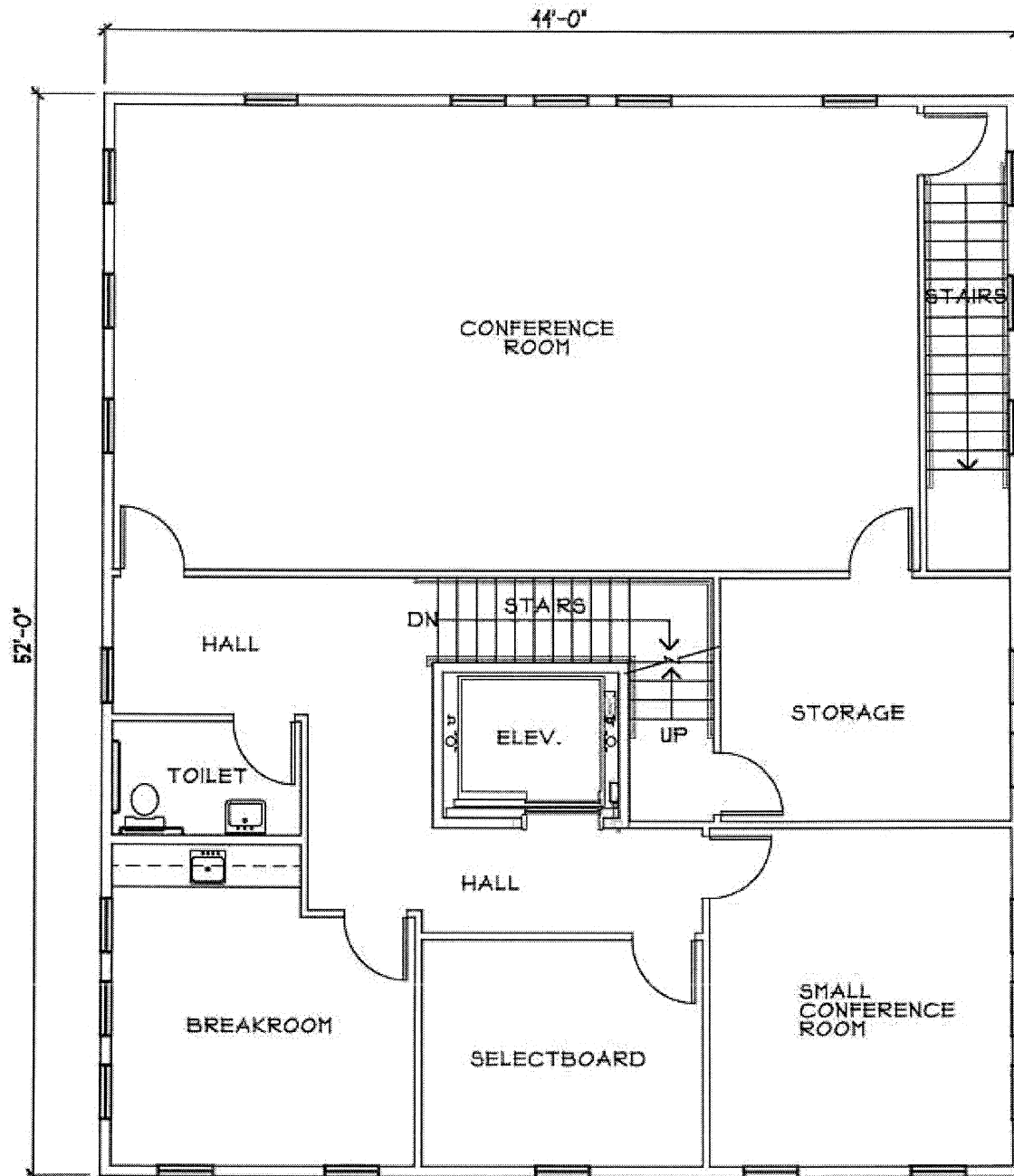
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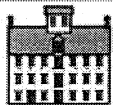
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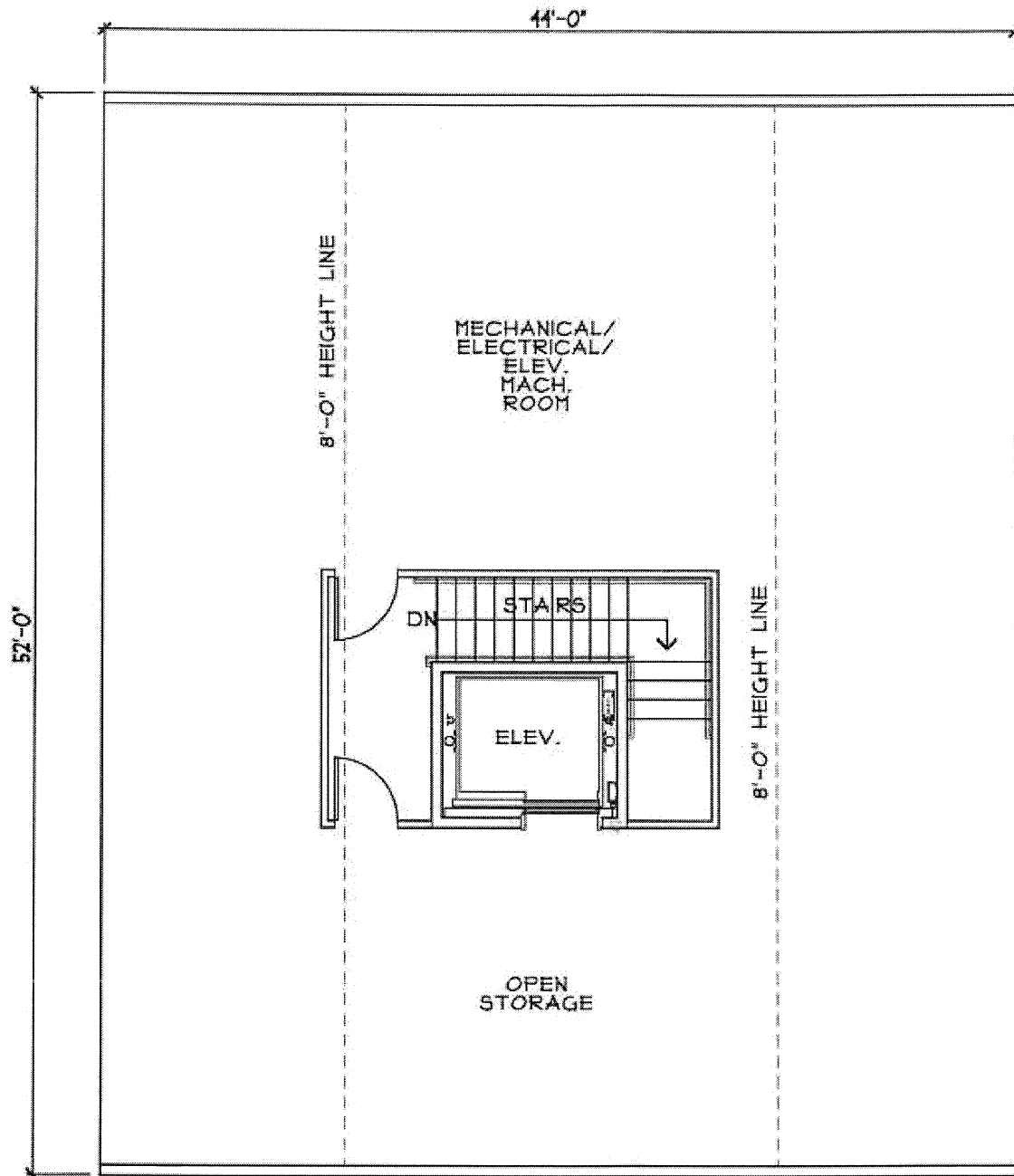
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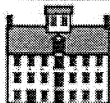
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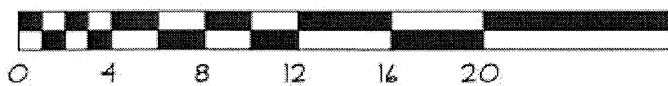
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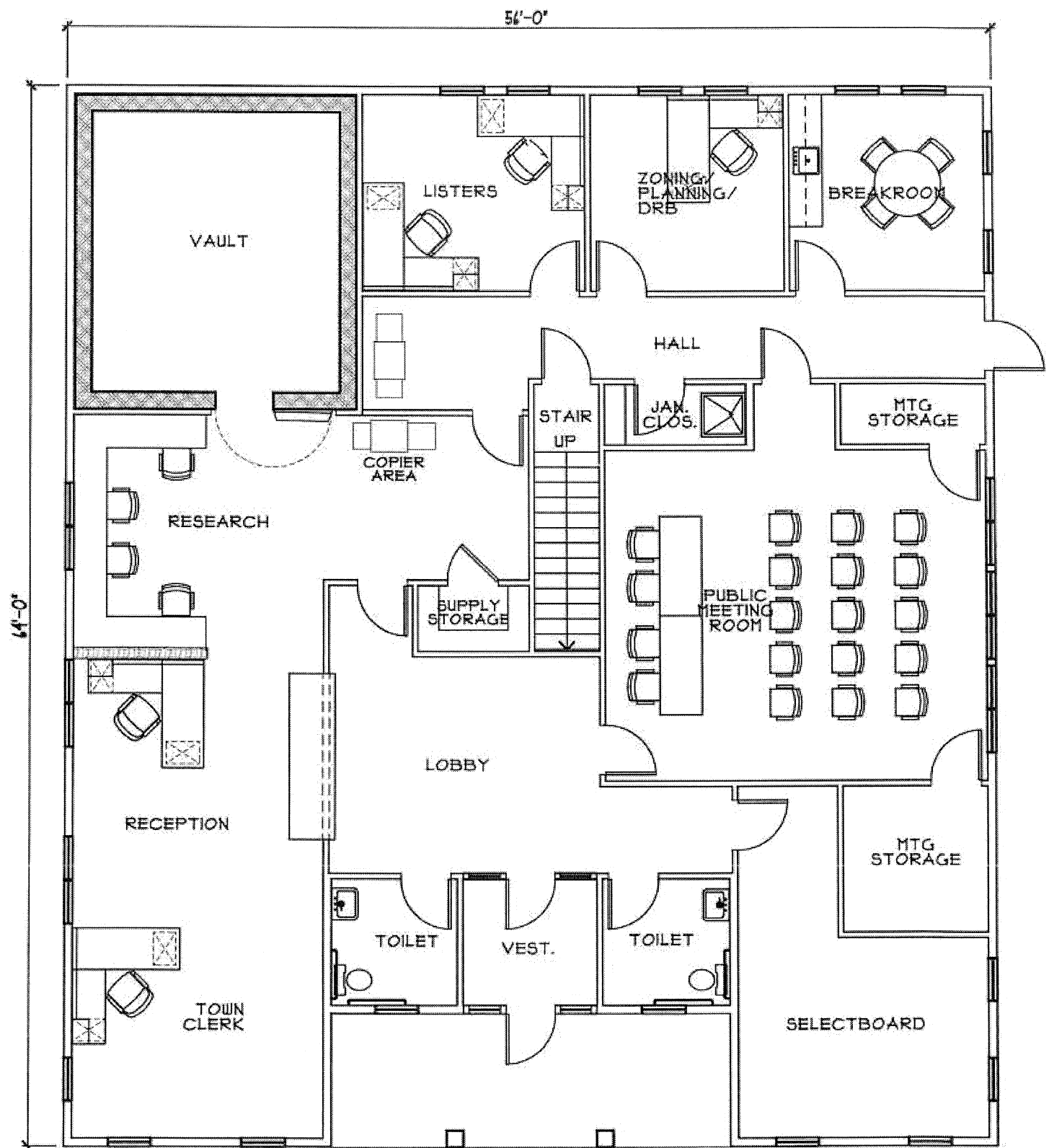
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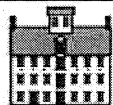
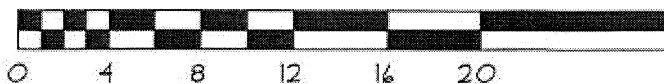
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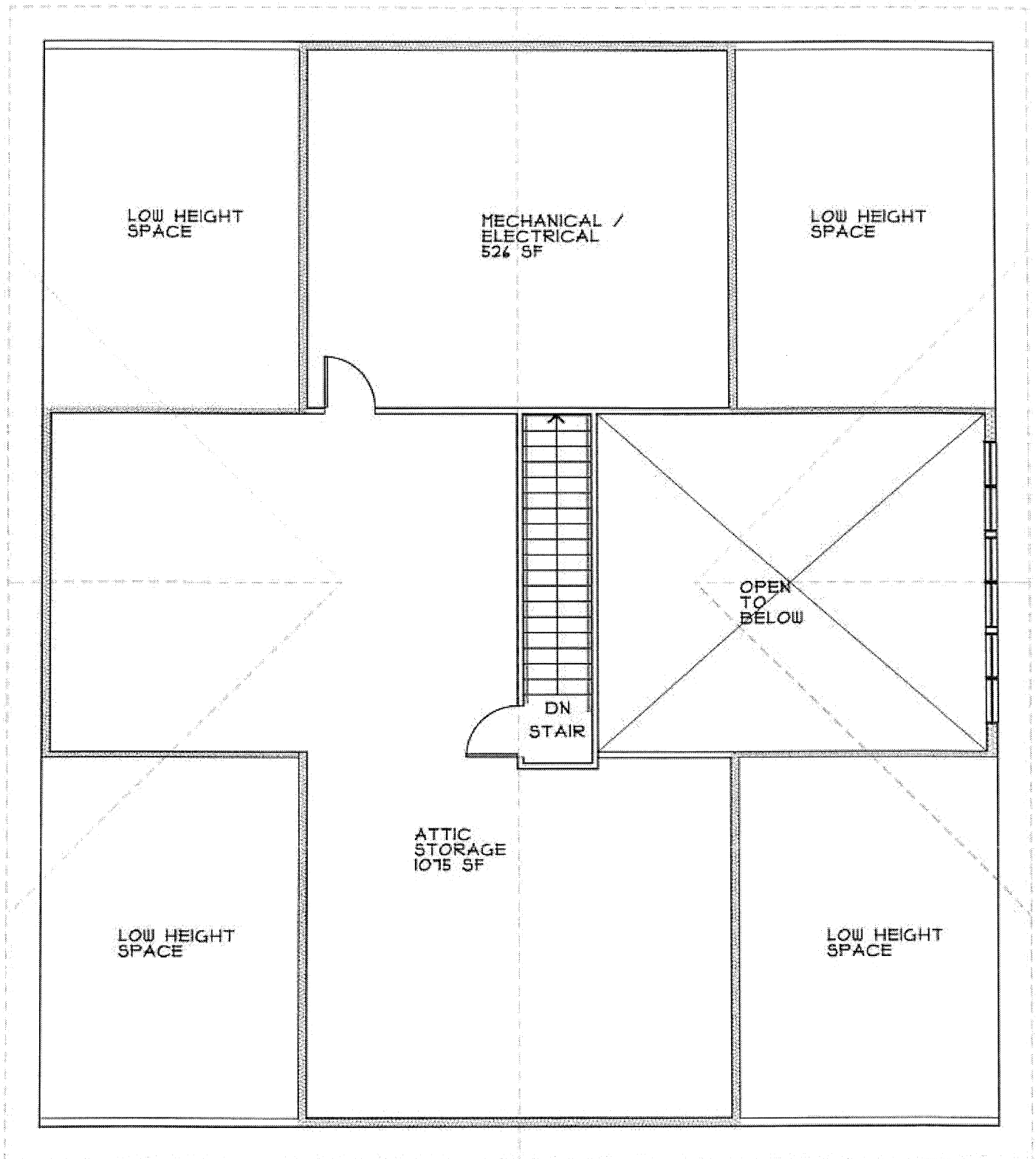
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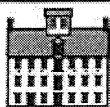
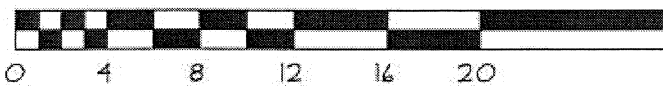
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TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

BYLAW AMENDMENT REPORT

EXPLANATION: The Montgomery Planning Commission has incorporated updates to the Montgomery Zoning Bylaws in order to address growth and development, and to bring the regulations in conformance with the changes made to 24 V.S.A.. *This report has been prepared in conformance with 24 V.S.A. Section 4441.*

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of the Zoning Regulations to provide for orderly community growth, to further the purposes established in Section 4302 of the Act, and to implement the Town Plan.

The zoning regulations classify and guide the uses of land, buildings, and structures in the Town of Montgomery in accordance with the Town Plan and Title 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, hereinafter referred as the “Act”. The bylaws are designed to implement the purposes and policies set forth in the Town Plan and the Act.

The Town of Montgomery revised the following provisions of the Montgomery Zoning Regulations and Montgomery Subdivision Regulations:

- Reorganized and reformatted into unified development regulations for a more user-friendly experience, adding tables and illustrations.
- Technical changes to conform to Title 24 Chapter 117 V.S.A.
- Combines Commercial/Residential with Village I
- Amends Agricultural/Residential (AR) to Rural Residential(RR), transferring those portions of the former AR that contain large undeveloped tracts which may be necessary for wildlife habitat or transportation corridors to the Conservation I District. However, parcels within 800' of maintained roads, public or private, remain in the RR District.
- Amends Village II Districts by transferring large undeveloped tracts to Conservation I, except that those parcels within 800' of maintained roads are transferred to Rural Residential. Reduced the minimum lot size and front, side, and rear yard requirements.
- Reduces front yard requirement in the Rural Residential District.
- Reorganizes allowed, prohibited and exempt land uses into a table and revisions for consistency from district to district and to clarify categories
- Reorganizes dimensional standards into a table and made revisions.
- Incorporates new siting requirements and standards for small scale renewable energy facilities
- Sets Regulations and review standards for construction of ponds.
- Amends the Review Standards for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs).
- Incorporates new Setback waiver approval process to provide greater site development flexibility.
- Updates flood hazard regulations to conform to National Flood Insurance Program requirements.
- Adds a Fluvial Hazard Erosion Area Overlay Zone.

PURPOSE:

The development regulations are intended to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Montgomery, provide for growth and development while strengthening a sense of community, and maintaining and enhancing the natural beauty of the Town, by discouraging unplanned development of large undeveloped tracts which support wildlife habitat and travel corridors. They are also intended to protect the value of property, to prevent overcrowding, to facilitate the provision of public facilities and services, including transportation, water, sewage, and schools, and to provide for the orderly development in Montgomery of homes, agriculture, forestry, commerce, industry, public uses, and recreation and conservation with reasonable consideration for the character of each locality and its suitability for a particular use.

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Chapter 117, hereinafter referred to as the "Act". The regulations are designed to implement the purposes and policies set forth in the Town Plan and the Act.

CONFORMANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION: The Montgomery Development Regulations conform with and further all the goals and policies contained in the Montgomery Town Plan. Following are some examples of how the development regulations implement the goals of the Plan.

Encourage Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) that allow for clustered housing and less infrastructure to reduce the cost and other impacts of housing development

To encourage clustering of related and compatible businesses and industries and avoid strip development along highways.

To encourage home occupations that are compatible with the surrounding areas through specific standards in the zoning bylaws.

To enhance and protect the vitality of Villages and population centers as important community assets.

As much as reasonably possible, streams, ponds, rivers, and wetlands should be maintained in a natural state and protected from pollutants so they can provide their natural functions. Buffer strips should be encouraged so as to protect these natural functions.

Development within shoreland and streambank areas should, where reasonable, maintain existing vegetation, prevent soil erosion, prevent pollution of the water body, and be set back in accordance with established buffers so as not to detract from the natural beauty or cause harm to the environment

Buffer strips should be encouraged to prevent harmful effects of development from affecting these areas.

To avoid strip development the town may require developers to use techniques such as clustering to discourage strip development along highway corridors.

Encourage the preservation of land in an agricultural, wooded or open state, particularly in areas of the town, which are important scenic viewsheds, wildlife habitat or travel corridors, and not well connected to service systems.

To promote the use of small scale renewable energy sources.

To promote sustainable farming practices.

Implementation Items:

- Contain the majority of residential development to a limited geographical area within the town in order to remain a functional community in its own right while preserving its rural and historic character and limiting the expansion (and cost) of municipal services
- Consider incorporating incentives for energy conserving site design in the town's Site Plan Review process, such as passive solar gain.
- Explore possible incentives for the production of renewable energy sources

CONFORMANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION: The Montgomery Zoning Bylaws conform with and further all the goals and policies contained in the Montgomery Town Plan. Following are some examples of how the Bylaws implement the goals of the Plan.

- *"The preservation of the character of Montgomery and the protection of our natural assets will remain foremost in the plan for the growth of our Town.*
- *Our township has two unique village areas that are assets to the Town and by encouraging historic preservation, economic development, and the adaptive reuse of existing structures, these villages can be preserved and promoted.*
- *Growth in Montgomery should occur at a rate which does not exceed the Town's ability to accommodate the growth and the ability to provide essential services."* (Pages 4-5)

- “Promote community growth that maintains the land use pattern developed throughout the town’s history – densely settled villages separated by open agricultural land” (page 6)
- “All telecommunications facilities shall be located in appropriate areas; respecting the integrity of residential areas, aesthetic concerns, and natural resource issues” (page 7)
- “Promote low-density residential housing in areas without municipal services and higher densities in parts of town with existing services or close to existing service boundaries (page 8)
- Promote adequate housing options for people of all income levels, ages, household types, and preferences” (page 9)
- “Limit development on slopes greater than 15% and maintain natural vegetation on slopes (see slope classifications, Table 18, page 45) (page 9)
- Protect scenic ridges by limiting development above 1,600 ft in elevation (page 9)
- Steer development away from areas where soils will not support it due to shallow depth to bedrock, instability, or high water table (page 9)
- Protect public health, welfare, and safety by limiting development in the flood plain (page 9)
- Protect water quality by limiting development in Wellhead Protection Areas, wetlands, and along stream banks (page 9)
- Recognizing the community’s susceptibility to flooding, new development shall conform strictly to floodplain regulations (page 9)
- Protect ground water quality by regulating uses that could introduce contaminants into the ground such as septic systems, excavation activities, or underground storage tanks” (page 9)

LAND USE COMPATIBILITY: The land use districts in the Town Plan are identical and therefore compatible with the land uses in the Zoning Regulations.

PROPOSALS FOR PLANNED COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

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 - ☐ Amends PUD section to clarify the review process and for consistency with state statute.
 - ☐ Incorporates new Setback Waivers process to provide greater site development flexibility.
 - ☐ Updates flood hazard regulations to conform to National Flood Insurance Program requirements

- ☐ Clarifies review process for the conversion of seasonal dwellings and for boundary adjustments.
- ☐ Incorporates a new Riparian Buffer Overlay Zone as designed by the Conservation Commission and endorsed by the Planning Commission
- ☐ Amends Home Occupations to provide more flexibility and a tiered approach to Home Businesses, Home Occupations and Home Industries.
- ☐ Incorporates new standards for Mixed Uses to ensure compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods and to clarify the review process.
- ☐ Incorporates language to promote Energy Efficient Site Design and Farm and Forestland Preservation
- ☐ Incorporates new standards for Gas/Service Stations and Other Motor Vehicle Related Uses

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LAND USE COMPATIBILITY: The Town Plan does not delineate land use districts, but instead references those in the Regulations. The proposed Amendment furthers the goals of the Town Plan by making the Land Use Districts more compatible with the Goals of the Town Plan.

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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

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2014
Minutes

Selectboard Chairperson Scott Perry called the meeting to order @ 9:02AM. Scott explained the absence of Timothy Murphy and that he would be unavailable as Moderator for this meeting.

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Pat Farmer nominated Morgan Daybell. No other nomination and w/o objections Scott Perry instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Morgan.

Morgan asked voters present to allow our Representative Cindy Weed to speak. Without objections Rep. Weed gave a brief legislative update regarding committees she is involved with.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott Perry made corrections to the warning, Article 4f and g terms should go to 2019, and page 27 Report of Unreserved funds for 2013. Renee Patterson made a motion to accept the reports as amended and was seconded. Motion passed 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 made a motion to appoint a Road Commissioner and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

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

Wendy Howard nominated Susan Regan. Without objections Morgan instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Sue.

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

Mark Brouillette nominated Scott Perry. Without objections Morgan instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Scott.

- (c) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Parma Jewett – term expires)

Wendy Howard nominated Parma Jewett. Without objections Morgan instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Parma.

- (d) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Stacy St. Onge - term expires)

Mark Brouillette nominated Stacey St Onge. Without objections Morgan instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Stacey.

- (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)

Marijke Dollois nominated Merle Van Gieson. Lynda Cluba nominated Barry Kade. Each candidate spoke on their own behalf. Barry Kade was elected by voice vote.

- (f) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring 2019. (Vivian Deuso - term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Vivian Deuso. Lynda Cluba nominated Chade Bartsch. Chade spoke regarding his interest in becoming involved in Town issues. Vivian was not present at this meeting. Chade was elected by voice vote.

- (g) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2019. (Annie Purrier - term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Annie Purrier. Annie was re-elected by voice vote.

- (h) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Cheryl Wisell - term expires)

Carol Farmer nominated Cheryl Wisell. Cheryl was re-elected by voice vote.

- (i) A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Bill Harlow – term expires)

Marijke Dollois nominated Bill Harlow, Bill declined. Marijke Dollois nominated Susan Baddorf, Susan was not on the checklist. Deanna Robitaille nominated Chade Bartsch. Carol Farmer nominated Marijke Dollois. Each candidate spoke on their own behalf. Marijke was elected by voice vote.

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

Marijke Dollois nominated William Baker Sr. Billy was re-elected by voice vote.

- (k) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Morgan Daybell resigned. Brent Godin appointed - term expires)

Mark Brouillette nominated Brent Godin. Brent was elected by voice vote.

- (l) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Parma Jewett - term expires)

Lynda Cluba nominated Chade Bartsch. Barry Kade nominted Parm Jewett, Parma declined. Bill Harlow nominated George “Joe” Sherman. Each spoke. George “Joe” was elected by voice vote.

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

Barry Kade nominated Roberta Baker. Roberta was re-elected by voice vote.

- (n) A Deliquent Tax Collector for a term of three years. (Anita Woodward - term expires)

Scott Perry nominated Anita Woodward. Anita was re-elected by voice vote.

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

Pat Farmer nominated the Selectboard. The Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.

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.

Merle Van Gieson moved as written and was seconded. Kevin Scheffler indicated that if more volunteers were not forth coming to help operate the Rescue Squad the current 5 members would not be able to sustain the current schedule. Motion approved by voice vote.

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. **Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$28,000 and was seconded. William Baker Sr explained the increase was due to the need to purchase updated clothing with a matching grant of up to \$5,000. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(b) Rescue Department: 2013 - \$18,525; 2014 - \$26,500. **Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$26,500 and was seconded. Scott Perry explained the authority given in Article 5 was not the intention to fund the RescueDept. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(c) Summer Roads: 2013 - \$55,000, 2014 - \$50,000. **Mark Bouillette moved to appropriate \$50,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(d) Winter Roads: 2013 - \$40,000; 2014 - \$50,000. **Mark Bouillette moved to appropriate \$50,000 and was seconded. After much debate, Scott Perry moved to call the question and was seconded. The motion to cease debate and call the question passed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2013 - \$10,000; 2014 – same. **Mark Bouillette moved to appropriate \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(f) Bridges: 2013 - \$10,000; 2014 – same. **Mark Bouillette moved to appropriate \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2013 - 14,966; 2014 - same. **George “Joe” Sherman moved to appropriate \$14,966 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(h) Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2013 - 15,000; 2014 – same. **Barry Kade moved to appropriate \$15,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.**

(i) Recreation Department: 2013 - \$18,000; 2014 – same. **Deanna Robitaille** moved to appropriate \$18,000 and was seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

(j) Reappraisal Fund: 2013 - \$4,000; 2014 – 12,000. **Lynda Cluba** moved to appropriate \$12,000 and was seconded. **Brent Godin** moved to call the question and was seconded. The motion to cease debate and call the question passed by voice vote. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

(k) Montgomery Youth Center: 2013 - \$6,000; 2014 - \$3,000. **Mark Bouillette** moved to appropriate \$3,000 and was seconded. **Deanna Robitaille** expressed the desire to continue the Teen Center another year and by using reserved funds along with this year's appropriation. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

(l) Conservation Commission: 2013 - \$500; 2014 - same. **Sue Wilson** 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: 2013 - \$16,000; 2014 – same. **Mark Brouillette** moved to pay \$16,000 and was seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

(b) Town Treasurer: 2013 - \$12,000; 2014 – same. **Lynda Cluba** moved to pay \$13,000 and was seconded. **Carol Farmer** moved to amend to \$12,000 and was seconded. **Motion to amend failed by voice vote.** **Mark Brouillette** moved to call the question and was seconded. **Motion to cease debate passed by voice vote.** **Motion to pay \$13,000 passed by voice vote.**

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2013 - \$1,000; 2014 – same. **Scott Perry** moved to pay each member \$1000 and was seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

(d) Listers: 2013 – 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr; 2014 - same. **Sharon Perry** moved to pay 1st yr members \$14/hr and 2nd yr members \$15/hr and was seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

(e) Auditors: 2013 – 1st year members – \$9.00/hour, 2nd year members \$10.00/hr; 2014 - same. **Sharon Perry** moved to pay 1st yr members \$9/hr and 2nd yr members \$10/hr and was seconded. **Renee Patterson** moved to amend to 1st yr members \$14/hr and 2nd yr members \$15/hr and was seconded. **Brent Godin** moved to call the question and was seconded. **Motion to call question passed by voice vote.** **Motion to amend to \$14 and \$15/hr failed by voice vote.** **Original motion to pay 1st yr members \$9/hr and 2nd yr members \$10/hr passed by voice vote.**

(f) Board of Civil Authority: 2013 - \$9.00/hour; 2014 - same. **Sharon Perry** moved to pay \$9/hr 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? **Sharon Perry** moved as read and was seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Scott Perry made a motion to suspend the rules and take up Article 10 out of order 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 and requires a programming fee by a State certified programmer, of approximately \$1,000 each election it is used.

Sue Wilson made a motion to authorize the use of an electronic vote tabulator and was seconded. **Scott Perry** explained that this was an article last year and more information was requested from voters to make a decision. He also explained that this is not a voting machine, a paper ballot is still used and that it is an optical scanner tallies the ballots. Without objections the representative of the State certified programmer **Joel Bergeron** explained and answered questions. **Merle Van Gieson** moved to call the question and was seconded. **Motion to cease debate passed by voice vote.** **Motion to authorize use of an electronic vote tabulator failed 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 approve Article 8(a)-(h) as one article as written and was seconded. **Motion passed by voice vote.** **Merle** made a motion to amend (h) to \$500 and was seconded. **Amendment failed by voice vote.** **Motion to approve Article 8(a)-(h) 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: 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.

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$380,961 and was seconded. The increase due to the \$1000 increase in the Treasurer's salary as approved in Article 7(b). Motion passed by voice vote.

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

Paul Nichols moved to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of the Hectorville Covered Bridge and was seconded. Discussion included the condition of the bridge, cost of removal and possible uses, recommendation to organize a committee to determine best course of action. Mark Brouillette moved to call the question and was seconded. Motion to cease debate passed by voice vote. Motion to authorize the Selectboard to dispose of the Hectorville Covered Bridge passed by hand count Yes – 28, No - 17.

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

Other business discussed mailing town reports or notice of availability.

Opening Hazen's Notch Road to ATV use.


Protecting our ridgeline from wind turbines.

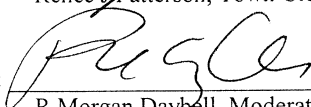
Maintenance of village sidewalks.


State Bank. Barry Kade moved that "we call on the Vermont State Legislature to create and license a State Bank to accept deposits from the state and municipal governments and facilitate the work of the Vermont Economic Development Agency, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency and the Municipal Bond Bank by supplying the capital for loans to students, homeowners, municipalities and small businesses to make Vermont economically stable, self-reliant and successful" and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Scott Perry moved to adjourn at 12:38pm and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A true record this 10th day of March, 2014.

Attest: 
Renee J. Patterson, Town Clerk

Attest: 
R Morgan Daybell, Moderator

Attest: 
Scott S Perry, Selectboard



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State of the Town 2015

1. 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.

2. As proposed in the 2015 budget, the Municipal Tax Rate will increase about 4.3 cents. It is an ambitious plan that will no doubt raise some eyebrows. The Selectboard and Town departments believe the time is ripe to change some of the ways we do business, and to invest in new facilities, equipment, and people, all of which will position us to better meet future needs of our citizens. Some of the factors to consider include:

- Montgomery's population has increased by over 20% in each of the last three U.S. censuses. In the most recent census our growth exceeded estimates and made Montgomery the 15th fastest growing town in Vermont.
- The Town-wide reappraisal is complete and more accurately reflects fair market value and tax burden fairness.
- Interest rates remain at historic lows. While never thrilled about taking on debt, if it's needed to benefit the Town, now is good time to act.

3. The 2014 annual report from the Vermont Dept. of Taxes shows we remain well below the median tax rates compared to other Vermont towns. Our 2014 Effective Municipal Tax Rate (.4008), which is an "apples to apples" comparison to other Vermont towns, ranked us the 84th lowest of 262 Cities/Villages/Towns and Gores in Vermont. Using the same measure, Montgomery had the 6th lowest Municipal rate, out of the 15 towns and villages in Franklin County. If all things remained the same, our ranks using the projected 2015 rates would be about 96th and 7th, well below the State median and just below the County median. (The municipal effective tax rate is calculated by dividing the municipal taxes assessed by the equalized municipal grand list.)

4. The Selectboard and Water Commission met about 35 times in Regular and Special Meetings since Town Meeting 2014 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 2015 Budget

1. Summary: The proposed 2015 Municipal Budget is \$1,017,695. Approximately \$694,222 will need to be raised by taxes, an increase over the 2014 budget of \$69,087, about 10%.

a. Revenue: Non-Tax Budget Revenues increased by about \$47,000, due largely to more unreserved funds available, more Delinquent Tax collection, and reprogramming of the Teen Center Reserve funds, if approved.

b. Expenses: New or major expenses for 2015 include.

1) Increased wages and benefits reflecting the addition of one full time Public Works (Roads & Bridges and Buildings & Grounds) employee.

2) Increased expense of about \$3,500 for the Ambulance service provided by Richford.

3) Continuation (level funding) of last year's \$8,000 increase in the Fire Department's appropriation.

4) A nearly \$4,000 increase for the Library.

5) An anticipated bond payment of \$40,000 for the proposed Town Office project.

6) \$6,340 to permanently install a Town-owned, emergency generator at the primary emergency shelter site, Montgomery Elementary School.

7) \$11,261 as the Town match for a grant for a Feasibility Study to move and restore the Hectorville Bridge at the Center recreation field.

c. Offsets: The Budget Committee notes several significant offsets in the proposed budget that somewhat mitigate the projected expenses. They include the reduction of the Health Care premium for the Town Clerk / Treasurer due to an Individual Plan versus the Family Plan, the application of part time road wages/benefits to the new full time position, and the reprogramming of Youth Center reserve funds discussed previously.

d. Format: The Board made several format changes to the budget to make it easier to understand and make comparisons.

B. Audit of the 2013 Accounts: An independent audit was completed by Angolano and Co. in September of 2014 and found no discrepancies or causes for concern. A copy of their September 2014 letter is included in this report. A copy of the full report is available by request at the Town Office. Our outgoing Treasurer continued to provide strong financial management and oversight and should be applauded for this effort. The new Treasurer will be encouraged to follow the same practices. Town Boards, Commissions and Officers also deserve credit for supporting our accounting and control procedures. We continue to put funds aside for periodic independent audits.

C. Fire Department: The Fire Department has added several new members to their roster and continues the training and other necessary work to be certified. Their first increment of new individual protective equipment was purchased at the end of 2014, but more is needed, including breathing apparatus, and this is reflected in their budget request (and will likely continue for the next few years as they build out their equipment inventory). 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. They deserve kudos for raising nearly \$10,000 via fundraisers in 2014.

D. Ambulance Coverage: We will continue to contract with Richford for daytime (6:00am to 6:00pm) coverage which has increased in price as noted above. Our Ambulance service is still 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 fulltime ambulance coverage. We will maintain a minimum balance in the reserve fund to contract for additional coverage should circumstances require.

E. Public Works:

1. New Employees and Position:

a. The departure of Shane Reed in September led to an extensive hiring effort to find a replacement. We wish Shane the best and we welcome Jesse Underwood who, along with Larry Kneen will provide the bulk of the Town's road maintenance. The Board wants to thank Bobby Baker for his extraordinary help over the last few years, especially during the most recent ice storm and flooding, and the Mercy Hill project.

b. After years of discussion the Selectboard decided to act to create a third full time position, the Director of Public Works. This position will be responsible for Roads and Bridges and Buildings and Grounds. The position will augment the Roads and Bridges crew as needed for plowing and road maintenance, in lieu of relying on part-time employees and some leased services, and provide management for the department. It will be the focal point for Building and Grounds maintenance of the Town Office, Public Safety Building, Public Works Building, Village Green, Community Garden property, and Water System sites. It will not cover the Rec Dept. facilities, cemeteries, or school facilities without additional coordination and approval of their governing bodies.

c. The goal of this change is to have three fully qualified individuals for Roads and Bridges maintenance who are essentially interchangeable and to add management capability that is currently not being done or being done by the Selectboard. This includes State and FEMA disaster paperwork and grant writing. We will also now have a proverbial single bellybutton for Buildings and Grounds (which has been suggested by the voters before) rather than the elected Selectmen who come and go from office and are frequently pressed for time to devote to these projects and activities. In short, we feel the Town is best served by "regularizing" the way we do this business.

d. Jarlath "Jar" Dux, was hired for this position and began work in January. He was born in Burke. VT and has family in N. Troy. He has most recently worked for an environmental remediation company at a site in Syracuse, NY. We welcome him, Michelle, and Zach to our community.

2. Emergency/Disaster Responses:

a. December 2013 Ice Storm: The Town received reimbursements for 85% of its expenses with the final payment received in November. 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 again to Richford for loaning us a truck while one of ours was out of service.

b. April 2014 Flooding: Montgomery was one of the towns hardest hit by flash flooding in April. Estimated damages topped \$120,000 and we are yet again completing the paperwork for reimbursement of funds. This will be even more difficult as both the State and Federal

governments have changed the process and paperwork required. We will likely be hiring additional help to get us through the process.

3. State Aid: This year's transportation "elephant in the room" is the lack of certainty regarding State aid funding. While we have not been given any indication of reduced aid, the State's fiscal problems may roll downhill. State Aid is normally about \$80,000 but has been reduced or delayed in the past tough financial times.

G. Library: The Library Board feels they can no longer use their Reserve funds (carryover, fundraisers, and donations) to supplement their wages and benefits expenses and their request (above) reflects that. They used their reserve funds in 2014 to add air conditioning to the Library and intend to reconfigure their space to create a small office for the Director/Librarian this year. Kudos for raising almost \$14,000 in donations and fundraisers in 2014.

H. The Town Web Site:

1. The Selectboard very reluctantly decided to remove the Town web site last July, upon the advice of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), in the wake of new State law requiring agendas and minutes of all public bodies to be posted on line and to meet specified time deadlines if the Town has a web site. We were concerned about breaking the law and while other towns and entities still fail to comply, we feel it is a bad practice to knowingly break the law. As VLCT lawyers advise, simply putting a disclaimer on the home page doesn't make it legal or provide grounds to avoid required corrective actions or penalties.

2. The Board met with most of the Town's bodies in late July to get the word out and began a trial run to gauge compliance. It was clear from this several month in-house trial period that we would not meet the law's requirements and failing to do so ran the risk of invalidating otherwise legal actions, and potentially creating troublesome legal consequences.

3. From that point the Selectboard considered the site's reinstatement at every meeting. We also provided input to VLCT and our legislative delegation to repeal or amend the law in this year's session. VLCT is pressing for the legislature to reduce the number of bodies required to comply on the web site and to expand the deadlines. We hope they do and plan to have our site back online as soon as they act.

4. In the meantime we will also be contacting a variety of commercial web site designers and content management services to eventually transition the site away from volunteer management. We expect to have to budget for those services in 2016.

I. New Town Office: As indicated in last year's Town Report, the Selectboard completed a study of the feasibility and cost of a new Town Office in 2014 which formed the basis for the bond vote. A more detailed summary is included in this report. No decisions have been made and we welcome your ideas and input.

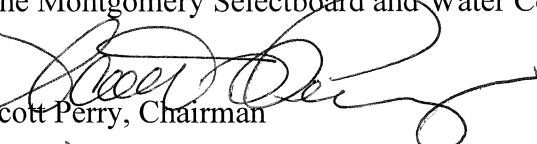
J. Water Commission: The Selectboard also serves as the Water Commission. The Municipal Water System continues to perform well and we remain on target for operating revenues and savings for capital improvements. Our current rates, which were set in 2010, will likely remain unchanged for 2015. We will be replacing our meter reader equipment, computers and software as our current versions are no longer supported and spare parts are no longer available. We estimate this will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000, which will come from the System's reserve fund. We will also probably be purchasing spare pumps for the remote location and main well.

4. As a reminder, all of the Town's meetings are subject to Vermont's 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, Agendas, Minutes and other Town information are available at the Town Office. These documents are also normally posted at the Village Post Office and Public Safety Building/Library lobby. When brought back online they will also be back on the Town website (www.montgomervt.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?

5. Lastly, the Selectboard wants to thank our departing Town Clerk and Treasurer, Renée Patterson. She has worked tirelessly to make our Town better and the Board's job easier. Our Town has been blessed with good government thanks in large part to her teamwork and dedication to serving our citizens. We know she will be here as an Assistant Clerk to ease the transition and keep us on track, and we look forward to a new phase of work together.

Respectfully,

The Montgomery Selectboard and Water Commission:



Scott Perry, Chairman

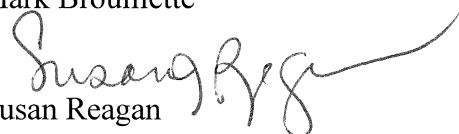


Wendy Howard, Vice Chairman

Carol McGregor



Mark Brouillette



Susan Reagan

WARNING
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Franklin are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2015 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. Accept the reports of the Town Officers.
3. Shall the Town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?
4. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - (a) A Town Clerk for a term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson resigned, Deanna-Dee Robitaille appointed, term expires)
 - (b) A Town Treasurer for term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson resigned, Deanna-Dee Robitaille appointed, term expires)
 - (c) A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot. (Carol McGregor - term expires)
 - (d) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot. (Mark Brouillette - term expires)
 - (e) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Lynda Cluba – term expires)
 - (f) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Carol Farmer - term expires)
 - (g) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Merle Van Gieson - term expires)
 - (h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Jo Ann Lanphear - term expires)
 - (i) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Lyndol Elkins - term expires)
 - (j) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for the remainder of a five year term expiring in 2018. (Deanna-Dee Robitaille resigned))
 - (k) A Library Trustee for a term of three years. (Beth Crane - term expires)
 - (l) A Library Trustee for a term of three years. (Patty Perl – term expires)
 - (m) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Randy St. Onge - term expires)
 - (n) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Brent Godin appointed - term expires)
 - (o) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Charlie Hancock - term expires)
 - (p) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Barry Kade - term expires)
 - (q) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard - term expires)
5. Shall the voters approve the increase in the number of Justices of the Peace from 5 to 7 as allowed as a result of the increase in the Town's population recorded in the 2010 Census. Towns with populations between 1,000 and 2,000 may choose to have 7 Justices of the Peace.

6. Shall the Town Authorize the Selectboard to move Teen Center Reserved Funds to the General Fund since the Center is no longer operating?

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

- (a) Fire Department: 2014 - 28,000; 2015 - same.
- (b) Rescue Department: 2014 - \$26,500; 2015 - same
- (c) Machinery Replacement Fund: 2014 - \$10,000; 2015 – same.
- (d) Bridges: 2014 - \$10,000; 2015 - same
- (e) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2014 - \$14,966; 2015 – \$18,917
- (f) Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2014 - 15,000; 2015 – same.
- (g) Recreation Department: 2014 - \$18,000; 2015 – same.
- (h) Reappraisal Fund: 2014 – \$12,000; 2015 - \$4,000
- (i) Conservation Commission: 2014 - \$500; 2015 - \$750
- (j) Emergency Management: 2014 - \$0; 2015 - \$6,340
- (k) Police/Constable: 2014 - \$0; 2015 - \$0.

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

- (a) Town Clerk: 2014 - \$16,000; 2015 – same.
- (b) Town Treasurer: 2014 - \$13,000; 2014 – same.
- (c) Each Selectboard Member: 2014 - \$1,000; 2015 – same.
- (d) Listers: 2014 – 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr ;
2015 - same
- (e) Auditors: 2014 – 1st year members – \$9.15/hr, 2nd year members \$10.15;
2015 - same
- (f) Board of Civil Authority: 2014 - \$9.00; 2015 - \$9.15
- (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?

9. 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: 2014 - \$1,800; 2015 – same.
- (b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2014 - \$1,440; 2015 – same.
- (c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2014 - \$500; 2015 – 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. 2014 - \$1000; 2015 – same.
- (e) Green Up Day Vermont. 2014 - \$100; 2015 - same.
- (f) Mississquoi River Basin Association. 2014 - \$500; 2015 - \$500
- (g) Green Mountain Transit Authority - 2014 - \$568; 2015 – same.

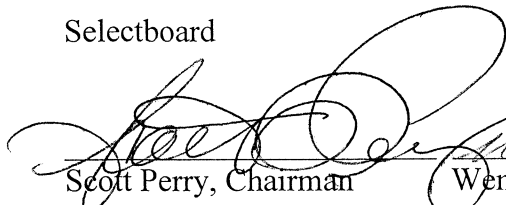
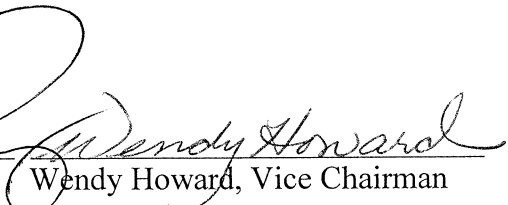
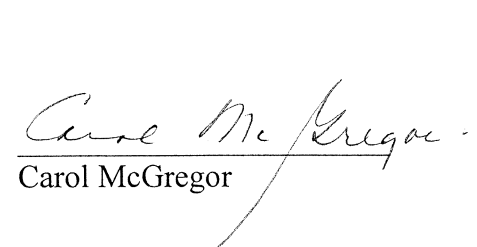
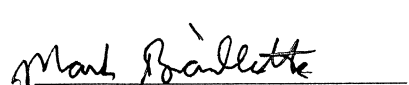
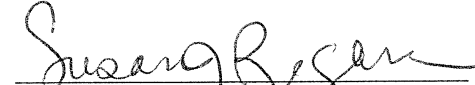
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$11,261 as the town's portion of a feasibility study for the relocation and restoration of the Hectorville Bridge at the Recreation Center?


11. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ 539,546 for Contingent Selectboard? 2014 - \$380,961.

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

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 23th day of January, 2015 AD.

Selectboard

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

Attest: 

Deanna Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date: January 26th 2015

Auditors Report

The Town Auditors have reviewed the Montgomery Town books and financial statements for fiscal year 2014. The annual professional audit performed in May, 2014 showed no issues with accounting practices and procedures.

We reconciled all departments and found no major issues. All boards submitted financial information with the exception of the West Hill Cemetery.

Recommendations:

1. Include previous years reserve funds and/or ending year balance as part of the General Fund reserve notation in the Town Report
2. Auditors continue to recommend that the Boards of Directors of the individual Town Cemeteries explore merging under one board.

Respectfully submitted,

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectboard
Town of Montgomery, Vermont

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Montgomery, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes

evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Montgomery, Vermont, as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of the Town of Montgomery, Vermont, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that comprise the Town's legal entity. These primary government financial statements do not include financial data for the Town's legally separate component units, which accounting principles general accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial data of the Town's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not represent fairly the financial position of the reporting entity of the Town of Montgomery, Vermont, as of December 31, 2013, the changes in its financial position or, where applicable, its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and pensions and other post-employment benefit information on pages 5, 36-42, and 30-31 respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial

statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Montgomery, Vermont's basic financial statements. The introductory section and combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Angolano & Company

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

September 23, 2013

PROPOSED
2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2012	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	CHANGE 15 -14 BUDGET
1							
2	Unreserved Funds	\$19,303	\$23,064	\$23,064	\$49,843	\$49,843	\$26,779
3	Delinquent Taxes	\$65,153	\$73,606	\$55,179	\$60,812	\$67,900	\$12,721
4	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$20,800	\$19,648	\$20,000	\$21,125	\$21,000	\$1,000
5	State Aid - Roads	\$59,515	\$80,335	\$75,000	\$80,263	\$80,000	\$5,000
6	Water Dept Fee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$2,000
7	Judicial Fines	\$262	\$234	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	Rent - US Postal Service	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$0
9	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
10	Licenses & Vital Records	\$6,261	\$8,145	\$7,000	\$8,064	\$7,500	\$500
11	Recording Fees	\$10,285	\$10,725	\$8,500	\$7,570	\$7,000	(\$1,500)
12	Office Fees	\$2,356	\$2,428	\$2,000	\$1,972	\$2,000	\$0
13	Copier/Fax	\$528	\$439	\$400	\$440	\$400	\$0
14	Interest	\$149	\$92	\$100	\$105	\$100	\$0
15	Zoning Fees	\$2,325	\$1,985	\$2,000	\$2,710	\$2,000	\$0
16	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$16,453	\$16,442	\$16,000	\$16,762	\$16,000	\$0
17	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$30,302	\$33,153	\$30,000	\$35,390	\$35,000	\$5,000
18	PILOT	\$1,035	\$1,109	\$1,000	\$1,134	\$1,000	\$0
19	Town Hall Rental	\$1,400	\$1,150	\$1,000	\$3,050	\$1,500	\$500
20	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	(\$1,000)
21	Sand & Material	\$1,434	\$253	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
22	Leased Land	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$0
23	Tax Sale Redemption	\$11,097	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24	Reprogrammed from Reserve Accounts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,900	\$6,900
25	Miscellaneous	\$2,516	\$3,332	\$3,500	\$822	\$500	(\$3,000)
26	SUB TOTAL	\$272,352	\$295,220	\$265,823	\$311,143	\$320,723	\$54,900
27	Insurance claims reimb	\$0	\$5,761	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
28	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$15,298	\$0	\$0	\$43,439	\$2,750	\$2,750
29	Grants	\$11,758	\$20,190	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	(\$10,000)
30	TOTAL REVENUE LESS PROPERTY TAXES	\$299,408	\$321,170	\$275,823	\$364,581	\$323,473	\$47,650
31	Property Taxes	\$456,780	\$457,419	\$625,135	\$552,548	\$694,222	\$69,087
32	TOTAL REVENUE	\$756,188	\$778,589	\$900,958	\$917,129	\$1,017,695	\$116,738

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2012	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	CHANGE 15 -14 BUDGET
33							
34	ADMINISTRATION						
35	Town Officers	\$52,675	\$47,902	\$52,000	\$55,657	\$57,000	\$5,000
36	Social Security	\$4,029	\$3,938	\$4,000	\$4,586	\$4,700	\$700
37	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$7,170	\$13,895	\$14,000	\$10,706	\$14,000	\$0
38	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$3,518	\$1,990	\$3,306	\$3,306	\$3,493	\$187
39	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/Rtrmnt	\$18,889	\$18,388	\$21,000	\$20,095	\$8,675	(\$12,325)
40	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$7,900	\$7,970	\$9,800	\$9,703	\$10,764	\$964
41	Ins-Property & Liability	\$17,870	\$21,303	\$22,100	\$22,033	\$20,824	(\$1,276)
42	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$10,874	\$10,659	\$13,500	\$14,316	\$15,000	\$1,500
43	Town Reports & Postage	\$1,117	\$1,193	\$1,300	\$1,064	\$1,500	\$200
44	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$1,072	\$3,741	\$3,836	\$1,753	\$2,000	(\$1,836)
45	Audit Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$0
46	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$125,114	\$135,979	\$150,842	\$148,719	\$143,956	-\$6,886
47	ASSESSMENTS						
48	County Tax	\$11,975	\$12,955	\$12,770	\$12,769	\$13,829	\$1,059
49	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,201	\$1,201	\$1,210	\$1,210	\$1,196	(\$14)
50	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$1,855	\$1,948	\$2,143	\$2,143	\$2,260	\$117
51	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$1,057	\$1,093	\$1,153	\$1,153	\$1,185	\$32
52	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$0
53	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$16,463	\$17,572	\$17,651	\$17,650	\$18,845	\$1,194
54	DEBT SERVICE						
55	Debt service: Public Works Bldg Bond	\$36,986	\$37,419	\$37,064	\$37,039	\$37,064	\$0
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	\$23,760	\$23,760	\$23,760	\$0
58	Debt Service: Highway Loader	\$0	\$0	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$0
59	Debt Service: Highway Truck	\$22,880	\$22,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
60	Debt Service: New Town Office Bond	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
61	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$73,603	\$73,596	\$92,964	\$92,939	\$132,964	\$40,000
62	PUBLIC WORKS						
63	HIGHWAYS						
64	Labor/Wages (Summer, Winter, Construction, Repair, Bridges)	\$86,676	\$93,623	\$90,400	\$90,642	\$128,600	\$38,200
65	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS)	\$40,268	\$50,560	\$59,600	\$57,027	\$54,376	(\$5,224)
66	Public Works Bldg Ops	\$10,725	\$11,286	\$6,750	\$9,210	\$9,000	\$2,250
67	Public Works Bldg Fuel	\$4,501	\$4,636	\$5,000	\$6,392	\$5,000	\$0
68	Materials(Sand/Gravel/Culverts etc)	\$60,020	\$67,477	\$78,750	\$34,550	\$78,750	\$0
69	Projects/Miscellaneous	\$13,750	\$3,646	\$10,000	\$5,600	\$7,500	(\$2,500)
70	Contracted Services	\$21,856	\$3,282	\$6,000	\$4,080	\$5,000	(\$1,000)
71	Machinery Rental	\$335	\$12,210	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
72	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$38,140	\$39,607	\$32,000	\$45,710	\$40,000	\$8,000
73	Diesel Fuel	\$38,476	\$48,230	\$55,000	\$48,129	\$50,000	(\$5,000)
74	SUB TOTAL LABOR, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT	\$314,747	\$334,557	\$351,500	\$301,341	\$386,226	\$34,726
75	* Bridges	\$455	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$11,519	\$10,000	\$0
76	Trans. Enhancement Grant (Longley Bridge)	\$20,925	\$11,044	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
77	Flood/Emergency Road Repairs	\$8,700	\$1,188	\$12,000	\$67,264	\$6,000	(\$6,000)
78	* Machinery Replacement	\$0	\$6,900	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
79	SUB TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY	\$344,827	\$363,689	\$383,500	\$380,124	\$412,226	\$28,726
80	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
81	Labor/wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,400	\$10,400
82	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,564	\$5,564
83	Office Building	\$9,893	\$4,410	\$9,000	\$8,093	\$9,000	\$0
84	Office Building Fuel	\$2,184	\$2,675	\$3,000	\$3,389	\$3,000	\$0
85	Town Hall - Grange	\$3,742	\$4,810	\$5,000	\$9,253	\$5,000	\$0
86	Town Hall Fuel	\$1,485	\$3,491	\$3,500	\$5,893	\$5,000	\$1,500
87	Public Safety Building / Library	\$4,317	\$4,414	\$5,000	\$6,573	\$6,000	\$1,000
88	Public Safety Building / Library Fuel	\$6,145	\$6,867	\$7,000	\$9,212	\$8,000	\$1,000
89	Street Lights	\$11,373	\$11,291	\$11,500	\$11,747	\$12,000	\$500
90	Mowing/Grounds	\$4,165	\$3,625	\$4,500	\$4,280	\$4,500	\$0
91	SUB TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$43,304	\$41,583	\$48,500	\$58,440	\$68,464	\$19,964
92	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maintenance Fund	\$15,710	\$2,569	\$15,000	\$42,786	\$15,000	\$0
93	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$403,841	\$407,841	\$447,000	\$481,350	\$495,690	\$48,690

PROPOSED
2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2012	ACTUAL 2013	BUDGET 2014	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	CHANGE 15 -14 BUDGET
94							
95	OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND EXPENSE CTRS						
96	MISCELLANEOUS						
97	Delinquent Taxes	\$81,658	\$78,827	\$78,827	\$97,064	\$97,064	\$18,237
98	Licenses & Vital Records	\$2,684	\$4,284	\$3,500	\$3,983	\$3,500	\$0
99	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$8,805	\$2,148	\$3,000	\$3,595	\$3,000	\$0
100	* Hectorville Bridge Study	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,261	\$11,261
101	Miscellaneous	\$4,655	\$2,653	\$3,000	\$2,514	\$3,000	\$0
102	SUB TOTAL	\$97,803	\$87,912	\$88,327	\$107,156	\$117,825	\$29,498
103	* Reappraisal Fund	\$36,012	\$40,214	\$12,000	\$53,393	\$4,000	(\$8,000)
104	Restoration of Records	\$0	\$1,363	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
105	SUB TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$133,815	\$129,489	\$100,327	\$160,549	\$121,825	\$21,498
106	TOWN DEPARTMENTS						
107	* Library Operating Expense	\$11,948	\$14,966	\$14,966	\$14,966	\$18,917	\$3,951
108	* Police/Constable Operating Expenses	\$2,177	\$2,660	\$0	\$1,943	\$0	\$0
109	* Recreation Operating Expenses	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
110	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0
111	* Rescue Operating Expenses	\$33,768	\$18,525	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$0
112	* Conservation Operating Expenses, Speakers, and Projects	\$688	\$2,532	\$500	\$500	\$750	\$250
113	Youth Center Operating Expenses	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	(\$3,000)
114	* Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,340	\$6,340
115	SUB TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	\$94,581	\$82,683	\$90,966	\$92,909	\$98,507	\$7,541
116	TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS & EXPENSE CTRS	\$228,395	\$212,172	\$191,293	\$253,458	\$220,332	\$29,039
117	SOCIAL AGENCY REQUESTS						
118	* Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
119	* Franklin County Home Health	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$0
120	* Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
121	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
122	* Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
123	* Green Up Day Vermont	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
124	Northern VT Res, Conservation Council	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
125	* Green Mountain Transit	\$0	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$0
126	Franklin County Humane Society	\$0	\$500	\$300	\$300	\$0	(\$300)
127	Montgomery Emergency Shelter Team	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
128	TOTAL REQUESTS	\$5,415	\$6,983	\$6,208	\$6,208	\$5,908	(\$300)
129							
130	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$852,832	\$854,143	\$905,958	\$1,000,323	\$1,017,695	\$111,737
	* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting						
	Contingent Selectboard = TOTAL 2015 EXPENSES at Line 129 minus BUDGET 2015 REVENUES LESS PROPERTY TAXES at Line 30						
	minus total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on highlighted by asterisk (*)						
	Contingent Selectboard =	\$539,546					

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE HISTORY 1993-2015					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL** AGREEMENT TAX RATE Vet. Exempt.	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION TAX RATE (Set by State)	TOTAL TAX RATE
	*	**		***	
2015 Projected					
Homestead	0.4432	\$0.0019	\$0.4451	\$1.21	\$1.6583
Non-homestead	0.4432	\$0.0019	\$0.4451	\$1.54	\$1.9801
2014 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.1893	\$1.5892
Non-Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.4833	\$1.8832
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	STATE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	MUNICIPAL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	TAX
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	RATE
2003	\$0.50	\$0.36	\$1.24	\$1.60	\$2.10
2002	\$0.49	\$0.44	\$1.20	\$1.64	\$2.13
2001	\$0.47	\$0.41	\$1.13	\$1.54	\$2.01
2000	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$1.11	\$1.61	\$2.08
1999	\$0.47	\$0.29	\$1.19	\$1.48	\$1.95
1998	\$0.46	\$0.42	\$1.14	\$1.56	\$2.02
FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~		FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~		
1997	\$0.43	----	----	\$1.45	\$1.88
1996	\$0.35	----	----	\$1.42	\$1.77
1995	\$0.34	----	----	\$1.42	\$1.76
1994	\$0.27	----	----	\$1.35	\$1.62
1993	\$0.29	----	----	\$1.19	\$1.48
* 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					

Town of Montgomery Liabilities as of 12/31/14

Water Project: USDA-RD

Bond #1 – Principal Balance	\$134,297.80	
Payment due 5/13/15		\$3,758.00
Payment due 11/13/15		3,758.00
Bond #2 – Principal Balance	\$330,012.39	
Payment due 5/13/15		\$10,625.00
Payment due 11/13/15		10,625.00
Bond #3 – Principal Balance	\$312,464.57	
Payment due 6/10/15		\$8,718.00
Payment due 12/10/15		8,718.00

<u>2013 International Fire Truck:</u>	State of Vermont – Principal \$66,000	
	Payment due 6/30/15	\$23,760.00

<u>Public Works Building Bond:</u>	Bank of New York– Principal \$375,000	
	Payment due 6/01/15	\$ 5,423.94
	Add Sequestration Interest due 6/1	330.39
	Payment due 12/1/15	\$30,423.94
	Add Sequestration Interest due 12/1	343.72

MONTGOMERY TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES 2014

SELECTBOARD:

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

TOWN CLERK: Renee J Patterson	\$13,538.36	
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	2,461.52	
	<hr/>	\$15,999.88

TOWN TREASURER: Renee J Patterson	11,000.00	
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,000.00

ASSISTANT CLERKS:

Renee J Patterson	2,107.50	
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$10,582.50	
Lynda Cluba	\$375.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,065.00

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Anita Woodward, 4% of Delq Tax collected		\$7,194.37
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LISTERS:

Deanna Robitaille	2,598.75	
Lynda Cluba	2,415.00	
Parma Jewett	2,955.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,968.75

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Ann Lavery		\$2,838.75
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AUDITORS:

Carol Farmer	130.00	
Marsha Phillips	190.00	
Stacey St Onge	110.00	
	<hr/>	\$430.00

BCA/Elections:

Laurie Murphy	153.00	
Misty McCartney	240.75	
Sally Newton	94.50	
Karen Scheffler	54.00	
Suzanne Wilson	54.00	
	<hr/>	\$596.25

MONTGOMERY TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES 2014

DOG OFFICER MaryAnne Wood	\$221.25
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HEALTH OFFICER: Susan Regan	\$150.00
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JANITORS:

Building Maintenance:

Town Office - Jay M Adams	75.00	
Allen Sheltra	93.30	
Xavier Robitaille	150.00	
Town Hall - Jay M Adams	15.00	
Allen Sheltra	52.50	
Public Safety Bldg - Allen Sheltra	54.20	
		\$440.00

Cleaning: Constance Sheltra - Town Office Building	229.95	
Constance Sheltra - Public Safety Bldg	705.00	
		\$934.95

Total Town Officers	\$67,839.20
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HIGHWAY:

Constance Sheltra - Garage Cleaning	\$206.25	
Robert Baker	\$15,605.75	
Samuel Dillner	\$70.00	
Lawrence Kneen III	\$40,743.76	
Shane M Reed	\$38,052.68	
Jessie Underwood	\$4,130.00	
Total Highway		\$98,808.44

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015
Report of Reserve Funds

Restoration of Records

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	20,042.58	
	20,042.58	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	20,042.58	
Revenue	3,193.00	
Adjustment from 2013	9.00	
	23,244.58	

Machinery Replacement

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	32,912.43	
	32,912.43	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	32,912.43	
Revenue	10,000.00	
Expenses	0.00	
	42,912.43	

Reappraisal

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	23,401.61	
	23,401.61	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	23,401.61	
Revenue	21,177.00	
Expenses	-53,393.12	
	-8,814.51	

Police

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	6,623.25	
	6,623.25	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	6,623.25	
Revenue	0.00	
Expenses	-2,052.51	
	4,570.74	

Bridges

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	13,723.48	
	13,723.48	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	13,723.48	
Revenue	10,000.00	
Expenses	-11,528.85	
	12,194.63	

Community Gardens

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	0.00	
	0.00	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	0.00	
Revenue	805.00	
Expenses	-349.59	
	455.41	

Capitol Improvement

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	47,433.39	
	47,433.39	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	47,433.39	
Revenue	15,000.00	
Expenses	-42,786.13	
	19,647.26	

Hectorville Bridge Committee

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve	0.00	
	0.00	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Previous Balance	0.00	
Revenue	879.00	
Expenses	-33.00	
	846.00	

Conservation Commission (see budget for detail):

Ending Balance 12/31/14: 2,052.35

Total Reserve Funds Balance:

97,108.89

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015

Report of Unreserved Funds

General Fund Checking Account

Outstanding Deposits	245,125.29
Outstanding Checks	17,629.30
	<u>-35,883.59</u>

Checking Balance: 226,871.00

Summary of All Reserve Balances

Department Reserve Balances:

Fire	7,663.51
Rescue	36,245.43
Recreation	16,933.60
Library	12,107.64
Youth Center	<u>6,969.36</u>
Total Department Reserves:	<u>79,919.54</u>

Total Reserve Funds Balance: 97108.89

Total Reserves: 177,028.43

Total Unreserved Funds: 49,842.57

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015 BUDGET

Fire

Revenues	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Change Budget 14/15
Town of Montgomery	20,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	0
Town of Westfield	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	3,446	4,000	9,436	4,000	0
Interest	15	0	0	0	0
Use of Capital Reserve/loan	186,440	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	43,852	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	257,753	36,000	41,436	36,000	0
Expenses					
Vehicle Fuel	412	500	458	500	0
Telephone	301	300	307	300	0
Insurance	9,309	9,800	8,797	9,800	0
Dispatch Fees	4,948	5,200	5,194	5,200	0
Radio Repair	645	1,200	488	1,200	0
Office supplies	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Repairs	1,295	2,500	233	2,500	0
Training	771	1,500	780	1,500	0
Miscellaneous	2,359	2,800	2,220	2,800	0
Association Dues	286	300	322	300	0
Equipment	2,992	9,200	10,177	9,200	0
Payroll	2,090	2,500	900	2,500	0
Social Security	160	200	69	200	0
Building Maintenance	0	0	213	0	0
Capital Improvement	211,600	0	0	0	0
Truck Payment-Debt Service	24,200	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	261,368	36,000	30,158	36,000	0

<u>Reserve Fund</u>			<u>Report of Activities</u>	
Beginning Balance 01/01/14			Structure Fires	1
General Fund	-4,311.00		Chimney	6
Dry Hydrant	696.00		Motor Vehicle	10
Capital Improvement	0.00		Search & Rescue	1
		-3,615.00	Alarm Activation	1
Ending Balance 12/31/14			Downed Power Lines	1
Revenues - Expenses	11,278.42		Downed Trees	1
Previous Balance	-4,311.00		Gas Detection	2
General Fund	6,967.42		Total Calls	23
Dry Hydrant	696.00			
Capital Improvement	0.00			
		7,663.42		

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
State of the Fire Department

2014 was a big year for the department. As a department we attended a number of state and county training courses. We had four of our members attend the Vermont Fire Academy and graduate with the top four scores in the state. These firefighters are now board certified. Our fundraising efforts were successful raising nearly \$9500. We used town proceeds and fundraising contributions to upgrade some of our personal protective equipment in an effort to meet federal standards. Our continuing goal for 2015 is to bring our department into compliance with these standards. The main focus for the year ahead is to upgrade our SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus).

Respectfully Submitted,

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015 BUDGET
Youth Center

	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2014	Change Budget 14/15
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	6,000	3,000	3,000	0	-3,000
Donations/Fundraisers	0	1,500	0	0	-1,500
Grants	0	500	0	0	-500
Use of Reserve Balance	0	3,385	384	0	-3,385
Total Revenue	6,000	8,385	3,384	0	-5,000
Expenses					
Salaries	2,974	5,000	1,016	0	-5,000
SS & Medi	228	385	78	0	-385
Telephone	548	600	722	0	-600
Activity Exp & Supplies	144	1,700	1,495	0	-1,700
Office Supplies/Postage/Equip	0	100	0	0	-100
Resources & Training	0	500	0	0	-500
Miscellaneous	2	100	73	0	-100
Total Expenses	3,897	8,385	3,384	0	-8,385

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve Fund	7,354	
	7,354	
		7,354

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Use of Reserve Balance	-384	
Previous Balance	7,354	
	6,970	
		6,970

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015 BUDGET

Rescue Department

	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Change Budget 14/15
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	18,525	26,500	26,500	26,500	0
Ambulance Billing	15,806	15,657	13,919	15,657	0
Grants	23,149	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	100	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	881	0		-881
Total Revenue	57,480	43,038	40,519	42,157	-881
Expenses					
Ambulance & Equip. Reserve	0	9,000	866	0	-9,000
Communications	382	500	247	500	0
Insurance	4,776	5,000	4,854	5,000	0
Education	1,044	1,300	0	1,300	0
Medical Supplies	2,016	2,000	620	2,000	0
Uniforms	8	200	194	200	0
Payroll & Social Security	3,792	3,888	3,148	3,888	0
Office expense	0	100	0	100	0
Maintenance (Veh.& Equip)	801	1,000	1,051	1,000	0
EMS Dispatch Fee	4,948	5,200	5,194	5,273	73
Building Expense	0	0	125	0	0
Contracted Services: RAS	12,750	13,250	13,250	17,000	3,750
Contracted Services: Billing	1,480	1,600	1,545	1,400	-200
Diesel fuel	0	0	25	0	0
Grants	27,087	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	285	0	36	0	0
Total Expenses	59,369	43,038	31,155	37,661	-5,377

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/14	Reserve	881	
	Ambulance & Equipment Replacement	26,000	
			<u>26,881</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/14	Revenues - Expenses	9,364	
	Previous Balance	881	
			<u>10,245</u>
	Ambulance & Equipment Replacement	26,000	
			<u>36,245</u>

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 - 2015 BUDGET
Recreation Department

Revenues	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Change in Budget 14/15
Town of Montgomery	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers	10,717	8,000	10,519	8,000	0
Facilities Rent	200	0	200	0	0
Grants	0	10,000	0	15,000	5,000
Projected Activities	819	1,000	826	1,003	3
Use of Reserve / Misc	0	0	30	17,227	17,227
Total Revenue	29,736	37,000	29,575	59,230	22,230
<u>Expenses</u>					
Heating Fuel	1,261	1,300	1,257	1,300	0
Electricity	792	900	859	900	0
Water	345	350	340	350	0
Telephone	152	160	184	200	40
Payroll & SS	9,650	10,230	9,730	10,230	0
Building Maintenance	193	3,500	1607	3,000	-500
Port-o-lets	957	1,000	890	1,000	0
Rubbish Removal	540	500	585	550	50
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Grounds Maintenance	1,001	1,000	892	1,000	0
Lawn Care	2,884	3,600	3,374	3,600	0
Snow Removal	0	500	0	500	0
Tennis Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
Office & Postage	65	100	65	100	0
Activity Exp & Supplies	1,378	1,500	1,710	1,500	0
Playground Project	0	20,000	0	35,000	15,000
Capital Improvement	0	1,293	0	0	-1,293
Playground Fund	296	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	3	0	80	0	0
Total Expenses	19,517	45,933	21,573	59,230	13,297

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2014:	Capital Improvement	1,953	
	Playground	1,366	
	Reserve	5,614	
		<u>8,933</u>	
Ending Balance 12/31/2014:	Revenue - Expenses	8,002	
	Previous Reserve	5614	
	Current Reserve	<u>13,616</u>	
	Capital Improvement	1,953	
	Playground	<u>1,366</u>	
			<u>16,935</u>

2014 RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Recreation Department continued to provide a wide variety of services and activities for members of the community during 2014. There are also exciting plans in the works for 2015.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

Programs on the Fields: Soccer, volleyball, tennis, softball, and baseball were available for residents of all ages. This included Little League for both boys and girls, and a soccer program for pre-K to 8th grade.
Programs Sponsored at the Montgomery Elementary School: Yoga and Zumba classes sponsored by the Recreation Department continued year round, and volleyball was held in the gym during early spring.
Snowshoe Loan Program: Montgomery Properties continued to administer this much-appreciated program for members of the community. The snowshoes and sign-up sheets are kept at their office.
Skating Rink: Thanks to the efforts of a number of volunteers, the skating rink re-opened this winter. The ice has been in great shape, and has been enjoyed by many.

SUMMER DAY CAMP:

The attendance in 2014 averaged approximately 60 campers per day. Thanks to the Town's support, the camp program remained free of charge to residents, and a snack and lunch were provided at no charge.

MEMORIAL PAVILION:

Numerous community events were held at the Pavilion again this past year. These included weddings, bachelor parties, non-profit fundraisers, birthday parties and family reunions.

EVENTS:

4th of July: In spite of some rain, attendance was still very good at both the parade and the Firemen's Chicken Barbeque. The celebration was a lot of fun. It would be great to have local musicians play at the field following the 2015 parade if anyone is interested/available.

Art Auction: Once again, this event was a very successful and enjoyable fundraiser. Close to 70 works of art were generously donated by various artists and other members of the community. Sam Murphy did the honors as the fabulous chef, Mick Doheny was the awesome auctioneer, and local high school students did a great job of waiting tables and showing the art as it was being auctioned.

Halloween Dance: Thanks go to Eamon O'Shea and Jonathan Betts for coordinating this fun event again, many came, the costumes were very creative and the profits were donated to the new Playground.

Pumpkin Lighting: Although it rained during this year's Pumpkin Lighting, it was still fun for all who attended. There was a great bonfire and haunted walk for those who braved the elements.

FACILITIES UPGRADES:

As planned, the roof on the Peter von Conta Memorial Barbeque Shelter was replaced in 2014. This project was completed as a result of excellent collaboration between the Fire Department and the Recreation Department. Many thanks go to the Fire Department for their instrumental role, and the great job they did.

PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

Playground Upgrade: The Recreation Department applied for a State of Vermont Building Communities Grant and is honored that, as a result, the Town has been selected as the recipient of a \$15,000 grant. This money is to be used for playground improvements at the Recreation Center. In addition, matching funds raised through events such as the Arts for the Parks Auction and Halloween Dances will be utilized for this project. The playground upgrade is planned for this spring.

The Town's support of the Recreation Department is greatly appreciated, and the Members of the Board look forward to continuing our efforts on behalf of the residents of Montgomery in 2015.

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

Nelson Mayhew	Peg Doheny	Lisa Perry	Corbin Erwin
Stephanie Machia	Marsha Phillips	Sue Reagan	Lily Powers

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015 BUDGET

Library

	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Change Budget 14/15
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	14,966	14,966	14,966	18,966	4,000
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	21,632	12,000	13,760	12,951	951
Grants	1,650	2,500	2,665	1,500	-1,000
Use of Reserve Funds	822	9,444	6,129	2,750	-6,694
Total Revenue	39,070	38,910	37,520	36,167	-2,743
Expenses					
Books & Subscriptions	5,737	5,525	5,469	5,650	125
Equipment & Repairs	7,214	3,960	3,593	2,000	-1,960
Furniture & Shelving	275	400	203	300	-100
Fundraising Expenses	1,241	1,450	1,632	1,675	225
Supplies	1,170	1,400	1,176	1,100	-300
Mileage Reimbursement	332	565	321	350	-215
Miscellaneous	1,193	400	441	400	0
Postage	781	800	551	750	-50
Printing	0	100	30	50	-50
Programming	903	1,300	1,361	1,300	0
Payroll & SS & Benefits	18,037	19,610	19,617	19,917	307
Utilities(Phone & Internet)	436	475	457	475	0
Workshops & Memberships	250	425	818	700	275
Grant Expenditures	1,500	2,500	1,851	1,500	-1,000
Total Expenses	39,070	38,910	37,520	36,167	-2,743

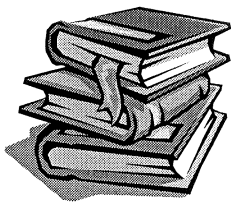
Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2014:

Reserve	18,220	
Checking	332	
Petty Cash	40	
	<u>40</u>	
		<u>18,592</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/2014:

Beginning Reserve	18,220	
Use of Reserve	-6129	
	<u>12,091</u>	
Current Reserve	12,091	
Checking	336	
	<u>336</u>	
		<u>12,427</u>



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February 2015

It is with gratitude to our town and patrons that we report another successful year at Montgomery Town Library. During 2015, residents and patrons once again showed their support through donations, circulation, and program attendance.

Our first full year of automation has improved our efficiency and accuracy in tracking circulation.

MTL by the numbers:

- As of December, **7,668** items are catalogued in Koha.
- During **6,886** visits, patrons checked out **1,712** works of fiction, 784 works of non-fiction, **238** audiobooks, **1,567** videos and DVDs, **1,795** children's books, **55** children's audiobooks and **209** children's videos/DVDs.
- Patrons and visitors used wifi **1,025** times, and the internet **1,944** times.
- The library responded to **478** reference requests.
- Participation in programs reached **1,613**.
- Patrons used ListenUP **437** times and interlibrary loan services **237** times.

Throughout the year, many families participated in our weekly story times and French-language playgroups, while adults enjoyed our Page-to-Screen series, yoga classes, and other evening events. During 2014, the Friends of the Montgomery Town Library incorporated, and in December, the Friends of the Library began hosting "Freedom and Unity," a film and discussion series produced by the Vermont Council on the Humanities. This series will continue through March 22.

In July we hosted our sixth annual Montgomery Town Library Wine & Cheese Silent Auction at Phineas Swann. We are very thankful for the hospitality of Montgomery's innkeepers and their role in making our annual fundraiser a huge success.

We cannot complete our report without mentioning the departure of our wonderful library director, Tracey Durgan. Over four and a half years, Tracey has increased programming and circulation and taken Montgomery Town Library through the automation process while providing a warm, welcoming library environment for all. Tracey has provided terrific leadership, and we wish her all success in her future endeavors. We are also grateful to Carol Farmer, who has also "retired" from her many years of service to the library both as a trustee and a volunteer. To all who dedicate time and energy to Montgomery Town Library, our library could not function without you!

This year, we are asking the voters of Montgomery to allocate funding to cover the library's payroll expenses. We will fundraise energetically to ensure that Montgomery Town Library's programming and resources continue to meet the varied needs and interests of our community.

If you have not visited your town library lately, please stop by and experience all the wonderful resources it offers.

Respectfully submitted, Trustees Beth Crane, Marijke Dollois, Rita Kalsmith, Patty Perl, Patty Hathaway, Jane Butterfield Presler, and Cheryl Wisell

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015 BUDGET
Conservation Commission

	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Change Budget 14/15
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	500	500	500	750	250
Donations/Fundraisers	1,830	500	2,357	1,500	1,000
Grants	0	70	200	0	-70
Miscellaneous	0	0	135	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	350	0	0	-350
Total Revenue	2,330	1,420	3,192	2,250	1,180
<u>Expenses</u>					
Events Guests & Speakers	2,257	900	1,310	1,600	700
Events Materials	0	50	30	50	0
Postage	0	150	94	150	0
Printing	275	200	0	200	0
Grant	0	70	0	0	-70
Fundraising Costs	0	50	85	100	50
Memberships	0	0	50	50	50
Total Expenses	2,532	1,420	1,569	2,150	730

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/14

Reserve Fund	429	
	<u>429</u>	

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Revenues - Expenses	1,623	
Previous Balance	<u>429</u>	
		<u><u>2,052</u></u>

2014 Annual Report of the Montgomery Conservation Commission

2014 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 walk in March, and hosting Charlie Nardozi, of the *Vermont Garden Journal* and *Vermont Public Radio* fame, for a discussion of Heirloom plant varieties in June with the Covered Bridges Garden Club. We partnered with the Richford Conservation Commission to host Mary Holland at the Grange Hall with *Naturally Curious*—a month by month journey through the changes in the natural world around us—in October, and again to bring Ben Kilham, *the Bear Man*, back to the area in November for an evening discussing black bear ecology. This year the Montgomery Conservation Commission was also featured in the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions *Conservation Stories*. In December we also saw the designation by the US Congress of the Trout River and upper Mississquoi as a Wild and Scenic River, highlighting the unique cultural, scenic and recreational qualities of these resources (the first rivers in Vermont to receive this designation!). Thanks to the River Study Committee and everyone in the region who helped get this through!

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 again this year, reaching out to community members to raise over \$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 2015 we hope to continue and host fun and information field walks and events, including bringing back our annual workshop on apple tree care and tree identification, as well as continuing to partner with neighboring towns on a wide range of topics. 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 exploring 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!

River Walk Community Garden Town Report for 2015

Approximately 6 years ago the Town of Montgomery purchased land, in part funded by FEMA and their Flood Mitigation program. The River Walk Community Garden was formed by 4 community members in the spring of 2010. The town has generously allowed this group of community members to create a community garden on the land. The garden is on rt.118 at the corner of West Hill Rd.

Our purpose is to create a community garden to serve the residents of Montgomery Vermont who can rent small plots of land for personal use to grow their own vegetables. There are 18 garden plots in total. Seven which are 25 feet by 50 feet and eleven which are 25 feet by 25 feet. There are 31 adult gardeners and 11 youths involved. The role of this garden is to provide community members a place to garden. Many of our members live in places where they cannot have a garden. Some are renters; some live on land where it is very shady, some of our members have small lots and wanted the chance to expand their garden. Many members grow all their root crops at the community garden.

The last two summers the community garden participated in Montgomery's Harvest Day Festival. It is a fundraiser for the Montgomery Garden Club. We sold vegetables which were grown in our gardens and we provided lunch for the community. Some of the money we raised was donated to The Montgomery Conservation Commission. Last summer we hosted the Montgomery Garden Club at the community garden. We gave a tour of the garden for their members, showed off our member's plots and all the different kinds and varieties of plants that were growing in their plots.

This past fall we applied for a grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund and we were just notified we were award a \$1000 Seed Grant. We will use this grant to reestablish a well on the town property where the community garden now exists. There is an old well on the land which existed when there was a residential home on the land. Restoring the well will benefit the community garden in many ways. The members of the community garden will have water on site to water their gardens. They will not have to walk down to the river and lug buckets of water to their plot, nor will we have to depend on the fire department to fill the water tanks. We are looking forward to our 5th year of gardening together.

Submitted by,
Melissa Haberman

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015 BUDGET
Water Department

Revenues	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Change 2014/2015
Water Usage	63,179	61,649	64,391	64,391	2742
Interest	67	50	61	50	0
User Bond Receipts	33,324	33,717	33,225	33,225	-492
Service Fees	0	0	0	16,791	16791
Service Fees	479	500	720	500	0
Town of Montgomery	13,737	13,737	13,737	13,737	0
Total Revenue	110,785	109,653	112,134	128,694	19041
Expenses					0
Town Admin Assessment	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,000	2000
Technology Equip / Support	94	1,000	513	15,000	14000
Training	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	11,602	12,000	12,931	13,000	1000
Contracted Services	35,792	34,768	35,139	36,192	1424
Miscellaneous	96	2,928	1,540	2,000	-928
Water Testing	978	1,000	192	1,500	500
Office Expense	1,124	1,084	477	500	-584
Equipment	1,674	2,976	5,241	5,000	2024
Facilities Maintenance	1,248	1,659	820	1,000	-659
VT Fees	390	400	551	600	200
Annual Bond Payment	46,202	46,202	46,202	46,202	0
Association Dues	195	200	200	200	0
Chemicals	401	436	269	500	64
Legal Services	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	104,796	109,653	109,075	128694	19041

Beginning Balance - 01/01/14

Checking	37,984.55	
Savings	<u>108,573.42</u>	
		<u><u>146,557.97</u></u>

Ending Balance - 12/31/14

Checking	40,995.26	
Savings	<u>108,621.22</u>	
		<u><u>149,616.48</u></u>

Delinquent Water Bills - 12/31/14

1,523.55

2014 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Work on the Town-wide Reappraisal was completed in June of this year. We thank Richard Lewis, of Lewis Appraisal Services for his hard work and dedication in finalizing the reappraisal and continuing to work with us through the grievance process. With his help and guidance, we have been able to visit and inspect all properties that allowed us entry. We would again like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation throughout this process.

We had many inquiries and grievances from property owners regarding their new assessed values. We found that after tax bills were sent out, many others came into our office to get information on their assessments. Though the grievance process was complete, we advised these property owners to still come in with any questions or concerns. Anyone can grieve their Grandlist assessment, however, even without a Change of Appraisal notice. If you did not meet with the Listers and/or grieve your assessment in 2014, it does not foreclose your ability to grieve and appeal this year, as long as you meet the deadlines. If you wish to grieve, you may contact the Listers or Town Clerk, either in person, email or by letter to ensure you will be heard. Generally the opportunity to grieve is in late May and early June. The exact dates for this are typically available in mid to late April.

Upon completion of the 2014 Equalization Study we have a **Common Level of Appraisal** equal to 100.71% and a **Coefficient Of Dispersion** equal to 6.78%. The **CLA** provides a town wide comparison of the total listed value to the states estimate of total fair market value upon reviewing sales in our town. The **COD** is a measure of uniformity of appraisal for all properties in the Grandlist.

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

JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE
Financial Report 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

Beginning Balance 1/1/14

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

INCOME:

Interest from Certificates	<u>12.66</u>	
		12.66

DISBURSEMENTS:

Care of Old Cemetery	330.00	
Bank Charges	<u>12.00</u>	
		<u>342.00</u>
		<u><u>13,121.74</u></u>

ASSETS: as of 12/31/14

TD Bank Checking	1,755.05	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>11,366.69</u>	
		<u><u>13,121.74</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine St Onge, Treasurer

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**Financial Report 2014**

Beginning Balance 1/1/14

CD's	20,800.23	
Checking	<u>649.70</u>	
		21,449.93

RECEIPTS

Interest	72.80	
Donations	75.00	
Sale of Lots/Perpetual Care	800.00	
Corner Post	<u>120.00</u>	
		1,067.80

EXPENSES

Lawncare/Repairs	851.42	
Insurance	<u>100.00</u>	
		<u>951.42</u>
		<u>21,566.31</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/14

CD's	20,800.23	
Checking	766.08	
		<u>21,566.31</u>

Respectfully, *Lois Lumbra***MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION****Financial Report 2014****Beginning Balance 01/01/14**

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>

RECEIPTS

Interest Income	1,554.85	
Donations	0.00	
Lots Sold	<u>0.00</u>	
		\$1,554.85

EXPENSES

Grounds Maintenance	5,272.30	
Office Supplies	<u>85.87</u>	
		\$5,358.17

Ending Balance 12/31/14

Checking	35,361.26	
CD - 110	8,343.77	
CD - 233	15,000.00	
CD - 274	8,300.00	
CD - 892	20,000.00	
Charles Lumbra Fund	2,200.00	
	61	<u>\$89,205.03</u>

Resurrecting the Hectorville Covered Bridge

A feasibility grant application for a Transportation Alternatives grant by the Town of Montgomery and the Hectorville Bridge Committee

Montgomery is *the* covered bridge town of Vermont. We have five bridges standing and one in storage, the Hectorville Covered Bridge. A new committee, in cooperation with the town, is applying for a feasibility study grant to see if the stored bridge can rise again, for a fourth time in its long history, this time by the entrance to the town recreation center. The feasibility study will tell us if the project is doable, how much it will cost, the design and reconstruction challenges; and visually, it will show us how the bridge will look and function on the site.

At such a prominent location, along Route 118, the bridge will do a number of things: reassert that we *are* the covered bridge town, act as a kiosk for maps and information about all our covered bridges, provide information for other events going on in the area, and be a central link in the bike/pedestrian path between the Montgomery Elementary School and Montgomery Center.

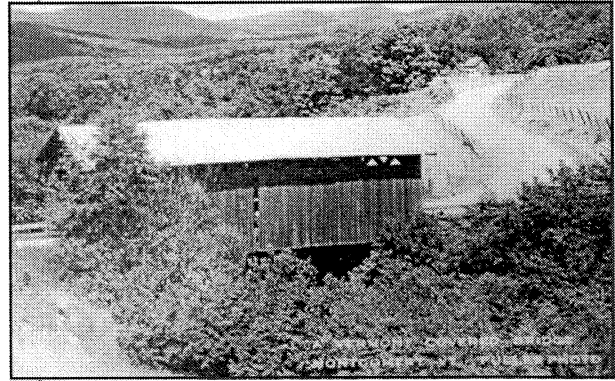


Figure 1: A view of the Hectorville Bridge at its second location on the Gibou Road. The bridge is currently in storage waiting for its fourth (and permanent) home.

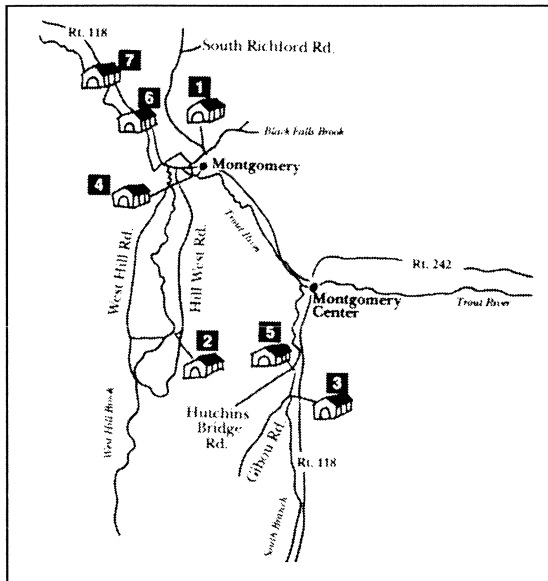


Figure 2: Montgomery is home to six covered bridges and another is just over the town line in Enosburgh (#7 on the map). The Hectorville Bridge is shown as #3 on the map. In 2005 it was removed from this site and placed in storage.

Presently, there are four towns in Vermont with five covered bridges: Lyndon, Northfield, Tunbridge, and Montgomery. **With the restoration of the Hectorville Bridge, there will be only one town with six bridges—Montgomery.** This fact can enhance tourism growth, strengthen our unique identity, and link the distant past with the coming future. Done well, this restored bridge will have a real “Wow!” factor.

This Transportation Alternatives grant is federal money administered by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Grant goals include community improvement, adaptive re-use of historic transportation structures like the Hectorville Bridge, public use, pedestrian/bike path alternatives, and economic benefits for tourism and local businesses. The Recreation Center Committee, the Montgomery Elementary School, the Northwest Regional Planning and the Vermont Covered Bridge Society also support the project. Should our effort to get the feasibility study

prove successful, Montgomery will be in a strong position to apply for a second federal grant, which could fund 80 % of the design and construction costs.

For more information on the grant application, the bridge restoration project or the Hectorville Bridge Committee, contact Pat Farmer at pfarmervt@fairpoint.net.

Proposed Feasibility Study Budget

Consultants: (Engineer, landscape architect, and/or other experts)	\$20,475
Project Administration: (10% of project cost)	\$2,047
Project Total:	\$22,522

Grant Portion (50%): \$11,261

Local Match (50%): \$11,261

Hectorville Covered Bridge Rehabilitation and Relocation Feasibility Study

Existing Sidewalks or Paths

Proposed future path

☆ Project Study Area

Designated Village Center Boundary

Montgomery
Elementary School

School Dr

118

Proposed
Study Area for
Bridge Relocation

Montgomery
Recreation Center

Designated Village
Center Boundary

Main St

Trout River



0 200 400 800 Feet

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014	
NAME	TAX AMOUNT
2011 PROPERTY TAXES	
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 44.14
TOTAL 2011 TAXES	\$ 44.14
2012 PROPERTY TAXES	
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 49.39
Pigeon, Donna	\$ 1,032.84
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David	\$ 728.45
TOTAL 2012 TAXES	\$ 1,810.68
2013 PROPERTY TAXES	
Abramowitz, Michael and June	\$ 1,408.42
Banks, Sandra	\$ 258.84
Cota-Caforia, Lynn	\$ 27.20
Desautels, Jodi	\$ 2,563.93
*Donna, Daniel and Rose	\$ 1,477.00
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,737.95
Fleckenstein, Sandra and Abramowitz, Michael	\$ 1,231.99
*Godfrey, Luke and Amy	\$ 709.71
*Godfrey, Luke and Amy	\$ 2,062.06
Pigeon, Donna	\$ 1,403.78
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David, Sylvester, Mark	\$ 942.04
Wynn, Ricky and Cindy	\$ 752.36
TOTAL 2013 TAXES	\$ 15,575.28
2014 PROPERTY TAXES	
Abramowitz, Michael and June	\$ 1,448.18
Anderson, Terje	\$ 1,561.00
Andes, Mary	\$ 453.86
Banks, Sandra	\$ 284.55
Bergeron, Craig and Desiree	\$ 903.68
Blouin, Sam and Charlotte	\$ 2,851.17
Bonneau, Donald	\$ 4,820.99
*Collins, Chrisopher and Stark, Judith	\$ 2,005.49
Cota, Marty, Dana and James	\$ 610.38
**Cousino, David and Ruth	\$ 29.37
Cross, Alan	\$ 211.08
Damstrom, Thomas	\$ 745.75
**Danyow, Robert and Lorraine	\$ 2.37
Desautels, Jodi	\$ 2,909.55
Federal National M	\$ 967.96
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,745.70
*Fleckenstein, Kerry and Sandra	\$ 2,187.26
Fleckenstein, Sandra and Abramowitz, Michael	\$ 1,904.84
*Fleming, Danielle	\$ 1,104.20
**Francis, Andrew	\$ 463.39
Gadpaille, Eric	\$ 1,740.08

NAME	TAX AMOUNT
Godfrey, Luke and Amy	\$ 1,529.16
Godfrey, Luke	\$ 2,141.11
**Green, Justin	\$ 7.73
Hill, Susan	\$ 1,079.93
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	\$ 2,681.36
*Kremer, Herman and Carol	\$ 3,305.01
Lumbra, Dale	\$ 1,084.70
Malaussena, William	\$ 1,629.97
Marshall Henry and Sherry	\$ 1,295.66
Morrell, Robert and Sandra	\$ 1,788.85
Orndorff, James	\$ 1,107.32
Ostrowski, Marcin	\$ 2,372.83
Pennell, Todd and Lori	\$ 875.19
Perry, Nonna	\$ 606.39
Perry, Nonna and Robert A96	\$ 252.35
Pigeon, Donna	\$ 1,083.83
Reed, Christopher and Muriel	\$ 798.48
Rich, Gary	\$ 5,706.10
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David, Sylvester, Mark	\$ 1,210.90
Robitaille, Jacques	\$ 5,308.54
Shappy, Dean and Kathleen	\$ 943.17
Smith, James and Doris	\$ 2,267.37
*Snider, Michael and Tracy	\$ 1,853.34
Sylvester, Nicole	\$ 314.49
Sylvester, Nicole and Gendron, Robert	\$ 2,515.20
Tatro, Howard and Dillingham, Cynthia	\$ 900.00
Todd, Philip and Todd Lee Cornacchio	\$ 280.08
*Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 538.02
*Wilson, Peter and Michelle	\$ 1,566.83
Wry, Kevin, Steven and David	\$ 471.63
Wynn, Ricky and Cindy	\$ 1,410.52
TOTAL 2014 TAXES	\$ 78,876.91
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES	\$ 96,307.01
**Paid in full as of 1/21/15	
*Partial paid as of 1/21/15	

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
JANUARY 1, 2014 - DECEMBER 31, 2014

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX DUE</u>	<u>TAX ABATED</u>	<u>TAX COLLECTED</u>	<u>TAX BALANCE DUE</u>	<u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u>
2009	\$76.63	\$76.63	.00	\$0.00	.00	.00
2010	\$77.39	\$77.39	.00	\$0.00		
2011	\$118.67	\$74.53	.00	\$44.14		
2012	\$7,779.72	\$76.83	\$5,892.21	\$1,810.68	\$471.38	\$791.65
2013	\$71,035.42	\$278.89	\$55,181.25	\$15,575.28	\$4,393.67	\$4,952.69
2014	<u>\$188,382.06</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$109,505.15</u>	<u>\$78,876.91</u>	<u>\$8,760.41</u>	<u>\$1,830.88</u>
TOTALS	\$ 267,469.89	\$ 584.27	\$170,578.61	\$96,307.01	\$13,625.46	\$7,575.22

Taxes Collected:

\$170,578.61

Less payment reported in 2013 - check was returned by bank and repaid in 2014

\$ (261.03)

Note: Check dated 11/14/14 found at Town Clerk's Office on 1/21/15 has been credited to 2014 delinquent taxes for the property owner, but will be paid to the town in 2015

\$ 757.05

8% Penalties Collected:

\$ 13,625.46

Interest Collected:

\$ 7,575.22

Total Paid to the Treasurer in 2014 by A. Woodward:

\$192,275.31

2014 BIRTHS

Date	Name	Father	Mother
March 30	Sawyer Lynn Sheperd	Sebastian Sheperd	Martika Leach
April 21	Evin Roy Howard	Joshua Howard	Jerica Broe
May 4	Isla May Anderson	Ryan Anderson	Lisa Anderson
May 14	Liam Edward Bessette	Edward Bessette	Jennifer Bessette
July 7	Damian Isaiah Parizo	Joshua Parizo	Teri Parizo
June 4	Annalina Mandie Worthington	Zedekiah Worthington	Mandisah Worthington
June 11	Jaylynn Kendil Robitaille	James Robitaille	Kylie Dodds
July 3	Taylor Jacob Fletcher	Isaiah Fletcher	Kristin Fletcher
July 15	Finnleigh Ann Daberer	Karl Daberer	Tara Ryan
July 16	Amelia Ila Starr	Joseph Starr	Amanda Starr
July 18	Emmer Monahan Kominami	Hisashi Kominami	Susan Monahan
August 1	Eleanor Mayrose Hathaway	Brent Hathaway	Leanna Hathaway
November 9	Jaxen Avery Tatro	Steven Tatro II	Tiffany Lavallee
November 13	Myra Elizabeth Dean	James Dean	Laura Dean
December 1	Natalee Alene McGinley	Jared McGinley	Leanne Leach

2014 DEATHS

Date	Name	Town of Residence
January 5	Carlton Roger Barnes	Montgomery Center
January 16	Michael James Elkins	Montgomery
February 26	Arthur Louis St Onge Sr	Montgomery
April 23	Mary Ann Bugbee	Montgomery
April	Gary W Capsey	Montgomery
August 25	Mary Colleen Soule	Montgomery Center
August	James Milton Healy Jr	Montgomery
September 13	Kenneth Laurence Alexander	Montgomery Center
October	Kenneth Allen Domina	Montgomery
December 4	Maureen Marie Tryhorn	Montgomery Center
December 22	Karen Elizabeth Baker	Montgomery

2014 CIVIL MARRIAGES

Date	Applicant A	Applicant B	Town of Residence
January 28	Nino A Marchesani	James Justin Field	New Hope, PA
February 25	Debora Marie Thurmond	Billie Jo Massey	Concord, NC
March 22	Kathrn Pauline Peters	Joel Stephane Fernand Laflamme	Kingston, Ontario
March 29	Scott Arnold Cooper	Scott Eugene Pratt	Indianapolis, IN
April 5	Linda Ruth Green	Robert James Townsend	Montgomery Center, VT
April 26	Beth M Welch	Katherine A Roberts	Dunedin, FL
May 24	Madeline Ruth Shellgren	Holly Deannna Candice Young	Bath, MI
June 5	David Gordon Purvis	Christopher Daniel Williamson	Lyons, GA
July 27	Christa Lyn Chambers	Richard John Bessette	Montgomery Center, VT
August 1	Angela Louise Broad	Chandler John Yip White	San Francisco, CA
August 9	Alyssa Anne Soule	Dana Matthew Fuller	Montgomery, VT
August 23	Valerie Leanne Beech	Jamie Alexander Allan	Verdun, Quebec
August 28	Wayne Dallas Baker Rockholmes	Asuka Huddleston	Montgomery, VT
August 28	Patsy Elaine Dunavant	Remy Allison Wild	Dallas, TX
September 6	Martha Meghan McBride	Gary Gilbert Joseph Courchaine	Montreal, Quebec
September 19	Emily Jean Powers	Jared Michael Jewett	Montgomery Center, VT
September 20	Katrina Marie Tobin	Krista Marie Jerome	Jefferson, LA
September 26	Anne Kassia Chavez	David L Keese	Albuquerque, NM
October 18	Nicole Marissa Ackerman	Michael David Ferrarella	Oakland, NJ
November 15	Amber Lynn O'Donnell	Brendan Kenneth Flynn	Montgomery Center, VT
December 17	Michael Thomas Phillion	Janet Claire Vallery	Elverson, PA
December 20	Katia K Hashem	Anthony J Constabile Jr	Saugus, MA

Town of Montgomery

Zoning Office

PO Box 356 --- 98 Main Street

Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Ann E. Lavery

Zoning Administrator

2014 ZONING REPORT

Thirty-seven Zoning Applications were received and processed in 2014. Four permits were approved for new single-family dwellings. One permit was granted for an owner occupied commercial facility. Accessory use structures, such as porches, decks, garages, and additions made up the remainder of the applications.

Permits were approved for two minor subdivisions.

Zoning Compliance letters were issued for nineteen Montgomery properties.

One formal hearing was held for an appeal of a Zoning Violation.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any questions or would like additional information please stop by the Town Office on Monday from 1PM until 4PM. You may always leave a message at 326-4791.

Sincerely,





Town Of Montgomery

P.O. Box 356

Montgomery Center, VT 05471

802-326-4719

<http://www.montgomeryvt.us>

Ways To Pay Water Bills, Taxes, and other Fees

For your convenience we 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. Service 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.

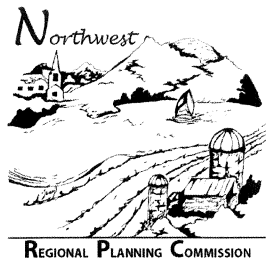
-- For transactions greater than \$100 the fees are 3%, or 4.95% for transactions by phone directly with our service provider.

There are buttons on the Town Home web 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 any user 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 was implemented for Water and Tax in 2014 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.



Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2014 Town Report

Northwest Regional Planning Commission is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. 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 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.

2014 Montgomery Projects:

- ✧ Assisted with the Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw updates.
- ✧ Provided zoning technical assistance.
- ✧ Assisted with updating and adoption of the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- ✧ Drafted updates to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ✧ Assisted with Ice Storm Recovery administration.
- ✧ Prepared a Transportation Alternatives grant application for the Hectorville Bridge feasibility study.
- ✧ Completed municipal gravel pit research.
- ✧ Updated the E-911 poster map and road map.
- ✧ Drafted a successful Municipal Planning Grant application for a Town Plan update.

Montgomery
Regional Commissioners:
Carol McGregor & One Vacant Seat

Transportation Advisory
Committee:
Mark Brouillette

This year the Commission will complete our Healthy People, Strong Communities project to promote economic development and community health, including over \$200,000 in implementation grants to fourteen community groups. NRPC will assist communities with water quality projects, adopt a new regional plan and regional energy plan 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.

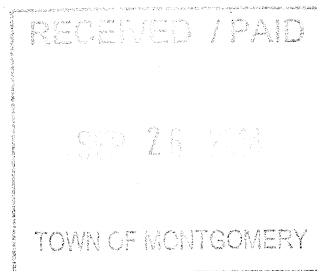


EMPOWERS.
GUIDES.
PROVIDES.

Services and
Support for Seniors

September 22, 2014

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.

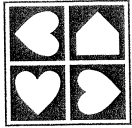
Older people are living longer than ever before, and as a result, they are facing more complex problems and greater challenges to their ability to live independently. The demand for home-delivered meals has grown significantly. Our Case Management caseloads have become more time consuming as Case Managers 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,

John Michael Hall
Executive Director



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

Home Health Agency, Inc.

3 Home Health Circle, Suite 1
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

Telephone: (802) 527-7531

Fax: (802) 527-7533

www.fchha.org

November 19, 2014

Mr. Scott Perry
Town of Montgomery Selectboard
PO Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Board of Directors

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Bridget Howrigan Rivet
Kathy Rossner
Marie Speer
Todd Wimette

Dear Mr. Perry,

Franklin County Home Health Agency would like to thank Montgomery for your support during the past year.

Our Agency remains deeply committed to providing care to everyone in need, regardless of his or her ability to pay. We once again ask for you to include an allocation in your 2015 town's budget. We are requesting \$2,402, this figure is the same amount requested in 2014.

Your support will help us to serve people of all ages in Montgomery who lack the resources to pay for medically necessary community based home health and hospice care.

Every day, we care for individuals and families who benefit from the wide variety of programs and services we provide in the comfort of home. I have enclosed information about the services we provided to the residents of Montgomery last year. Throughout our 45-year history, we have provided our programs and services to meet the needs of the residents of Franklin County. In addition to home care and hospice programs, we offer a variety of community health clinics including foot clinics; flu shot clinics, childbirth education and grief and bereavement services to the members of your community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and patients we serve, thank you for your consideration of our request. Please call me at 527-7531 if you have any questions or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Janet L. McCarthy, BSN, MSA
Executive Director

How many people does the Agency employ?

The Agency currently has a staff of 190 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Medical Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Assistants, Care Attendants, Homemakers, and Office Support Staff.

How many clients did the Agency serve in 2014?

During the last fiscal year, the Agency made a total of 73,957 visits to 1,620 residents of Franklin County.

How many clients were served in Montgomery?

39 residents of Montgomery received 1,093 visits. The breakdown by discipline was:

479	Skilled Nursing
157	Physical Therapy
45	Occupational Therapy
7	Speech-Language Pathology
9	Medical Social Work
173	Licensed Nursing Assistants
223	Care Attendants

How are services paid for?

As a Medicare certified Agency, the Agency receives reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurances. In 2014 the Agency received 85 percent of its revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

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

Why does the Agency need money from towns?

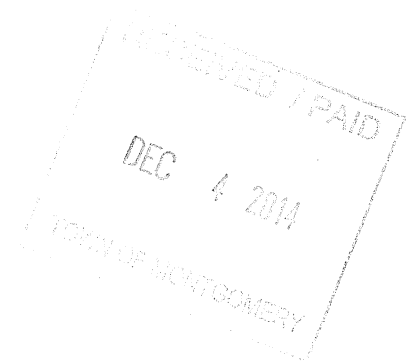
The Agency depends on the money received from towns to subsidize the cost of care provided to clients who are uninsured or underinsured. Last year the Agency provided more than \$523,795 in free and subsidized care.

Where can you call for more information about Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.?

For more information about the Agency or the services provided please call (802) 527-7531 or visit our website at www.fchha.org.



FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION



December 1, 2014

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-fourth (44th) 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-two (32nd) year of level-funding request. As in prior years, as you prepare your FY'2016 budget, we are asking the Town of Montgomery to invest \$500.00 for economic development. This funding will cover our FY'2016 which runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

Tim Smith
Executive Director

P.O. Box 1099

St. Albans, Vermont
05478-1099

(802) 524-2194
Fax: (802) 524-6793

E-mail: info@fcidc.com
tim@fcidc.com
Web Site: fcidc.com

FRANKLIN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

TOWN REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2014

As the FCIDC Executive Director, I travel around the County and meet with municipal boards and I always boast that the local County economy is strong. Yes, it can always be better but there are many places that are a whole lot worse off and would be glad to trade places. I then comment that if we could get to where milk prices are at \$25.00 and gas prices were below \$3.00 the County would be sitting pretty well.

As luck would have it we did see \$25 and even higher milk prices in 2014 and at the end of the year we did see gas prices fall below \$3.00. The good news for 2015 is gas prices should continue to remain low. The bad news is milk prices are now positioned to drop into the teens early this year.

Speaking of gas the Village of Enosburg was fortunate to partner with Vermont Gas Systems to bring natural gas to the area. The heating savings for Enosburg residents could range between 20 and 40%. Those businesses and homes in the more rural parts of the County may also have a heating alternative as well. FCIDC is currently working with a company whose plan is to make compressed natural gas available to the region.

FCIDC has worked with the Enosburg Falls Economic Development Corporation (EFEDC) in an effort to complete the EFEDC Business Park. FCIDC has invested approximately \$15,000 to address permit renewals, Act 250 permit covenants and stormwater issues. The FCIDC and EFEDC were excited to see the Rick Green's Wash Facility join Vallencourt's Trucking in the Business Park.

FCIDC has also collaborated with the Georgia Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) to upgrade the Georgia Dairy Industrial Park water treatment facility. The current facility, which supplies water and fire suppression to Perrigo, Bariatrix and Med Associates, is 32 years old and obsolete. The upgrade will produce more water to allow for future growth. GIDC hopes to break ground this spring on the \$1.9 million project.

FCIDC continues to collaborate with a variety of partners as we will be organizing the 15th Annual Franklin/Grand Isle Career/Job Expo on Thursday, March 26, 2015. At last year's event 700 high school students and 650 job seekers attended the event. In addition to the Job Expo we worked with our partners to present the 1st Annual In Good Taste event held at St. Albans City Hall in January. The tasting event showcased 30 local food producers in an effort to market our food businesses and more than 500 people attended. The second Annual event will be held on Friday, January 23rd, 2015.

FCIDC has invested significant amount of time to grow the Diversified Ag sector also known as the Local Foods movement. FCIDC in conjunction with the Northwest Medical Center received grant funds from Northwest Regional Planning Commission to hire a part-time coordinator to grow the sector. FCIDC also received a grant to purchase a small refrigerated truck to assist with local distribution of the County's local Ag products.

FCIDC is also in its third year of a contract with a Bi-lingual consultant that visits Quebec twice a month. The message which we share is: Vermont is a great place to expand, not move your business. This effort has generated some leads and a strong network, but no immediate success at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a very brief overview of FCIDC's activities for 2014. Please feel free to contact the office at (802)524-2194.

Respectfully,



Timothy J Smith
Executive Director

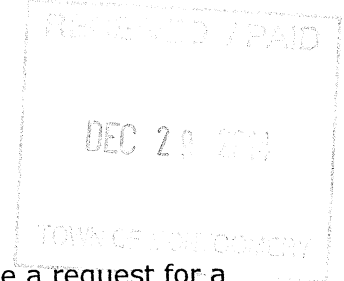


HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471

December 20, 2014

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 2015, our 22nd 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 \$4,275 enabling 18 children from 10 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past twelve 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.

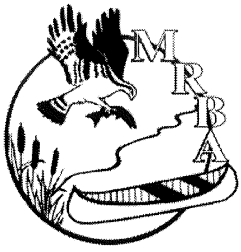
On behalf of the families served by the campership fund, thank you for your continued support of the Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund.

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.

January 7, 2015

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 20,000 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 and we regularly hold public information meetings on water quality issues.

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 2015 request.

Sincerely,

John Little

John Little
Chair

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District 2014 Supervisor's Report

The Northwest Solid Waste District's (NWSWD) mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and finally disposal of solid waste. 2014 was a great year for the NWSWD. We succeeded in making our operations more convenient, consistent, and cost effective for District residents by opening up more of our Drop-off sites to accept bulky, hard-to-dispose of items like tires, appliances, and electronics, every week. Now our sites are like our old Special Collection Events every week! District Staff also worked harder to get information to residents by improving our website, joining Facebook, and getting out to community events like Franklin County Field Days and Farmer's Markets and into Schools to teach everyone the importance of the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! All this work showed in the amount of waste we diverted from the landfill this year. Some of this year's highlights include:

- **District operations recycled 50 tons more in 2014 than in 2013!**
- Collected more than 35341 pounds of paint through our permanent household hazardous waste collection site
- Increased the tonnage of recyclables processed at our Georgia Recycling Center by 7 tons
- Opened a permanent re-use facility at our Georgia Recycling Center
- We welcomed Highgate and Franklin as the newest Member Municipalities
- Worked with new schools to begin composting their food scraps
- Creation of a new recycling program for alkaline batteries and worked with others in the state to create a statewide battery recycling program
- Continued investigation and enforcement of illegal dumping and burning of trash in the District

NWSWD by the Numbers

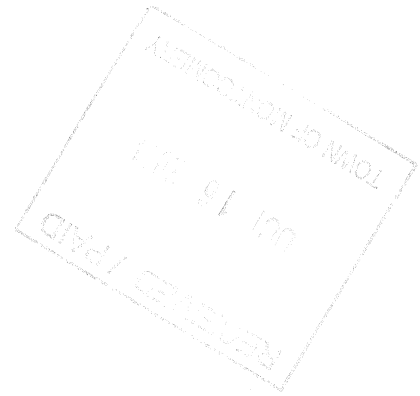
In the NWSWD, 6 District run recycling drop-off sites in Georgia, Montgomery, Bakersfield, Fletcher, St. Albans and North Hero, District run special events, 2 member town run sites (Alburgh and Grand-Isle), and mandatory curbside recycling by registered waste haulers allows easy access to recycling for all residents. Overall in 2014, after recycling, reuse and composting, the average District resident generated 3.11 pounds of waste per day, which is well below the national average of 4.4 pounds per day, and is a 12% reduction from 2013! Way to go!

This year District-operated sites and events disposed of 771 tons of trash and processed 823 tons of recyclables, setting the diversion rate for District Services at 52%. Check out this list of what we were able to divert from landfills this year in Northwest VT:

- 45,738 pounds of Hazardous Waste
- 292 Freon containing appliances
- 163,560 pounds of scrap metal
- 4,357 pounds of batteries
- 461,365 pounds of food scraps
- 685,350 pounds of blue-bin recyclables
- 164,501 pounds of electronics

As Montgomery's representative on the District Board of Supervisors, I am available to discuss District activities with town residents through the District office at (802)524-5986 or my home number below. For more information about the District and our services, how to reduce and recycle your waste, or how to get involved call District staff at the above number visit us on the web at www.nwswd.org, find us on Facebook, or sign-up for our e-mail updates. You can also visit at 158 Morse Drive in Georgia (we even give tours of our Recycling Center.)

- Barry Kade, barrykade@hush.com 326-4867



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Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2014

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 3, 2014

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

Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency!** 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.

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 many of their volunteers are 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 14 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 48,000 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 2, 2015, celebrating 45 years! Get together with family and friends and clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.



Green Mountain Transit Agency Town of Montgomery FY14 Annual Report

WHO WE ARE

GMTA is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities in which we serve. GMTA is proud to offer traditional public transportation services like commuter, deviated fixed route and demand response shuttles, while providing essential Elderly, Disabled and Medicaid services designed around special individual needs.

OUR SERVICES

Elderly/Disabled/Medicaid Individual Service

GMTA, in partnership with Champlain Valley Agency on Aging and CIDER, provides ongoing individual medical and non-medical transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled funds and/ or both. GMTA offers the scheduling and payment of rides provided through volunteer drivers, special shuttle, bus and/or cab service. GMTA also provides transportation for critical care such as radiation and dialysis treatments regardless of age or disability. Individual service offers access to:

- Medical appointments
- Meal site programs
- Senior Center/Adult Day Care
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Prescription and Shopping
- Mental Health and Human Services
- Radiation and Dialysis Treatment
- Physical Therapy

FY14 Town of Montgomery Individual Residents Served by Elderly/Disabled/Medicaid Service

- 18 Individual Residents Served
- 513 Total Trips Provided
- 23,805 Total Miles Driven

General Public Transportation Service

GMTA provides the Franklin Grand Isle region with traditional public transportation service through deviated fixed route, commuter routes, weekly shopping shuttle and direct regional connections to Chittenden County. These services directly support regional economic development, individual savings and environmental stewardship. Current routes for the region include:

- St. Albans LINK Express
- St. Albans Shuttle
- Alburgh-Georgia Commuter
- Richford-St. Albans Commuter
- Price Chopper Shopping Shuttle

For FY14, the total general public ridership for the Franklin Grand Isle region was 56,843.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM

In addition to shuttle vehicles, GMTA uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our special services. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive and provide services under the management of GMTA. GMTA would like to thank all those who volunteer their time to support the transportation needs of their

friends, family and neighbors. **If you are interested in becoming a GMATA Volunteer Driver, please contact us at 802-527-2181 or info@gmtaride.org.**

Thank You

Thank you to the residents and officials of the Town of Montgomery for your continued financial support of GMATA's public transportation service and for your commitment to efficient transportation solutions.

Information

Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on GMATA services at 802.527-2181 or info@gmtaride.org.



Town Of Montgomery

P.O. Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471
802-326-4719
<http://www.montgomeryvt.us>

The following Social Service and other organizations requested taxpayer assistance for 2015 totaling \$4,635.00.

Northwestern Counseling 7 Support Services - \$800 - \$1,500

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 - \$500 - \$2,000

VT Trails and greenways - \$35

The Selectboard denied their requests 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.

STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE

St. Albans Field Station
140 Fisher Pond Road
St. Albans, VT 05478

January 5, 2015

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Field Station, we are providing our 2014 Annual Report. This report will provide you information in regards to current staffing, specialty services and statistical information.

St. Albans Barracks Mission Statement:

The mission of the Vermont State Police St. Albans Field Station is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. We will strive to reduce crime and crashes with thorough criminal investigations and aggressive highway safety enforcement.

- ***Criminal Investigation – The St. Albans Station will make every attempt to prevent crime before it makes its way into our jurisdiction. We will accomplish this goal through an extensive intelligence network that will allow us to engage problems in the communities that we serve and by sharing investigative information with our local, county, state and federal law enforcement partners. Our priority remains to pursue those that distribute drugs and cause social harms against persons and property in our communities.***
- ***Highway Safety Enforcement – Through aggressive high visibility motor vehicle enforcement programs, our Troopers will seek out and arrest those individuals that choose to drive impaired by alcohol and/or drugs on our highways. We will continue to use timely data to locate specific areas to prevent and reduce crashes. Our Troopers will use every motor vehicle contact as an educational opportunity as well as looking beyond the traffic stop in an effort to identify criminal activity as it filters into our communities. Collaborating with local, county and federal agencies is essential to any success.***

Specialty Services provided by the St. Albans Field Station:

In addition to their field primary responsibilities, many of the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Station are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas to address critical needs throughout Vermont. 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

“Your Safety Is Our Business”

2014 Total Annual Figures & Comparison:

Total cases investigated:	5890
Total arrests:	488
Total tickets issued:	1318
Total warnings issued:	2704
Fatal Accidents Investigated:	3
Burglaries Investigated:	141
Impaired Driving Arrests	100

	Total Crashes	Total Burglaries	Total Thefts
2013	465	97	217
2014	528	141	252
Change	+13%	+45%	+16%

Local Community Report: Montgomery

Total Cases:	154
Total Arrests:	18
DUI Arrests	6
Collisions w/ Damage	3
Collisions w/ Injury	2
Vandalism:	3
Alarms	9
Burglary:	7

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, directed patrols, outreach and community programs. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of your community.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant John Flannigan
Station Commander

ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE OFFICERS

OF THE

**MONTGOMERY TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2014

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Scott Perry

School Directors

Jenny Sirkin	Term Expires 2015
Cathy Howell	Term Expires 2015
Charles Purrier	Term Expires 2016
Bruce Mercy	Term Expires 2016
Christina Suarez-Pratt	Term Expires 2017

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 2014, 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 - 2014
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 10th day of March A.D. 2014 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following business:

Charles Purrier, School Director Chairman, called the meeting to order @ 7:30 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator. **Brent Godin nominated Scott Perry. Scott was elected by voice vote.**

Scott explained the absence of Timothy Murphy and gave a meeting procedure briefing. He asked for voter permission to allow Principal Beth O'Brien and Superintendant Jay Nichols to answer question if necessary. Hearing no objection voters approved the request by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a School Director for a term of two years, by ballot; **Mark Brouillette nominated Bruce Mercy. Without objections the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Bruce.**

ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for the remaining year of a term of three years, by ballot; **Wendy Howard nominated Jenny Sirkin, aka Zartarian. Without objections the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Jenny.**

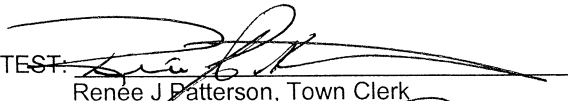
ARTICLE 4. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years, by ballot; **Leanne Barnard nominated Christina Suarez. Without objections the Town Clerk cast one ballot to elect Christina.**

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,579,775 necessary for the support of schools for the school year beginning July 1, 2014? **Mark Brouillette moved to accept as written and was seconded. Wendy Howard made a motion to call the question and cease debate and was seconded. Motion to cease debated passed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.**


ARTICLE 6. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

**Renee Patterson moved to adjourn and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned @ 7:42 pm.**

True records this 11th day of March, 2014

ATTEST: 
Renee J Patterson, Town Clerk

ATTEST: 
Scott Perry, Moderator

ATTEST: 
Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman

WARNING
MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2015

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 9, 2015, 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.
(Cathy Howell's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.
(Jenny Sirkin's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,000 in surplus funds from the 2013-2014 school year into the Capital Project Fund?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,592,657 necessary for the support of schools for the year beginning July 1, 2015?
- 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 12, 2015.

Charles Purrier, Chair
Bruce Mercy, Vice Chair
Christina Suarez-Pratt, Clerk
Cathy Howell
Jenny Sirkin

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Joint Report of School Directors and Office of Superintendent of Schools

Enrollment as of October 1, 2014

Grades	PK-3	PK-4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	9	11	12	13	17	13	14	15	10	17	9					140
Enosburg Falls Middle and High School-----												8	4	8	3	23
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School-----												2	1	1	1	5
North Country Union High School-----												3	3	1	3	10
Lamoille Union High School-----												1	0	0	1	2
BFA-----												0	1	0	1	2
St. Johnsbury Academy-----												2	0	1	0	3
Stanstead College-----												1	4	1	1	<u>7</u>
																192

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

The last few years have been very interesting in Vermont especially in the area of school finance. As I write this report in time for it to be finished for the printers, the legislature is just coming back into session. There has been a great deal of conversation in the last couple of legislative sessions about the pain taxpayers are feeling, the rising costs of public education, and the declining enrollment of students in the state. Some ideas have been put forward that are rudimentary in their thinking, would hurt public education delivery, and would do nothing to reduce costs. Other concepts, such as combining multiple school districts into one district to provide more opportunities for children and likely cost savings throughout the state, haven't had the political will yet to reach action.

In Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), we recognize that taxpayers in the towns of Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Richford are hurting just like taxpayers in other parts of the state. Vermont has a statewide educational tax system-taxpayers throughout the state share decisions made throughout the state. However, in school districts that spend less than the state average, the financial "pain" isn't as large as in school districts that spend more than the state average. We pride ourselves on being fiscally conservative in our spending plans and the data supports that we provide realistic and responsible budgets to our communities especially in comparison to the rest of Vermont. The two areas that voters should be looking at when considering whether or not to support a school district budget are the increase of the budget overall and the increase in per pupil spending.

The Montgomery Town School District Per Pupil Spending last year was near the bottom of state spending. 228 districts operate schools in Vermont. Only nine school districts spend less per pupil. This is a credit to the hard work of the Administration and Montgomery Town School Board. We pride ourselves in providing a high quality public education for our students in the most fiscally conservative manner we can. Long-term Principal Beth O'Brien is completing her last year as Principal of Montgomery. Thankfully, she will be staying in our Supervisory Union as the new Principal of Richford Jr.-Sr. High School. As we go to print, the School Board and I are conducting a thorough national search for a new Principal. We will do everything in our power to make sure that the Montgomery Elementary School has the best building leader possible to continue its tradition of excellence.

In closing, I am very proud of our schools in Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union. Agency of Education officials often cite us as a high-functioning SU. We are low spending with comparatively high educational results and outcomes for our students. The quality of our teachers overall is very good. In fact, currently 100% of our teachers have been deemed highly qualified by the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. As always, I appreciate the wonderful

support our taxpayers provide our schools and students. I ask you to please attend school district Annual Meetings this year and to please continue to support your local schools.

Curriculum

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

The most significant change for schools in the area of curriculum, instruction, and assessment is a new assessment of student achievement for the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Literacy and Mathematics. This new assessment, designed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) will be administered in Vermont and 20 other states to students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 this spring. The official “testing window” extends from March 17 to June 12 of this year; schools have the flexibility to administer the assessment at any time within this testing window.

In Literacy, the SBAC will assess student progress toward achieving the Common Core Standards in reading, writing, listening and research. In Mathematics, the SBAC will assess mathematical concepts and procedures, problem solving, communicating reasoning and mathematical modeling/data analysis.

Accessibility for all students is a core principle in the Smarter Balanced development process. To this end, the SBAC computer-based delivery system includes accessibility tools such as read-aloud technology, magnification, highlighting text, and even translated presentation of content in select languages. Through the SBAC field test and pilot test, in which three Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) schools participated, educators have found that many students who are typically reluctant to participate in traditional paper and pencil testing are motivated by the computer-based format.

Educators in FNESU have had access to SBAC Practice Tests in both Literacy and Mathematics. As such, students across our Supervisory Union have had in-class opportunities to work with these practice items. Interested parents and community members can access SBAC practice items at <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>

In order to help FNESU teachers make the instructional shifts needed to develop students who are college and career ready as defined by the CCSS, 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, and 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, teachers have worked to align FNESU curriculum, instruction and assessment with the critical areas of focus at each grade level as determined by the CCSS. This involves attention to the student-learning progression of both mathematical content and mathematical practice standards. Developing students who are college and career ready in mathematics relies on developing students who possess a balance of procedural skill/fluency, deep understanding of math concepts, and the ability to apply concepts and skills to real-world situations. This is a lofty goal for everyone involved in mathematics education—one that FNESU teachers are working toward through participation in the FNESU Common Core Academy.

In July of 2013, the State of Vermont adopted the new set of science standards called the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). NGSS makes explicit connections to the CCSS in Literacy and in Mathematics. While adoption of a set of standards by the Vermont Agency of Education is not the same as implementation of those standards, FNESU expanded the Common Core Academy in 2014-2015 to include sessions aimed at middle and high school teachers’ preliminary study of what NGSS means for instruction of science and how best to integrate implementation of CCSS with plans to align with NGSS.

In Literacy, the Supervisory Union wide focus this year has been on writing. In order to be successful on the SBAC assessment, students will need to be able to closely read complex text, evaluate and gather evidence from multimedia sources, and integrate information into clear, coherent writing that demonstrates critical thinking. Writing needs to happen frequently in all disciplines and for a wide variety of purposes and audiences. To that end,

we have developed a system of gathering and analyzing samples of student writing in multidisciplinary teams. These writing samples come from English class, but also science, social studies, and other content areas. Once teachers have identified areas students need work on, they create an instructional plan to target those specific skills. This team approach will provide a strong system for improving the writing achievement for all of our students.

We know 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. To that end, FNESU considers this year's Common Core Academy to be the second 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 impressed by the professional responses of our teachers, and we look forward to getting baseline student achievement data after the SBAC is administered this spring. With that information about student achievement, we will be able to further refine our instructional practice next year in order to move closer to the goal that all of our students graduate from high school career and college ready.

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

After being in the LEAPS program for a year, I have seen a tremendous amount of growth, not only in the amount of students attending the program, but in the engagement of the students and staff in each enrichment activity. For the eleventh year, we are serving grades 5-12 at Enosburg Falls Middle/High School and grades K-6 in Richford. Three other sites are in their sixth year and are serving grades K-8 in Bakersfield, grades K-8 in Berkshire, and grades K-4 at Enosburg Elementary. Our LEAPS program has also expanded to include Montgomery Elementary, grades K-8. 21stCCLC is the primary funding source for our entire project with an award amount for this fiscal year being approximately \$312,000. This grant funds all sites at fifty percent through June 2019; and Montgomery Elementary at one hundred percent through June 2017. We are also proud to announce that we were recently awarded the 21stCCLC grant for the next five years. 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. The mission of LEAPS is to improve student achievement in math, science, and reading/language arts, to improve self-esteem and social skills, and to reduce high-risk behaviors and attitudes. One of our main focuses this past year has been nutrition. Several of our programs have added a variety of nutritious options for our students that are available during after-school hours. This ensures that all students are receiving a sufficient meal to fuel their continued learning in the after-school environment.

Each site varies in scope; however, they each work towards achieving common goals with the intent to strengthen student learning during the school day. The goals parallel those of the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). This mission is promoted through offering a variety of enrichment activities, homework assistance, tutoring services, volunteer opportunities 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 2013-2014 school year, our project served 737 students in all five sites, 470 of whom were regular attendees defined by attending 60 or more program hours. The amount of attendees is up by almost 200 students from last year! Research shows that in order for after-school programming to positively impact student learning, students must attend more than 60 hours per year. Overall, 65% of students who are enrolled in the LEAPS after-school program are regular attendees.

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, Chester's Promise, 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 TKD, Hannafords, The VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, VT Department of Fish/Wildlife, and the NOTCH Program. Thank you for all of your support.

Continuum of Supportive Services

Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs

Special Education eligibility is determined by meeting the requirements of what is typically known as the "three gates" of special education. These "gates" are comprised of the following questions:

1. Does the student have a documented disability?
2. Does the student demonstrate adverse effect in one or more of the basic skills – reading, writing, and/or math?
3. Does the student need specialized instruction that cannot be provided in the regular education setting?

To become eligible for special education services, the student's evaluation team must provide proof that all three questions are answered yes with certainty. Once this is determined, a parent or guardian must provide parental consent before services can be designed and implemented.

Typically, special education services are provided in one or more of the three models listed below.

1. Co-teaching occurs when a certified general education teacher and a special education teacher share responsibility for one or more sections of a general education course. In this model, students with disabilities, who are in need of additional academic support, are identified and placed in clusters into general education classes. The curriculum for a co-taught class is identical to that of a non-co-taught class; however, two educators take responsibility for educating all students in the class while providing differentiation and modification and giving feedback to guide student learning.
2. Supported Classes are taught by special education teachers and/or support personnel supervised by a certified teacher. These individuals provide small group instruction to address basic skill deficiencies that have been identified through the evaluation process. This time might also be used for re-teaching and to help the student develop learning strategies such as organizational skills, test taking and note-taking skills.
3. One-on-one instruction is the most intensive remedial instruction provided by our special education staff and provides research-based instruction on targeted skills. Typically, this occurs outside of the regular education setting and is in addition to other services.

Please note that at any time, a student identified with a disability might have access to one or more of the special education delivery models outlined above. These services are driven by student need and are determined by the student's IEP (Individualized Education Plan) team.

At FNESU, we continually examine how to best serve our students with disabilities in the most effective and efficient manner.

It has been my pleasure to work with a very talented and dedicated special education staff during this past year.

Technology Report

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director

In Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), our school leaders understand the valuable role that technology plays in the education of our students. FNESU schools remain strong in their commitment to 1:1 programs and maximizing students' access to mobile devices. Our schools also continue to grow in other technological areas as well as educating students on the safe and proper use of technology. At the same time, our schools continue to be mindful of the burden on taxpayers and seek ways to save money while still providing students with access to the tools they need to be successful in today's world.

With 1:1 computing, many students 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. The dropping cost of mobile devices in the past few years has made 1:1 computing much more affordable. While several devices have been researched and others may be added in the future, our schools are currently 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 a 1:1 program in place.

While making device purchases and planning network infrastructure, our schools have had to keep SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) in mind. This is a new test that is taking the place of NECAP tests our students have taken in the past. While the NECAP was a traditional paper and pencil style test, the SBAC tests are electronic and require both compatible devices and a stable Internet connection. The devices our schools have purchased for 1:1 programs over the past several years, including iPads, Chromebooks, and both Windows and OS X computers, are all compatible with this new test.

With the projection of many new jobs that require computer science degrees being created within the next few years, FNESU schools continue to broaden the technological offerings to students as new tools become available and new trends develop for education. One such growing trend in education is the Maker Movement, which is the broad idea of students learning by creating. This includes both physical creations as well as creating by writing code. Many classrooms across FNESU participated in the Hour of Code this year, which is an annual event designed to introduce and promote coding to students.

Many existing tools are also still being used at great benefit to our schools. We use 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 Google Classroom and 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. 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.

FNESU schools keep the economy and our taxpayers in mind and look for ways to ease the burden on local budgets. All of our schools are taking advantage of the many tools provided to schools for free 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.

While the use of technology has continued to grow, Internet safety has becoming increasingly 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. This year, FNESU schools took advantage of a free program from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont called Technicool, in which Internet safety presentations were offered for students.

Technology Education Resources:

- <https://www.common sense media.org/> (Internet safety/digital citizenship resource)
- <http://vtisp.org/> (internet safety resources)
- <http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/> (Google Apps for Education)
- <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium)
- <http://hourofcode.com/us> (The Hour of Code)

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

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future." -John F. Kennedy

Since we have experienced much change in the last year and there is more to come, change will be the theme of my report this year. We were very excited to learn last spring that Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union did receive the 21st Century Grant. Melissa Poilly was hired as our coordinator; and we began the work of planning and hiring right away, so we could have a good start this fall. Our participation rates have been strong, especially among the younger students. We continue to look for people who are interested in running events, in order to strengthen the program. If you are interested, please call the school and speak to Melissa.

Over the summer, we received news that we did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), as defined by No Child Left Behind, for the first time last year. Our New England Common Assessment (NECAP) scores continued to be very strong in their final year (the Science NECAP will continue to be administered to students in grades 4, 8, and 11) with 90% of students Achieving or Exceeding the Standard in Reading, 91% in Math, and 88% of fifth and eighth graders Achieving or Exceeding the Standard in Writing; however, last year, the target was raised to 100% of students Achieving the Standard in order for us to make AYP. There were no schools in the state of Vermont who made AYP, which prompted Rebecca Holcombe, the Secretary of Education, to write an open letter to parents and caregivers, which can be found under the School Information tab on the school's website. Diane Ravitch also wrote an interesting article entitled Rebecca Holcombe: A Hero of American Education regarding the Secretary's response, which is also posted on our website or can be found by following this link: <http://dianeravitch.net/2014/08/07/rebecca-holcombe-a-hero-of-american-education/>.

We began the school year by welcoming twenty new students to our school. While many areas of the state are struggling with declining enrollments, I am pleased to report this is not the case in Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union. While there are peaks and valleys, our school enrollment numbers have held fairly steady over the past decade. We welcomed Nicole Lacharite as our new second grade teacher; she replaced Andy Schlatter who began a new job closer to home, at Winooski Elementary School. Melissa Weselmann is fulfilling a couple of roles this year including part-time teacher and math interventionist. We continue to work hard to improve instruction and provide interventions to help students achieve the increasing expectations that come with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Students in grades 3-11 will be assessed on these new standards for the first time this spring, using a computerized test developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). This is one of two tests being used in forty-three states around the nation to assess students' progress.

We are in the process of preparing for more changes next year. Susan Ruprecht plans to retire for the second time at the end of the school year. She previously retired from Sheldon Elementary School, after thirty-four years of teaching. Jeffery Ward is planning to teach half-time next year, after thirty-eight years of full-time service to Montgomery Elementary School. And, as I am sure that many of you have heard, I have decided to accept a new challenge next year as well. I will be leaving my role as Principal of Montgomery Elementary School after sixteen years (and nine years as a teacher) to become the new Principal at Richford Jr.-Sr. High School. I have given my

very best to this school and will always treasure my time in this community. I want to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, School Board, and the community for their confidence and support over the past twenty-five years. We have accomplished so much by working together, and I would welcome the opportunity to work with you again in the future. I wish you the very best.

Montgomery Town School District
Teacher Quality Data
2013-2014

The 2001 Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLBA) Act 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 NCLB, 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	26/26	0/26	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	6	5

Business Manager's Update

Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

Special Education Costs

One significant change to this year's budget is how Special Education (SPED) costs are shown at the district level. Act 153 mandated that licensed SPED teachers work for Supervisory Unions rather than individual school districts. This budget shows the required changes for the first time.

Three SPED Assessments are shown in the local budget:

- "Special Education Administration" (line 234) is unchanged from prior years, and covers the costs of administering the SPED program.
- "Shared Special Education Services" (line 235) includes cost for School Psychologists, Speech Language Pathologists, and a District Evaluator.
- "Contracted Special Education Teachers" (line 232) includes all payroll costs for classroom-based SPED teachers.

Shared Services and Teaching Staff lines are new, and replace much of the cost in lines 217-231. SPED paraeducators are still in the local budget. These changes have caused the overall SPED personnel costs paid at the local level to decrease, but also reduced the amount of SPED revenue received at the local level. SPED costs are up overall due to out-of-district placements at the high school level.

Pre-Kindergarten

Act 166 of 2014 requires that districts provide 10 hours of preschool to children three and above. This Act will be fully implemented in the 2016-2017 school year. This mandate will increase Early Education costs in the local budget, due to both the expanded hours as well as making Federal grant money ineligible for these costs.

Teachers Retirement

Act 179 of 2014 requires for the first time that School Districts contribute to the Teacher's Retirement System, which previously had been funded by the State's General Fund and teacher contributions. This local cost in FY16 tax is \$1,097 per new teacher. This bill shifts teacher retirement costs from the State's General Fund to the Statewide Property Tax.

Education Funding

Property tax rates in Vermont are currently governed by Act 68, Vermont's School Finance law. This law created a separate tax rate for residential property and one for non-residential property.

Four factors go into setting the equalized residential tax rate, the rate you see on your property 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. As the base education tax rate increases, the tax rate increases; as the base education amount increases, the tax rate decreases. This budget uses the base rate and base amount as recommended by the tax commissioner on December 1. The final base rate and base amount will be set by the Legislature after Town Meeting Day.
- Education Spending is the budget approved by voters each year, lowered by any expected revenues (like grants and interest). As Education Spending increases, the tax rate increases. This is the only part of the formula impacted by local boards and voters.

- The Equalized Pupil Count is the number of students in a district, with different weights given to different types of students (such as students living in poverty and non-English speaking). As the Equalized Pupil Count increases, the tax rate decreases.
- The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) measures the difference between listed property values and market value. A CLA below 100% means that on average, properties are selling above their assessed value. As the CLA increases, the tax rate decreases.

The process for calculating the equalized residential tax rate is shown on the first page of the budget. The bottom of that page shows how the factors listed above are changing the FY16 tax rate. Of the 2.39 cent anticipated tax rate increase, 0.71 cents is due to the budget changes, 1.69 cents to the drop in CLA, and 0.2 cents due to the changes in the base rate and amount per statute. The increase in equalized pupils has a net effect of decreasing the residential tax rate by 0.21 cents.

Residential education property tax is capped at 2.37% of income for most households with income below \$105,000. In 2013, 286 Montgomery property owners 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.

Act 68 reports

Act 68 requires districts to provide two standardized reports (which appear after the budget) to allow taxpayers to compare school districts. "Three Year Comparisons" provide three years of historical financial data and FY16 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 District was audited by Angolano & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. A copy of the audit can be obtained by calling the Supervisory Union office at 802-848-7661.

Respectfully submitted,

Montgomery School Directors

Charles Purrier, Chair
Bruce Mercy, Vice-Chair
Christina Suarez-Pratt, Clerk
Cathy Howell
Jenny Sirkin

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, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

Beginning Balance 07/01/13

Checking Account	<u>490,183.33</u>	\$490,183.33
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RECEIPTS

State of Vermont	441,771.56	
Property Taxes - Town of Montgomery	1,746,789.58	
FNESU Reimbursements	65,750.19	
Interest	591.65	
E-Rate Reimbursements	1,806.70	
Tuition Refunds & Reimb	874.96	
Use of School/Sports Games	989.50	
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	4,776.19	
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	79,171.71	
Small Grants & Donations	<u>100.00</u>	
		<u>\$2,342,622.04</u>
		\$2,832,805.37

EXPENSES

Disbursements	\$ 2,455,017.33	
Transfer to Hot Lunch	2,500.00	
Transfer to Greatwest P/R Acct	<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 2,457,517.33</u>

Ending Balance 06/30/14

Checking Account	<u><u>\$375,288.04</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted,

Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Treasurer

**MONTGOMERY FOOD SERVICE
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**

Beginning Balance 07/01/13

Checking	23,088.60	\$23,088.60
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RECEIPTS

FNESU - Meal Reimb	59,472.28	
FNESU - Program Reimb	551.25	
Meal Sales - Students/Adults/Catering	29,779.00	
Interest	6.54	
MTSD Support/Reimb	2,590.77	
Miscellaneous	2,401.41	
		\$94,801.25
		\$117,889.85

EXPENSES

Disbursements	87,033.02	
		\$87,033.02

Ending Balance 06/30/14

Checking	\$30,856.83	
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**MONTGOMERY SCHOOL CAPITAL DEPT SERVICE FUND
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014**

Beginning Balance 07/01/13

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

Interest	56.05	
		\$56.05

EXPENSES

Transfer to General Fund for Bond Payment	79,171.71	
		\$79,171.71

Ending Balance 06/30/14

	\$0.00	
CD - Debt Service Fund	0.00	
		\$0.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Treasurer

Montgomery Elementary School Fundraisers

Proceeds	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
QSP (mags)	\$2,067.00	\$1,793.55	\$1,443.20	\$1,585.38	\$1,185.15	\$621.00
Meadow Farms (reg.)			\$2,869.00	\$2,568.95	\$1,899.95	\$1,317.10
MF Cookie Dough		\$1,055.00			\$770.80	\$1,206.14
Pizza	\$3,424.25	\$3,775.15	\$2,145.43	\$2,085.87	\$1,673.39	\$1,653.71
High Mowing Seeds					\$1,043.15	

2013-14 SALARIES AND WAGES

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	
Beth O'Brien	\$65,454

<u>TEACHERS</u>	
Jay Farnham	\$7,730
Kristina Bowen	\$38,427
Jeffrey Ward	\$59,730
Beth O'Brien	\$21,818
Susan Zeineth-Collins	\$55,458
Laura Linek	\$14,948
Pamela Krout-Voss	\$22,134
Steven Moran	\$56,333
Sara Caldwell	\$41,583
Susan Ruprecht	\$32,923
Claudia Woodward	\$37,527
Lara Morales	\$50,785
Andrew Schlatter	\$34,565
Total	\$473,961

<u>TREASURER</u>	
Renee Patterson	\$3,829

<u>PARAEDUCATORS</u>	
Carol Clokey	\$2,125
Robin Pelkey	\$21,668
Elaine Bruckner	\$10,006
Annie Purrier	\$18,359
Angela Paquette	\$16,549
Deborah Moskevitz	\$7,753
Kristin Baker	\$14,800
Nicki Johnson	\$4,234
Total	\$95,494

<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	
Robin Bryce	\$16,101
Total	\$16,101

<u>EXTRACURRICULAR COORDINATOR</u>	
Jeff Ward	\$4,500

<u>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</u>	
Jeffrey Ward	\$1,500

<u>CUSTODIANS</u>	
Todd Pennell	\$540
Andrew Smith	\$30,147
Colin Wood	\$28,454
Total	\$59,141

<u>SECRETARY</u>	
Ruthanne Little	\$26,736

<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	
James Abbott	\$221
Wendy Howard	\$19,585
Dawn Reed	\$16,988
Maryanne Wood	\$110
Total	\$36,904

<u>GUIDANCE</u>	
Lindsey Waldman	\$16,006
Total	\$16,006

<u>COACHES</u>	
Steven Moran	\$450
John Newton	\$900
Mark Parsons	\$450
Nelson Mayhew	\$900
Total	\$2,700

<u>SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS</u>	
Jenny Sirkin	\$450
Karen Soule	\$600
Charles R. Purrier	\$600
Bruce Mercy	\$600
Rachael Hardy	\$100
Catherine Howell	\$600
Total	\$2,950

2013-14 SALARIES AND WAGES

SUBSTITUTES

Marnie Bimm	\$510
Linda Carpenter	\$182
Jennifer Burns	\$453
Patricia Cummins	\$330
Sharon DeVries	\$1,190
Joann Foote	\$1,405
Victoria Lombard	\$1,410
Martina Tesarova	\$272
Juliana Turcotte	\$43
Mary Niles	\$38
Marlene Stewart	\$578
Mark Parsons	\$136
Maryanne Wood	\$2,367
Melissa Weselmann	\$1,940
Total	\$10,854

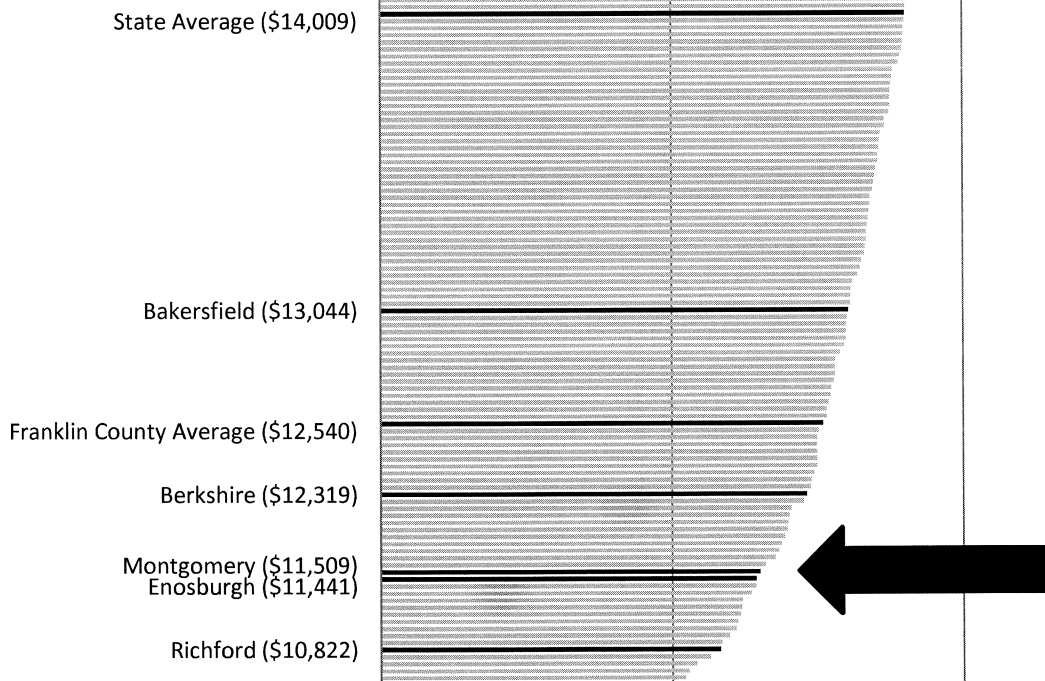
2013-14 TUITION PAYMENTS

North Country Union High School	\$137,600
Enosburg Falls High School	\$325,859
Bellows Free Academy Union High School	\$18,446
Cold Hollow Career Center	\$8,832
Richford High School	\$82,343
St.Johnsbury Academy	\$15,300
North Country Career Center	\$11,120
Stanstead College	\$91,588
Green Mountain Technology and Career	\$1,738
Total	\$692,826

FY15 Education Spending Per Pupil

\$5,000 \$10,000 \$15,000 \$20,000

Of the 228 Vermont Districts that operated a school, Montgomery spent less per pupil than 211 of them.



Montgomery Town School District Revenues and Tax Rates

Line #		2014-2015 Reported to AOE	2015-2016 Anticipated	FY15 to FY16 Change
1	Anticipated Local Revenues			
2	Use of Fund Balance *	\$160,060	\$110,000	(\$50,060)
3	Use of School & Other Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
4	Anticipated Interest	\$2,800	\$1,000	(\$1,800)
5	Total Anticipated Local Revenues	\$163,860	\$114,000	(\$49,860)
6				
7	Anticipated Categorical Grants			
8	Special Education State Aid	\$150,810	\$211,355	\$60,545
9	Special Education IDEA-B Sub Grant	\$16,901	\$0	(\$16,901)
10	State Transportation Aid	\$54,789	\$54,947	\$158
11	Small Schools Grant	\$88,582	\$91,280	\$2,698
12	Early Essential Education Grant	\$10,600	\$12,373	\$1,773
13	Medicaid Funds	\$10,919	\$13,033	\$2,114
14	Total Anticipated Categorical Grants	\$332,601	\$382,988	\$50,387
15				
16	Anticipated Education Spending Revenue			
17	Education Spending Revenue	\$2,038,643	\$2,047,198	\$8,555
18	Technical Center Tuition Revenue	\$44,671	\$48,471	\$3,800
19	Total Anticipated Ed Spending Revenue	\$2,083,314	\$2,095,669	\$12,355
20				
21	Total Anticipated Revenue	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$12,882
22				
23	Anticipated Residential Tax Rate			
24	Budgeted Expenditures	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$12,882
25	<i>less Local and Grant Revenue</i>	<i>\$496,461</i>	<i>\$496,988</i>	<i>\$527</i>
26	equals Education Spending	\$2,083,314	\$2,095,669	\$12,355
27	<i>divided by Equalized Pupils</i>	<i>181.01</i>	<i>181.33</i>	<i>0.32</i>
28	equals Per Pupil Education Spending	\$11,509	\$11,557	\$48
29	<i>divided by Base Education Amount</i>	<i>\$9,285</i>	<i>\$9,459</i>	<i>\$174</i>
30	equals % above base education payment	123.96%	122.18%	-1.78%
31	<i>multiplied by Residential State School Tax Rate</i>	<i>\$0.9800</i>	<i>\$1.0000</i>	<i>\$0.0200</i>
32	equals Equalized residential school tax rate	\$1.2148	\$1.2218	\$0.0070
33	<i>divided by Common Level of Appraisal</i>	<i>102.14%</i>	<i>100.71%</i>	<i>-1.43%</i>
34	Local Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.1893	\$1.2132	\$0.0239
35				
36				
37	Non-Residential School Tax Rate	\$1.5150	\$1.5350	\$0.0200
38	<i>divided by Common Level of Appraisal</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.71%</i>	<i>0.71%</i>
39	Local Non-Residential Education Tax Rate	\$1.5150	\$1.5242	\$0.0092
40				
41	Drivers for Local Education Tax Rate Changes			
42		FY 2015	FY 2016	Tax Change
43	Education spending	\$2,083,314	\$2,095,669	\$0.0071
44	Equalized pupils	181.01	181.33	-\$0.0021
45	CLA	102.14%	100.71%	\$0.0169
46	Base (set by Legislature)			\$0.0020
47	Homestead tax rate	\$0.980	\$1.000	
48	Amount per pupil	\$9,285	\$9,459	
49	Local tax rate	\$1.1893	\$1.2132	\$0.0239

Montgomery Town School District FY16 Anticipated Budget

Line #	Description	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Anticipated	Change
1	Instruction / Elementary				
2	This section of the budget contains the costs for general instruction for grades K through 4.				
3	Salary	\$304,250	\$312,481	\$273,466	(\$39,015)
4	Substitutes	\$4,381	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$0
5	Health Insurance	\$72,869	\$76,613	\$72,910	(\$3,703)
6	Catamount Assessment	\$119	\$100	\$120	\$20
7	Social Security	\$22,255	\$23,912	\$20,925	(\$2,987)
8	Life Insurance	\$607	\$645	\$413	(\$232)
9	Worker's Compensation	\$1,692	\$1,788	\$1,564	(\$224)
10	Unemployment Insurance	\$125	\$76	\$87	\$11
11	Tuition Reimbursement	\$5,018	\$11,478	\$9,758	(\$1,720)
12	Dental Insurance	\$3,251	\$2,730	\$2,809	\$79
13	Professional Development	\$854	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
14	Staff Development	\$1,164	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
15	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$262	\$313	\$269	(\$44)
16	Contracted Services	\$24,906	\$0	\$35,442	\$35,442
17	Professional Services	\$2,186	\$2,500	\$2,808	\$308
18	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$579	\$579
19	Copier Service	\$3,786	\$3,575	\$4,150	\$575
20	Mileage Reimbursement	\$272	\$650	\$650	\$0
21	Supplies	\$15,428	\$12,800	\$14,800	\$2,000
22	Textbooks	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
23	Equipment	\$10,399	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)
24	Dues and Fees	\$325	\$500	\$500	\$0
25	Total Instruction / Elementary	\$474,149	\$462,561	\$451,650	(\$10,911)
26					
27	Instruction / Secondary				
28	This section of the budget contains the costs for general instruction for grades 5 through 8.				
29	Salary	\$97,066	\$100,040	\$103,106	\$3,066
30	Substitutes	\$785	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
31	Health Insurance	\$16,257	\$18,735	\$15,843	(\$2,892)
32	Catamount Assessment	\$119	\$100	\$100	\$0
33	Social Security	\$7,079	\$7,657	\$7,890	\$233
34	Life Insurance	\$154	\$180	\$133	(\$47)
35	Worker's Compensation	\$500	\$574	\$591	\$17
36	Unemployment Insurance	\$60	\$22	\$30	\$8
37	Tuition Reimbursement	\$477	\$3,141	\$3,136	(\$5)
38	Dental Insurance	\$952	\$1,063	\$906	(\$157)
39	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$89	\$88	\$89	\$1
40	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$219	\$219
41	Student Transportation	\$364	\$0	\$0	\$0
42	Total Instruction / Secondary	\$123,902	\$132,600	\$133,043	\$224
43					
44	Guidance				
45	This section of the budget contains the cost for the guidance office.				
46	Salary	\$16,240	\$17,694	\$18,408	\$714
47	Social Security	\$1,243	\$1,354	\$1,409	\$55
48	Life Insurance	\$0	\$38	\$28	(\$10)
49	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$39	\$39
50	Worker's Compensation	\$77	\$101	\$105	\$4
51	Unemployment Insurance	\$10	\$8	\$8	\$0
52	Tuition Reimbursement	\$156	\$687	\$710	\$23

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Line #	Description	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Anticipated	Change
53	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$191	\$191
54	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$18	\$18	\$0
55	Staff Development	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0
56	Supplies	\$546	\$200	\$200	\$0
57	Equipment	\$245	\$0	\$0	\$0
58	Total Guidance	\$18,272	\$20,250	\$21,266	\$1,016
59					
60	Health Services				
61	This section of the budget contains costs for providing school nursing services.				
62	Salary	\$0	\$17,598	\$18,460	\$862
63	Health Insurance	\$0	\$8,918	\$9,264	\$346
64	Social Security	\$0	\$1,347	\$1,413	\$66
65	Life Insurance	\$0	\$47	\$35	(\$12)
66	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$39	\$39
67	Worker's Compensation	\$0	\$101	\$106	\$5
68	Unemployment Insurance	\$0	\$34	\$34	\$0
69	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$252	\$244	(\$8)
70	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$287	\$238	(\$49)
71	Staff Development	\$76	\$150	\$150	\$0
72	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$23	\$23	\$0
73	Contracted Services	\$29,810	\$0	\$0	\$0
74	Repairs	\$118	\$0	\$0	\$0
75	Supplies	\$477	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
76	Total Health Services	\$30,481	\$29,757	\$31,006	\$1,249
77					
78	Paraeducators				
79	This section of the budget contains costs associated with non-licensed educators.				
80	Salary	\$26,836	\$52,503	\$51,260	(\$1,243)
81	Social Security	\$2,053	\$4,019	\$3,923	(\$96)
82	Municipal Retirement	\$993	\$2,758	\$2,694	(\$64)
83	Worker's Compensation	\$115	\$302	\$295	(\$7)
84	Unemployment Insurance	\$35	\$27	\$27	\$0
85	Total Paraeducators	\$30,032	\$59,609	\$58,199	(\$1,410)
86					
87	Library Services				
88	This section of the budget contains the costs for maintaining the school library.				
89	Salary	\$16,240	\$17,694	\$18,408	\$714
90	Substitutes	\$128	\$0	\$0	\$0
91	Social Security	\$1,252	\$1,354	\$1,409	\$55
92	Life Insurance	\$0	\$38	\$28	(\$10)
93	Worker's Compensation	\$77	\$101	\$105	\$4
94	Unemployment Insurance	\$10	\$8	\$8	\$0
95	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$687	\$710	\$23
96	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$191	\$191
97	Professional Development	\$70	\$250	\$250	\$0
98	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$18	\$18	\$0
99	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$39	\$39
100	Supplies	\$828	\$400	\$700	\$300
101	Books	\$2,591	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
102	Total Library Services	\$21,196	\$23,050	\$24,366	\$1,316
103					

Montgomery Town School District FY16 Anticipated Budget

Line #	Description	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Anticipated	Change
104	Technology				
105	This section of the budget contains costs for schoolwide technology purchases and support.				
106	Salary	\$0	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0
107	Social Security	\$40	\$322	\$322	\$0
108	Worker's Compensation	\$38	\$24	\$24	\$0
109	Unemployment Insurance	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$0
110	Internet, Email, PowerSchool	\$0	\$1,404	\$2,975	\$1,571
111	Supplies and Software	\$2,280	\$955	\$955	\$0
112	Equipment	\$11,440	\$7,800	\$7,800	\$0
113	Total Technology	\$13,803	\$14,710	\$16,281	\$1,571
114					
115	School Directors				
116	This section of the budget contains the costs for school board expenses, including the office of the treasurer and district-wide fees and insurance.				
117	Salary / Directors	\$2,950	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
118	Salary / Treasurer	\$3,829	\$4,021	\$4,021	\$0
119	Salary / Board Secretary	\$307	\$616	\$634	\$18
120	Salary / Truant Officer	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0
121	Social Security	\$542	\$356	\$357	\$1
122	Worker's Compensation	\$38	\$27	\$27	\$0
123	Legal Service	\$420	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
124	Audit and Annual Report	\$0	\$5,100	\$5,200	\$100
125	Property/E&O/Bonds/Liability Insurance	\$8,102	\$8,507	\$8,700	\$193
126	Postage	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$0
127	Advertising	\$1,149	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
128	Supplies	\$206	\$550	\$550	\$0
129	Dues and Fees	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
130	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,344	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
131	School Directors' Training	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
132	Food Service Program	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
133	Total School Directors	\$22,402	\$33,977	\$34,789	\$812
134					
135	Superintendent's Office	\$59,275	\$56,444	\$64,907	\$8,463
136					
137	Principal's Office				
138	This section of the budget includes costs for the office of the building Principal.				
139	Salary / Principal	\$61,531	\$89,890	\$72,500	(\$17,390)
140	Salary / Administrative Assistant	\$30,702	\$27,555	\$29,708	\$2,153
141	Salary / Assistant Principal	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
142	Substitutes	\$185	\$250	\$250	\$0
143	Health Insurance	\$14,258	\$19,630	\$20,513	\$883
144	Social Security	\$7,056	\$8,985	\$7,820	(\$1,165)
145	Life Insurance	\$192	\$279	\$210	(\$69)
146	Municipal Retirement	\$1,370	\$1,447	\$1,560	\$113
147	Worker's Compensation	\$500	\$671	\$584	(\$87)
148	Unemployment Insurance	\$40	\$16	\$16	\$0
149	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,716	\$1,773	\$57
150	Dental Insurance	\$1,423	\$2,082	\$1,526	(\$556)
151	Long-Term Disability Insurance	\$203	\$0	\$153	\$153
152	Professional Development	\$1,653	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
153	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$34	\$45	\$45	\$0
154	Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,146	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0

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Line #	Description	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Anticipated	Change
155	Supplies	\$290	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
156	Equipment	\$0	\$200	\$0	(\$200)
157	Dues and Fees / Graduation	\$1,805	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
158	Total Principal's Office	\$123,888	\$158,866	\$143,258	(\$15,608)
159					
160	Operation of Plant				
161	This section of the budget includes costs related to building maintenance.				
162	Salary	\$59,221	\$62,124	\$64,545	\$2,421
163	Health Insurance	\$6,541	\$6,778	\$7,059	\$281
164	Social Security	\$4,443	\$4,754	\$4,939	\$185
165	Municipal Retirement	\$2,344	\$3,263	\$3,391	\$128
166	Worker's Compensation	\$2,745	\$2,793	\$2,901	\$108
167	Unemployment Insurance	\$60	\$18	\$18	\$0
168	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0
169	Contracted Services	\$794	\$0	\$0	\$0
170	Water	\$2,216	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
171	Rubbish Removal	\$2,656	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0
172	Snow Removal	\$6,795	\$8,515	\$8,515	\$0
173	Repairs to Building and Grounds	\$20,220	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
174	Service Contracts	\$1,269	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
175	Communications	\$2,671	\$3,394	\$3,394	\$0
176	Mileage Reimbursement	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0
177	Supplies	\$6,635	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000
178	Electricity	\$18,190	\$21,985	\$21,985	\$0
179	Fuel	\$20,609	\$23,098	\$23,098	\$0
180	Equipment	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)
181	Total Operation of Plant	\$157,409	\$158,467	\$161,590	\$3,123
182					
183	Transportation To/From School	\$128,434	\$130,261	\$136,140	\$5,879
184					
185	Debt Service				
186	This section of the budget contains the costs associated with long-term borrowing. The 1993 Bond was paid off in FY14.				
187	1993 Bond Interest	\$1,558	\$0	\$0	\$0
188	2005 Bond Interest	\$35,136	\$32,465	\$29,832	(\$2,633)
189	1993 Bond Principal	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
190	2005 Bond Principal	\$70,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
191	Total Debt Service	\$161,694	\$97,465	\$94,832	(\$2,633)
192					
193	Co-Curricular				
194	This section of the budget includes costs for student activities outside of the regular classroom.				
195	Salary	\$7,200	\$7,650	\$5,150	(\$2,500)
196	Game Personnel	\$990	\$900	\$900	\$0
197	Social Security	\$627	\$590	\$398	(\$192)
198	Worker's Compensation	\$38	\$47	\$33	(\$14)
199	Referees and Officials	\$400	\$600	\$600	\$0
200	Washington D.C. Trip	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
201	Supplies	\$4	\$250	\$250	\$0
202	Dues and Fees	\$535	\$500	\$500	\$0
203	Transportation and Field Trips	\$5,993	\$6,064	\$6,350	\$286
204	Total Co-Curricular	\$16,787	\$17,601	\$15,181	(\$2,420)

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Line #	Description	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Anticipated	Change
205					
206	Tuition				
207	This section of the budget contains costs related to regular education paid to other districts. The FY16 budget includes tuition payments for 53 kids, down from FY15.				
208	Public High School Tuition	\$564,248	\$609,906	\$560,288	(\$49,618)
209	Private High School Tuition	\$106,888	\$178,597	\$165,600	(\$12,997)
210	Technical Education Tuition	\$63,565	\$68,871	\$72,838	\$3,967
211	High School Tuition Prior Year	\$16,703	\$0	\$0	\$0
212	Tech Ed Tuition Prior Year	(\$1,814)	\$0	\$0	\$0
213	Total Tuition	\$749,590	\$857,373	\$798,726	(\$58,648)
214					
215	Special Education				
216	This section of the budget contains the costs for special education for grades K through 12. Act 153 requires all SPED teachers to be employed by the Supervisory Union. The costs for SPED teacher salaries (line 217) and benefits (lines 222-231) are replaced by an assessment for classroom SPED teachers (line 232) and shared speech and psychology services (line 235) for the full cost. The increase in SPED costs is due to out-of-district placements at the high school level.				
217	Salary	\$34,340	\$52,505	\$0	(\$52,505)
218	Summer Instruction	\$1,727	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
219	Salary / SLP	\$20,976	\$20,378	\$0	(\$20,378)
220	Wages / Paraeducators	\$62,838	\$75,630	\$85,664	\$10,034
221	Substitutes	\$1,656	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
222	Health Insurance	\$2,278	\$5,619	\$0	(\$5,619)
223	Social Security	\$9,191	\$11,365	\$6,557	(\$4,808)
224	Life Insurance	\$113	\$121	\$0	(\$121)
225	Municipal Retirement	\$2,556	\$3,973	\$4,500	\$527
226	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$654	\$850	\$490	(\$360)
227	Unemployment Insurance	\$120	\$46	\$39	(\$7)
228	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$2,231	\$0	(\$2,231)
229	Dental Insurance	\$561	\$746	\$0	(\$746)
230	Professional Development	\$142	\$500	\$500	\$0
231	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$38	\$59	\$0	(\$59)
232	Contracted SPED Teachers	\$0	\$0	\$61,126	\$61,126
233	Purchased Professional Services	\$2,947	\$5,775	\$1,925	(\$3,850)
234	FNESU SPED Administration	\$6,808	\$6,724	\$7,382	\$658
235	FNESU Shared SPED Services	\$0	\$0	\$27,572	\$27,572
236	Psychological Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	(\$5,000)
237	SPED Student Transportation	\$834	\$1,700	\$15,000	\$13,300
238	SPED Private Tuition	\$14,037	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000
239	Mileage Reimbursement	\$191	\$650	\$500	(\$150)
240	SPED Tuition	\$41,975	\$42,540	\$50,018	\$7,478
241	SPED Excess Costs	\$58,982	\$39,520	\$41,838	\$2,318
242	Supplies and Equipment	\$2,315	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
243	Total Special Education	\$265,279	\$281,932	\$364,111	\$82,179
244					
245	Early Education				
246	This section of the budget contains the costs for general instruction for children up through pre-K.				
247	Salary / Paraeducators	\$3,997	\$8,005	\$13,920	\$5,915
248	Salary / Teachers	\$7,932	\$8,025	\$0	(\$8,025)
249	Substitutes	\$66	\$400	\$400	\$0
250	Health Insurance	\$0	\$2,810	\$0	(\$2,810)
251	Social Security	\$858	\$1,227	\$1,066	(\$161)

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Line #	Description	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Anticipated	Change
252	Life Insurance	\$19	\$19	\$0	(\$19)
253	Municipal Retirement	\$139	\$421	\$731	\$310
254	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$115	\$92	\$80	(\$12)
255	Unemployment Insurance	\$35	\$5	\$7	\$2
256	Tuition Reimbursement	\$298	\$344	\$0	(\$344)
257	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$115	\$0	(\$115)
258	Professional Development	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
259	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$9	\$0	(\$9)
260	Contracted Early Education Teachers	\$0	\$0	\$17,721	\$17,721
261	Contracted Psychological Services	\$0	\$3,300	\$0	(\$3,300)
262	Purchased Professional Services	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
263	Mileage Reimbursement	\$0	\$725	\$500	(\$225)
264	Supplies	\$850	\$500	\$500	\$0
265	Total Early Education	\$14,309	\$29,497	\$38,425	\$8,928
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	\$1,190	\$6,793	\$0	(\$6,793)
270	Health Insurance	\$0	\$1,873	\$0	(\$1,873)
271	Social Security	\$90	\$520	\$0	(\$520)
272	Life Insurance	\$0	\$10	\$0	(\$10)
273	Municipal Retirement	\$47	\$0	\$0	\$0
274	Worker's Compensation	\$0	\$39	\$0	(\$39)
275	Unemployment Insurance	\$0	\$1	\$0	(\$1)
276	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$172	\$0	(\$172)
277	Dental Insurance	\$0	\$58	\$0	(\$58)
278	Cafeteria 125 Plan	\$0	\$5	\$0	(\$5)
279	Contracted Services	\$5,198	\$5,884	\$4,887	(\$997)
280	Mileage Reimbursement	\$74	\$0	\$0	\$0
281	Total Early Education / SPED	\$6,599	\$15,355	\$4,887	(\$10,468)
282					
283	Total Budget	\$2,417,746	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$12,881
284					
285				% Increase:	0.50%

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Montgomery Elementary 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/>

FY2014 School Level Data

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

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

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Newton School	PK - 8	121	11.82	1.00	10.24	121.00	11.82
	Millers Run School USD #37	PK - 8	126	11.05	1.00	11.40	126.00	11.05
	Charleston Elementary School	PK - 8	130	13.21	1.00	9.84	130.00	13.21
	Montgomery Elementary School	PK - 8	130	10.25	0.75	12.68	173.33	13.67
< Larger	Folsom Ed and Community Ctr	PK - 8	132	13.50	1.00	9.78	132.00	13.50
	Glover Community School	PK - 8	135	10.00	1.00	13.50	135.00	10.00
	Irasburg Village School	PK - 8	148	11.05	1.00	13.39	148.00	11.05
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			122.94	11.87	1.00	10.35	123.49	11.93

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.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2013 FTE < 200
(35 school districts in cohort)

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

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

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
14 out of 35

Smaller ->	Tunbridge	PK-8	116.12	\$13,756
	Strafford	K-8	116.31	\$13,260
	South Hero	PK-8	120.47	\$14,946
	Montgomery	PK-8	120.60	\$10,817
< Larger	Orwell	PK-8	123.90	\$12,061
	Millers Run USD #37	K-8	130.81	\$12,036
	Glover	PK-8	132.12	\$11,538
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			120.4	\$12,622

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.

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID School District		Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
					Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.
Smaller ->	T199	Strafford	PK-8	172.50	15,117.93	1.5956	1.5956	1.4496
	T116	Lunenburg	PK-8	180.46	12,996.84	1.3718	1.3718	1.1769
	T161	Putney	PK-8	180.82	16,729.92	1.8253	1.7947	1.7283
	T128	Montgomery	PK-8	181.01	11,509.39	1.2148	1.2148	1.1893
< Larger	T209	Troy	K-8	182.92	11,781.92	1.2435	1.2906	1.3004
	T210	Tunbridge	K-8	185.85	14,014.45	1.4792	1.4792	1.3949
	T013	Barton ID	PK-8	189.38	11,205.15	1.1827	1.2830	1.2609

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

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

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

District: **Montgomery**
County: **Franklin**

T128
Franklin Northeast

Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.
Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.

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Expenditures

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$2,490,024	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	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.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$538,862	\$580,912	\$496,461	\$496,988	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$538,862	\$580,912	\$496,461	\$496,988	13.

14.	Education Spending	\$1,951,162	\$1,961,511	\$2,083,314	\$2,095,669	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	181.51	182.17	181.01	181.33	15.

16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$10,749.61	\$10,767.48	\$11,509.39	\$11,557.21	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$922.88	\$887.60	\$538.45	\$523	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	\$27.86	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus 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	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,750	\$10,767	\$11,509	\$11,557	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$11,557 / \$9,459)	123.233% based on \$8,723	117.665% based on \$9,151	123.957% based on \$9,285	122.182% based on \$9,459	27.

Prorating the local tax rate

28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (122.182% x \$1.000)	\$1.0968 based on \$0.89	\$1.1061 based on \$0.94	\$1.2148 based on \$0.98	\$1.2218 based on \$1.00	28.
29.	Percent of Montgomery equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.22)	\$1.0968	\$1.1061	\$1.2148	\$1.2218	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	76.13%	77.57%	102.14%	100.71%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.2218 / 100.71%)	\$1.4407 based on \$0.89	\$1.4259 based on \$0.94	\$1.1893 based on \$0.98	\$1.2132 based on \$1.00	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 (122.182% x 1.94%)	2.22% based on 1.80%	2.12% based on 1.80%	2.40% based on 1.94%	2.37% based on 1.94%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.37%)	2.22% based on 1.80%	2.12% based on 1.80%	2.40% based on 1.94%	2.37% based on 1.94%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. 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 1.94%.

**Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union FY16
Anticipated Budget, Spending, and Assessment**

Line #		FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Budget	15 to 16 Change	Montgomery Share
1	Spending					
2	Salaries	\$473,099	\$485,065	\$533,517	\$48,452	\$44,655
3	Health Insurance	\$126,790	\$129,256	\$137,770	\$7,865	\$11,532
4	FICA	\$36,671	\$37,112	\$40,302	\$3,190	\$3,373
5	Life Insurance	\$1,355	\$1,415	\$1,104	(\$311)	\$94
6	Municipal Retirement	\$32,303	\$36,122	\$36,525	\$403	\$3,057
7	Worker's Comp Ins.	\$2,647	\$2,769	\$3,008	\$239	\$251
8	Unemployment Ins.	\$2,713	\$1,934	\$1,967	(\$1,747)	\$163
9	Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$8,158	\$5,464	(\$2,694)	\$457
10	Dental Insurance	\$12,934	\$15,650	\$12,041	(\$3,947)	\$1,008
11	Disability Insurance	\$1,019	\$1,167	\$1,108	(\$59)	\$93
12	Technology Services	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)	\$0
13	Service Contracts	\$3,538	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$293
14	Audit	\$3,100	\$2,200	\$3,100	\$900	\$259
15	Rent	\$15,320	\$15,960	\$15,960	\$0	\$1,336
16	Mileage Reimbursement	\$625	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$167
17	Training	\$2,343	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0	\$1,339
18	Property & Liability Ins.	\$3,812	\$4,671	\$3,800	(\$871)	\$318
19	Phone & Internet	\$3,603	\$3,700	\$4,050	\$350	\$339
20	Miscellaneous	\$6,881	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$335
21	Legal	\$191	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$167
22	Equipment Repair	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$33
23	Office Supplies	\$10,776	\$15,000	\$13,000	(\$2,000)	\$1,088
24	Professional Books	\$1,545	\$3,000	\$2,000	(\$1,000)	\$167
25	Software	\$627	\$3,000	\$8,500	\$5,500	\$711
26	Dues & Fees	\$4,801	\$6,500	\$5,000	(\$1,500)	\$419
27	Office Equipment	\$9,839	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$502
28	Relicensing Board	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$83
29	Advertising	\$985	\$1,500	\$1,100	(\$400)	\$92
30	Total Spending:	\$757,517	\$811,079	\$864,216	\$50,370	\$72,331
31						
32	Revenues and Transfers					
33	Use of Fund Balance	\$34,750	\$34,750	\$34,750	\$0	\$2,904
34	Interest	\$473	\$1,000	\$500	(\$500)	\$42
35	Medicaid Support	\$20,378	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	\$1,841
36	Misc. Revenue	\$1,662	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$126
37	Indirect Cost	\$33,227	\$25,000	\$0	(\$25,000)	\$0
38	Erate	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$167
39	SPED	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$27,000	\$5,000	\$2,260
40	Relicensing Board Grant	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$84
41	Total Revenues and Transfers	\$112,490	\$105,750	\$88,750	(\$17,000)	\$7,424
42						
43	SU Assessment	\$696,382	\$705,329	\$775,466	\$67,370	\$64,907
44						
45						
46	District Assessments					FY16 Rate
47	Bakersfield	\$69,344	\$68,508	\$72,351	\$3,585	9.33%
48	Berkshire	\$84,894	\$86,604	\$102,517	\$15,547	13.22%
49	Enosburgh	\$281,999	\$290,404	\$319,103	\$27,562	41.15%
50	Montgomery	\$55,475	\$56,444	\$64,907	\$8,231	8.37%
51	Richford	\$204,670	\$203,369	\$216,588	\$12,446	27.93%
52	Total District Assessments	\$696,382	\$705,329	\$775,466	\$67,371	100.00%

Please direct any questions to your School Board Directors or to
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HELPFUL TOWN INFORMATION

2010 State of Vermont Census	1201
Registered Voters	816
FIRE, RESCUE & POLICE EMERGENCIES	911
VERMONT STATE POLICE.....	524-5993
CLERK/TREASURER Office.....	326-4719
Fax.....	326-5053
Email.....	montgomeryclerk@gmail.com
TOWN WEBSITE	www.montgomeryvt.us
TOWN LIBRARY	326-3113
HIGHWAY GARAGE.....	326-4418
FRANKLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	524-9650
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – voicemail.....	326-9001

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 Bd	By Appointment	A Periodic	Town Office
Fire Department	Every Other Wed.	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

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