

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY & MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2015 REPORTS



Montgomery's "Vermont Public Service Award" Honorees

2015 Town Report Honorees

From the VT Secretary of State...

*"Every five years, the **Vermont Public Service Award** program honors individuals who have served as elected or appointed local official, or as a fire and rescue worker, **for 20 or more years**. Since the program was first established in 1999, hundreds of Vermonters have been honored for their public service. It is our hope that not only will the Vermont Public Service Award program give our dedicated local officials the recognition they deserve, but that by highlighting the vital role our public servants play in our cities and towns, it will encourage others to take a turn at serving their respective communities.*

Vermont's local officials run our elections, set the grand list, determine appeals, keep the roads in good repair and passable in all seasons of the year. They ensure our children are properly educated, they plan for and regulate growth in our communities, and they are there for us in times of emergency. Vermont's local officials serve mostly as volunteers. Their commitment to public service—without pay (or adequate pay), without applause, without personal advancement, is a precious gift; a gift we should celebrate. We couldn't buy it, at any price. In Vermont our local governments work because good people are willing to give up the most precious commodity—their free time—to the still vital principle of democracy: that government only works if we all participate."

Congratulations to Montgomery's Vermont Public Service Award Recipients:

William Baker Sr.
1966 - Present

Lynda Cluba
1993 - Present

Doug DeVries
1967 - 1996

Earl Lumbra
1969 - Present

Lois Lumbra
1967 - Present

Tim Murphy
1990 - Present

Laurie "Sam" Murphy
1990 - Present

Merle Van Giesen
1980 - Present

A presentation ceremony with Secretary of State James Condos will be scheduled for later this year in Montgomery. Stay tuned for details. Our thanks go out to all of our honorees and to all those who serve and make our community a better place.

AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY VERMONT

For the Year Ending

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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 25, 2016 at 7:00pm and Saturday February 27, 2016 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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110 Years Ago in Montgomery History...

Every May the gears of government cycled to the issue of dogs. Local magistrates would issue a warrant to the Town Constable ordering him to find all unlicensed dogs and kill them, make a complaint against their owners or keepers, and make a report of such.

COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY. FRED R. CAMPBELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

MONTGOMERY CENTER, VT., July 27, 1906

State of Vermont, } at Montgomery in said County this
Franklin County, ss. } 27th. day of July, 1906. I hereby
certify that on the 16th day of May 1906 I issued to the
Constable of Montgomery Guy N. Rowley a warrant
directing him to find all unlicensed dogs in said
town and cause the same to be killed, also to make
complaint to the town grand juror of said town
against the owners or keepers thereof as provided
in Chapter 204 Vt. Statutes. Said warrant was taken
and acted upon by said Constable and returned
to me the 16th. day of July, 1906, with his returns
thereon indorsed, agreeably to the provisions of
said Chapter 204, Vt. Statutes.

To Warren R. Austin States Attorney, Franklin County [Vt.]
H. O. Rowley
Chairman of Selectmen, Montgomery

State of Vermont, } At Montgomery this 27th. day of July
Franklin County, ss. } 1906, H. O. Rowley personally appeared
and made oath to the foregoing affidavit by him
subscribed.

Before me, C. L. Martin, Notary Public.

This 1906 order was recently acquired from the St. Albans Museum. Another order for 1905 included the Constable's affidavit which was omitted from the 1906 warrant but was probably the same:

*I have made a diligent search and
fail to find any dogs that are not
properly licensed, and make this my
return. This 24th day of July 1906
W. C. Campbell
Montgomery
Vermont*

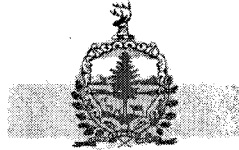
40 Years Ago in Montgomery History...

The Center water system used the Hannah Clark Brook as its principal source. Water was piped down off the mountain and distributed to Center residents by gravity (head pressure). However, whenever the farmers had their cows in for milking, or out to pasture, they would cross the brook and stir up the mud and soil, and water system users would suffer the consequences. Some reported earthworms and other exotic things coming out of their fixtures. Many just learned to adjust their chores around the farmers' milking schedule. Eventually the State intervened and the operator, R. "Frenchy" Despres, was required to put in a chlorination station. Thanks in large part to the efforts of Hubert Daberer who was operating an inn and ski house, called the "Carinthia Inn" (today's "The Inn") that needed a safe and reliable water supply, a small hut was built near what is now the Public Safety Building which included a tank and chlorinator. (Mr. Despres bought the Montgomery Center Water Works from George G. and Alice E Wright in 1949. It served 95 customers and 7 fire hydrants)

The Center system operated until the early seventies when the State again intervened and mandated improvements to meet more strict health standards. The operator was unable to comply and so a group of citizens led by Gordon Cross and Rita Tatro embarked on a project that would give birth to the State certified Montgomery Center Water System. A group of users organized and each bought one share for \$25.00. They then bought the old system for one dollar and won a grant of just over \$600,000 to build a completely new water system. Ground was broken in 1974 and the cut over from the old system was done in 1977.

However, State testing on the old source in 1976 showed the Montgomery Center Water System had potential quality and health issues and notifications and other press were handled badly. The Seleboard, chaired by Merrill "Billy" Cabana, sent a protest by telegram to the Governor who responded with the following:

THOMAS P. SALMON
GOVERNOR



STATE OF VERMONT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

April 1, 1976

Mr. Merrill Cabana, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Montgomery Center, Vermont 05471

Dear Mr. Cabana:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram on the
Montgomery Water Situation.

I have carefully read the material sent to Montgomery
officials by the state Department of Health and feel
that the overwhelming evidence supports its decision
to temporarily close down facilities in your area and
warn the general public of possible hazards.

I can appreciate the concern of the business community
with this publicity and wish some other method of
alerting the general public could have been used. I
feel the press sensationalized this state action,
causing a great deal of embarrassment to all concerned.

At the same time, I cannot condemn the Department of
Health for taking actions believed necessary to protect
the general public. I regret the inconvenience this
has caused the community.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Salmon".

Thomas P. Salmon

TPS/jj

(Where did one go to send a telegram in 1976?)

The Historical Society thanks the community for its continued support. Donations of photos
and other artifacts from Montgomery's past are always welcome.



TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Timothy Murphy 1 year Term – Expires 2016

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Deanna-Dee Robitaille 3 year Term – Expires 2018

SELECT BOARD & WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Scott Perry 3 year Term – Expires 2017

Wendy Howard 3 year Term – Expires 2016

Mark Brouillette 3 year Term – Expires 2018

Susan Regan 2 year Term – Expires 2016

Thomas Stanley-appointed (Carol McGregor resigned) 2 year Term – Expires 2017

LISTERS & FENCE VIEWERS:

Parma Jewett 3 year Term – Expires 2017

Lynda Cluba 3 year Term – Expires 2018

Deanna Robitaille 3 year Term – Expires 2016

AUDITORS:

Stacy St Onge 3 year Term – Expires 2017

Susan Baddorf 3 year Term – Expires 2018

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 2016

TOWN AGENT: Barry Kade 1 year Term – Expires 2016

TOWN GRAND JUROR: Select Board 1 year Term – Expires 2016

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Center

Charles R Purrier 5 year Term – Expires 2016

Earl Lumbra 5 year Term – Expires 2017

Lynda Cluba 5 year Term – Expires 2018

Annie B Purrier 5 year Term – Expires 2019

Lyndol Elkins 5 year Term – Expires 2020

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS – Village

Lois Lumbra 5 year Term – Expires 2016

Penny Lumbra 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 2020

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 2017

Marijke Dollois 5 year Term – Expires 2019

Claire Draper 5 year Term – Expires 2018

Patricia Perl 5 year Term – Expires 2018

FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

William Baker Sr. 2 year Term – Expires 2016

Joseph Zartarian 2 year Term – Expires 2017

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

Gabrielle Marquette Tosca Smith Laurie "Sam" 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 2018
Charlie Hancock 3 year Term – Expires 2018
Alissa Hardy 3 year Term – Expires 2016

OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS

(Annual appointments unless otherwise noted)

AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE: Barry Kade 1 year Term – Expires 2016

BUDGET COMMITTEE: 1 year Terms – Expires 2016

Sharon Perry Suzanne Wilson Deanna-Dee Robitaille Scott Perry Mark Brouillette

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD:

Howard Tatro 4 year Term – Expires 2016
Vacant (William Ralph Chilton resigned) 4 year Term – Expires 2017
Merle Van Gieson 4 year Term – Expires 2017
Parma Jewett 4 year Term – Expires 2019
Mark Brouillette 4 year Term – Expires 2019
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 Terms – Expires 2016

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 2016

NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Carol McGregor & Mark Brouillette 1 year Term – Expires 2016

NORTHWEST SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP: Barry Kade 3 year Term – Expires 2018

POUND KEEPER (dog officer): MaryAnne Wood 1 year Term – Expires 2016

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: Mark Brouillette 1 year Term – Expires 2016

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER: Vacant 1 year Term – Expires 2016

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Carol McGregor & Mark Brouillette 1 year Term – Expires 2016

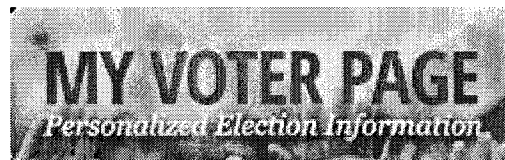
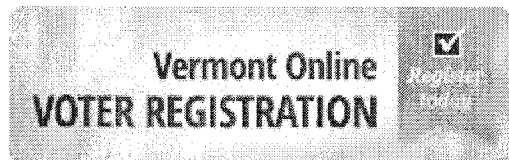
TREE WARDEN: Carol McGregor 1 year Term – Expires 2016

WEIGHER OF COAL: Jackie Kaufman 1 year Term – Expires 2016

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Ann Lavery 3 year Term – Expires 2017

Voter News

Big changes to make registering and voting easier



Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced the roll-out of the new Elections Management Platform. This platform has three main parts:

- **Elections Management System (EMS)** – includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;
- **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and
- **New “My Voter Page”** – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

Secretary Condos states, “I am very excited to announce the roll-out of Vermont’s first online voter registration system. One of my primary goals as Vermont’s chief election officer is to increase voter participation. I am confident that our new online voter registration system and the ‘My Voter Page’ tool will increase engagement with the electoral process across the state and make it easier than ever for all eligible Vermonters to participate in our elections.”

The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

**In addition, these links can be found on the Town Clerk page of the new
Town website, www.montgomeryvt.us**

WARNING
MONTGOMERY TOWN
BOND AND ZONING BYLAWS VOTE
SPECIAL ELECTION
Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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 1, 2016 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 Article of business:

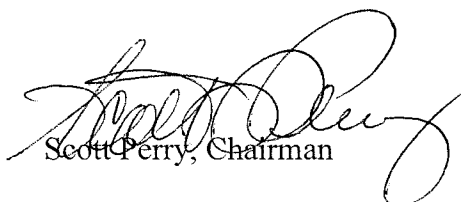
Article 1. Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Montgomery in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$578,500) and subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of constructing a new town office, to accommodate the town's increased need for vault, office and public meeting space at an estimated cost of Five Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$578,500)?

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 February 4, 2016?

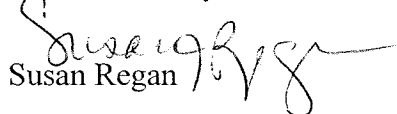
The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are further warned and notified that informational meetings will be held at the Town of Montgomery Town Hall on Thursday, February 25th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 27th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of explaining the proposed building improvements and the financing thereof.

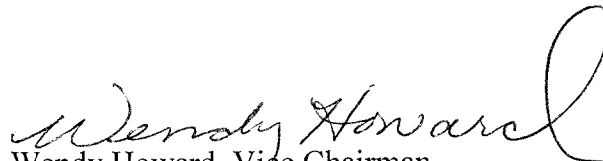
The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. The deadline for applying for addition to the checklist is 5:00 P.M. Wednesday Feb 24th, 2016. 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, February 29th, 2016. Voters may contact the Town Clerk's office with questions regarding voting.

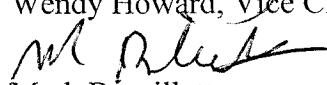
Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Montgomery Selectboard duly noticed, called and held on January 25th, 2015.

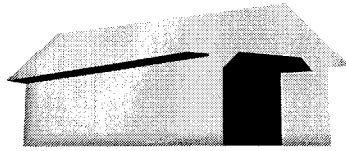

Scott Perry, Chairman

Thomas Stanley


Susan Regan


Wendy Howard, Vice Chairman


Mark Brouillette



MONTGOMERY
FOUNDED 1780

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802-326-4719
<http://www.montgomeryvt.us>

Proposed New Town Office: We hope the third time's the charm!

After two successive no votes and over two years of study the Selectboard remains convinced a new facility is the best option for our Town. So what's changed you ask? Two things:

1. The Board is committed to proceed only if it can secure grants to cover at least 35% of the estimated project cost. While this has always been our intent, we've reduced the bond authority request to \$578,500 (65%), to make that clearer and binding. **No grant, no project, no loan.** The Board will also pursue other resources to lower the impact on the taxpayers. We ask for your trust and support.
2. The Board has also worked to further determine the impacts of taking over all of the current building and making the needed changes and renovations there.

Direct dollar costs include:

Loss of US Postal Service Revenue - \$12,000/yr.

Loss of ATM Revenue - \$1,100/yr.

Cost of moving to a temporary location while work is being done – unknown at this time.

Temporary Modular Facility Rental - \$35,000 plus \$850/month. This does not include any electrical, plumbing, or other service hook ups. This might be avoided by operating out of the Town Hall, but the Hall would be unavailable for any Town events and safes would need to be rented.

Estimated cost of Plans/Construction - \$250 - \$294 /sq. ft. (\$575,000 - \$676,000 for 2,300 sq. ft.)

Indirect costs include:

Possible loss of US Postal service office in town.

Possible loss of bank ATM service in town.

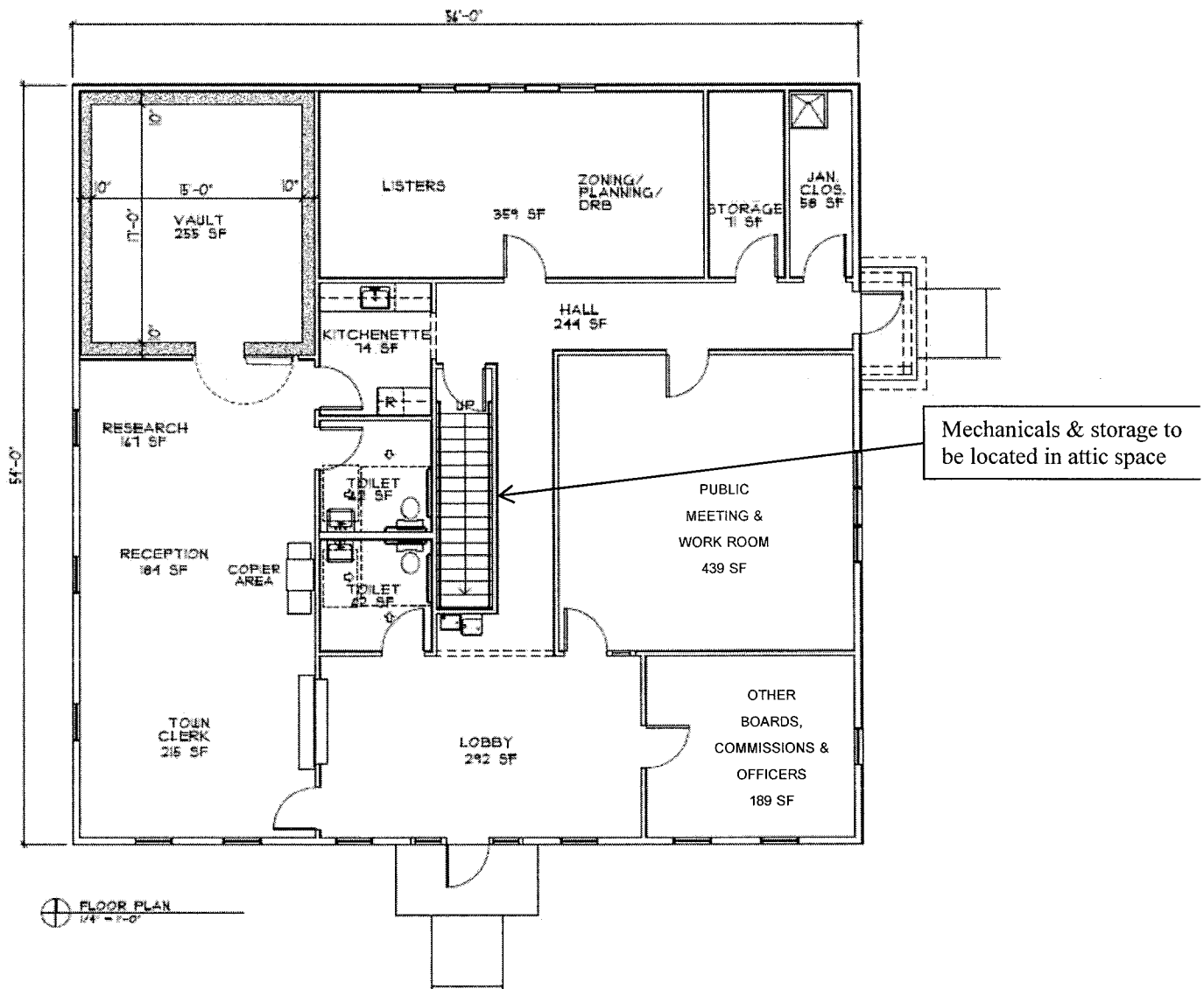
Other considerations

Assumes no septic or other site issues

Rather than pour taxpayer dollars into the existing building or site, and possibly suffer adverse indirect costs or unforeseen problems, we should invest in a new, larger facility that will fix our current problems and provide for future needs. Doing so may also help secure our Post Office on Main Street. Postal representatives have expressed interest in taking over any space we vacate. We've also discussed this with Congressional staff and would hope to get resources to make this happen.

The draft floor plan remains unchanged from November's scaled back design.

- It provides badly needed vault space. Our current vault is crammed full and at 54 square feet is the smallest in the county. This plan provides about five times the space.
- The plan is ADA compliant and more energy efficient. Our current bathrooms are just 20 square feet each.
- This 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 limited to about 15 people because of the desks, file cabinets, and other equipment for the Listers, Zoning Administrator, Water Dept, and other Town officers, boards and commissions who also use it as workspace. This room needs to be in the building with the files, computers, copying machine, and phones. The new facility provides dedicated office space and storage for the Listers, & Zoning Administrator.
- This plan eliminates the basement. Our current building experiences frequent 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 (bad allergies) for some. Waterproofing is expensive and not guaranteed to succeed. The area shouldn't be used to store equipment or documents.



Scott Perry
Scott Perry

Wendy Howard
Wendy Howard

Mark Brouillette
Mark Brouillette

Susan Regan
Susan Regan

Tom Stanley

Montgomery



Westfield



Jay



Sheldon



Albany



TOWN OF MONTGOMERY BYLAW AMENDMENT REPORT

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

Purpose: 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". 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 purposes and policies set forth in the Town Plan.

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.

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

- Reorganized and reformatted into unified development regulations for a more readable experience, adding tables and illustrations.
- Technical changes to conform to Title 24 Chapter 117 V.S.A .
- Combines Commercial Residential with Village I (now one district)
- Amends Agricultural/Residential (AR) to Rural Residential (RR), transferring those portions of the former AR that contain large undeveloped tracts which are necessary for wildlife habitat or transportation corridors to the Conservation I District.
- Amends some existing Village II districts; reduction and transfer to Rural Residential/Conservation I
- Reorganizes allowed, prohibited and exempt land uses into a table and revisions for consistency from district to district and to clarify categories
- Amended allowed used by district
 - Accessory dwellings, Accessory structures, and Group homes permitted VI, VII, RR
 - Bed and Breakfast and Business Services permitted VI
 - Home occupation exempt VI, VII, RR
 - Family Child Care permitted VI, VII, RR
 - Ag. Structures exempt all districts except Con II
 - Camps conditional use Con II
 - Reorganizes dimensional standards into a table and made revisions
 - Changes in minimum lot size/setbacks/dimensional standards
 - Reduces VII minimum lot size to 10,000 ft² from 20,000 ft² and all setbacks by 10 to 25 ft
 - Front yard setbacks reduced in all districts
 - Con II minimum lot size increased to 30 acres from 20 acres
 - Regulations and Review for Construction of Large Ponds
 - Amends Planned Unit Development section to clarify the review process and for consistency with state statute
 - Greater site development flexibility by incorporating new setback waiver approval process as an alternative to the variance requirements
 - Updates flood hazard regulations to conform to National Flood Insurance Program requirements and state recommendations

- Incorporates a River Corridor overlay district to guide development within a defined setback near waterways
- Clarifies review process for boundary adjustments
- Amends Home Occupations (allowed use by district) to provide more flexibility
- Incorporates new standards for gas/service stations and other motor vehicle related uses
- Incorporates language to promote energy efficient site design and farm & forestland preservation
- Reconstruction of a structure within one year of loss; if non-conforming structure footprint is grandfathered (6.1.B.2)
- Accessory structures change: removed limit of two (2) accessory structures greater than 150 ft², with additional only permitted by conditional use.

CONFORMANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION:

The Montgomery Zoning Bylaw conforms with and furthers the goals and policies contained in the Montgomery Town Plan. The following are some examples of how Planning Commission has revised the bylaws to further the following Goals & Policies set forth in the Town Plan:

- Encourage PUDs in some districts that allow for clustered development of housing, requiring less infrastructure/impact with allowed density bonus to land-owner
- Encourage clustering of related and compatible business and industries to avoid strip development along highways
- Encourage home occupations that are compatible with surrounding area
- Enhance and protect the viability of Villages and population centers
- Protect Natural Resources of concern which define our community
- Encourage the preservation of land in an agricultural, wooded or open-state
- Promote sustainable farming practices
- To bring the regulations in conformance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117

RIVER CORRIDOR:

Damages from large storm events can be classified as either those from flooding (inundation of water) or erosion. FEMA maps areas where flooding and inundation typically occurs as the 100-year floodplain. These maps do not capture erosion hazards which are a large contributor to damage along our waterways after an event. Most of the storm damage we experience in Vermont is from the power of moving water and the sudden destruction of under-sized culverts and erosion of stream banks supporting roads and buildings. By allowing a river the room it needs to slow the flow, over time we can allow it to function as a responsive system and avoid repeated losses to public infrastructure and investments. To capture areas of potential erosion hazards, the Agency of Natural Resources has developed "river corridor" maps.

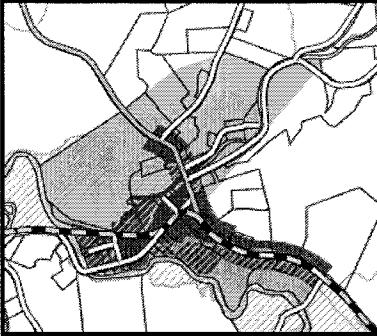
Rivers move laterally over time, the river corridor identifies the area where the river is likely to move therefore land within and immediately abutting a river corridor may be at higher risk to fluvial erosion during floods. "River Corridor" as defined by 10 V.S.A. Chapter 32 § 752 states "the land area adjacent to a river that is required to accommodate the dimensions, slope, planform, and buffer of the naturally stable channel and that is necessary for the natural maintenance or natural restoration of a dynamic equilibrium condition, as that term is defined in section 1422 of this title, and for minimization of fluvial erosion hazards, as delineated by the Agency of Natural Resources in accordance with river corridor protection procedures." The Statewide River Corridor will include rivers and streams with watersheds over two square miles. For small streams, with watersheds less than two square miles, the extent of the River Corridor will be measured on the ground as fifty (50) feet from the top of the stream bank.

River corridor maps can guide State and community actions to protect, restore, and maintain naturally stable streambanks and riparian areas to minimize erosion hazards. This bylaw update proposes to adopt a River Corridor as an overlay district that incorporates the state mapped river corridor for streams with watersheds greater than two square miles as well as a 50 foot setback on streams with watersheds less than two square miles.

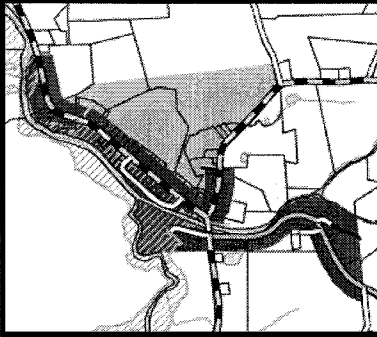
More information about River Corridors can be found at:
http://floodready.vermont.gov/flood_protection/river_corridors_floodplains

Current Zoning District Map

INSET 1

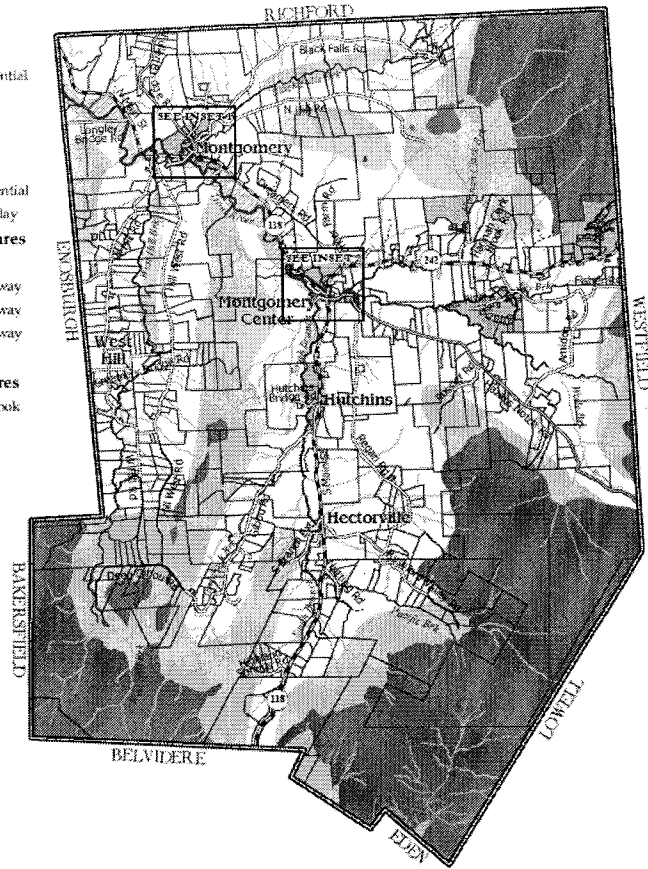


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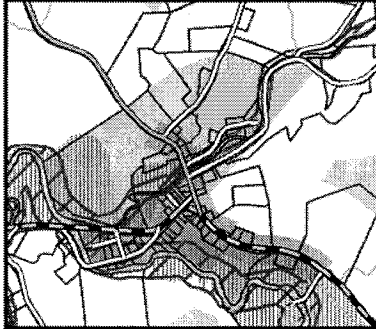
LEGEND

- Zoning Districts**
- Commercial/Residential
 - Village 1
 - Village 2
 - Conservation 1
 - Conservation 2
 - Agricultural/Residential
 - Flood Hazard Overlay
- Transportation Features**
- State Highway
 - Class 2 Town Highway
 - Class 3 Town Highway
 - Class 4 Town Highway
 - Private Road
- Surface Water Features**
- River, Stream or Brook
 - Pond
- Other Feature**
- Town Boundary
 - Parcel Line

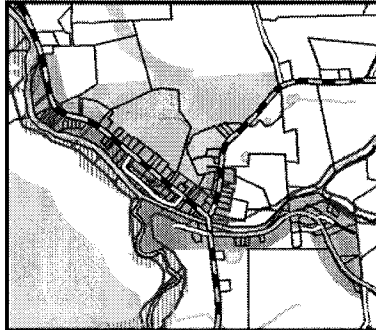


Proposed Zoning District Map

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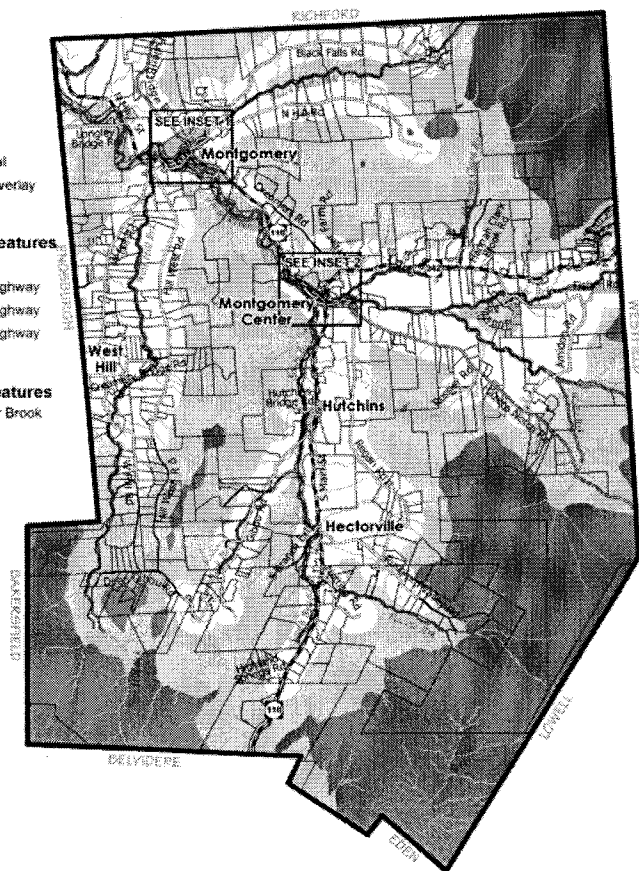


INSET 2



LEGEND

- Zoning Districts**
- Village 1
 - Village 2
 - Conservation 1
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 - Rural/Residential
 - Flood Hazard Overlay
 - River Corridor
- Transportation Features**
- State Highway
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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 and article for consideration by the assembly.

Subsidiary Motions: alters or eliminates the main motion.

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

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

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

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

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

General rules of debate:

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

MOTIONS BY RANK

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

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

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Moderator, Richard Morgan Daybell, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

1) Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Patrick Farmer nominated Timothy Murphy. No other nominations were made. Timothy was elected by voice vote.

The Moderator, hearing no objections, opened the floor to Scott Perry for presentations.

Scott reported that the full Selectboard was not in attendance because one of the members, Carol McGregor, had suffered from an accident at home and remained in the hospital. Scott summarized visits that he and others have had with Carol and his wishes for her speedy recovery.

Scott acknowledged the Friday, February 27th fire just beyond the town line at the English Rose Inn. Though in Westfield, this was a loss to our community as well. Scott also acknowledged the Fire and Rescue Departments for their response and service at this event.

Scott recognized Renee Patterson for her years of service to the Town as Clerk & Treasurer since March 2003. Scott presented Renee with the traditional, engraved trunnel and a bouquet of flowers. Renee thanked Scott and the attendees for their support throughout her tenure.

Scott made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for discussion concerning the two Australian ballot items. Without objection, the rules were suspended. Scott, Wendy Howard, and Susan Regan addressed the attendees regarding the Proposed New Town Office facility. Discussion ensued regarding both articles.

The Moderator warned that polls would open for voting on both ballot items at 10:00am and that Representative Larry Fiske had arrived. With no objection, Representative Fiske addressed the attendees regarding his time, activities and concerns in Montpelier.

2) Accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott made a motion to accept the reports and was seconded. Scott made a motion to make the following correction: Pg 31 article 8e, change wages from \$9.15 and \$10.15 to \$9.00 and \$10.00. Merle Van Gieson made a motion to correct article 4g to read (Barry Kade – term expires). Discussion regarding items not covered under this Article ensued. The question was called and was seconded. Motion to call the question passed by two-thirds voice vote. The reports, as amended, were accepted 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)?

Sharon Perry made a motion to appoint and motion was seconded. Following discussion, Suzanne Wilson moved to call the question and was seconded. Motion to appoint the Road Commissioner was approved by voice vote.

4) Elect the remaining town officers as required by law.

a. A Town Clerk for a term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson resigned, Deanna-Dee Robitaille appointed, term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille. No other nominations were made and Darren Drevik moved to close. The Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Deanna-Dee Robitaille.

b. A Town Treasurer for a term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson resigned, Deanna-Dee Robitaille appointed, term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille. No other nominations were made and Darren Drevik moved to close. The Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Deanna-Dee Robitaille.

c. A Selectman for a term of two years by ballot. (Carol McGregor – term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Carol McGregor, Paul Nichols nominated Thomas Stanley. Carol McGregor won re-election to a two-year term as Selectman by a vote of 56-31

d. A Selectman for a term of three years by ballot. (Mark Brouillette – term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Mark Brouillette. No other nominations were made. The Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot re-electing Mark Brouillette.

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

Mark Brouillette nominated Lynda Cluba. No other nominations were made. The Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot re-electing Lynda Cluba.

f. An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Carol Farmer – term expires)

Carol Farmer nominated Susan Baddorf. No other nominations were made. The Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Susan Baddorf.

- g. **An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Barry Kade – term expires)**
Wendy Howard nominated Barry Kade. Paul Nichols nominated Merle Van Gieson. Barry Kade won re-election by a vote of 48-25.
- h. **A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Jo Ann Lanphear – term expires)**
Lois Lumbra nominated Jo Ann Lanphear. Jo Ann was re-elected by voice vote.
- i. **A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Lyndol Elkins – term expires)**
Sandra Bowman nominated Lyndol Elkins. Lyndol was re-elected by voice vote.
- j. **A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for the remainder of a five-year term. (Deanna-Dee Robitaille resigned – expires 2018)**
Deanna-Dee Robitaille nominated Lynda Cluba. Lynda was elected to a five-year term.

Scott Perry asked if, before electing Library Trustees, someone from the Library Board could explain the new changes to their By-laws regarding Trustee terms. Without objection, Elizabeth Crane explained why they moved from five-year terms to three-year terms.

- k. **A Library Trustee for a term of three years. (Beth Crane – term expires)**
Marijke Dollois nominated Claire Draper. Lynda Cluba nominated Elizabeth Crane. Elizabeth declined the nomination. Claire was elected by voice vote.
- l. **A Library Trustee for a term of three years. (Patty Perl – term expires)**
Suzanne Wilson nominated Patricia Perl. Patricia was re-elected by voice vote.
- m. **A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Randy St. Onge – term expires)**
William Baker Sr. nominated Joseph Zartarian. Joseph was elected by voice vote.
- n. **A First Constable for a term of one year. (Brent Godin – term expires)**
Mark Brouillette nominated Brent Godin. Brent was re-elected by voice vote.
- o. **A Planning Commissioner for a term of three years. (Charlie Hancock – term expires)**
Tosca Smith nominated Charles Hancock. Charles was re-elected by voice vote.
- p. **A Planning Commissioner for a term of three years. (Barry Kade – term expires)**
Tosca Smith nominated Barry Kade. Barry was re-elected by a voice vote.
- q. **One of more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard – term expires)**
Suzanne Wilson nominated the Selectboard. The Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.

- 5) **Shall the voters approve the increase in the number of Justices of the Peace from 5 to 7 as allowed as a result 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.**

Barry Kade made a motion to approve the article as written and was seconded. Marijke Dollois asked if it was necessary for our Town to have 7 Justices. Deanna-Dee Robitaille explained that Justices of the Peace serve as members of the BCA and why having more Justices would be beneficial. Without objection, the motion passed by voice vote.

George Sherman made a motion, and was seconded, to suspend the rules to discuss and act on Article 10 out of sequence. Motion passed by a two-thirds voice vote.

- 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?**

George made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Jacob Racusin, chairman of the Hectorville Bridge Committee made a short presentation. The motion passed by voice vote.

At 12:06, Scott Perry made a motion to recess for lunch. By hand vote, the motion failed 22-42.

- 6) **Shall the Town authorize the Selelctboard to move Teen Center Reserved Funds to the General Funds since the Center is no longer operating.**
Tosca Smith made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 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**
William Baker Sr made a motion for \$28,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

- b. **Rescue Department: 2014 - \$26,500; 2015 - same**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$26,500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- c. **Machinery Replacement Fund: 2014 - \$10,000; 2015 - same**
Mark Brouillette made a motion for \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- d. **Bridges: 2014 - \$10,000; 2015 - same**
Mark Brouillette made a motion for \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passes by voice vote.
- e. **Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2014 - \$14,966; 2015 - \$18,917**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$18,917 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- f. **Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2014 - \$15,000; 2015 - same**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$15,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- g. **Recreation Department: 2014 - \$18,000; 2015 - same**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$18,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- h. **Reappraisal Fund: 2014 - \$12,000; 2015 - \$4,000**
Sarah Cushing made a motion for \$4,000 and was seconded. Barry Kade asked if the Listers believed that amount was sufficient. Parma Jewett, Chairman of the Board of Lister, confirmed the amount was sufficient as it is in addition to sums received from the State of Vermont and, having just completed a reappraisal, these funds are to begin rebuilding the reserve for future reappraisals. Motion passed by voice vote.
- i. **Conservation Commission: 2014 - \$500; 2015 - \$750**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$750 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- j. **Emergency Management: 2014 - \$0; 2015 - \$6,340**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$6,340 and was seconded. Tosca Smith asked what these funds are for. Brent Godin explained the funds will be used to install a Town-owned generator at the School for emergency and shelter purposes. Motion passed by voice vote.
- k. **Police / Constable: 2014 - \$0; 2015 - \$0**
Barry Kade made a motion to passover this article as it has no monetary value. Motion passed by two-thirds voice vote.

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

- a. **Town Clerk: 2014 - \$16,000; 2015 - same**
Sarah Cushing made a motion for \$16,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- b. **Town Treasurer: 2014 - \$13,000; 2015 - same**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$13,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- c. **Each Selectboard Member: 2014 - \$1,000; 2015 - same**
Wendy Howard made a motion for \$1,000 for each member and was seconded. Barry Kade made a motion to amend to \$1,000 and "our thanks" and was seconded. Motion to amendment passed by voice vote. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.
- d. **Listers: 2014 – 1st year members \$14.00/hr, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr; 2015 – same**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- e. **Auditors: 2014 – 1st year members \$9.00/hr, 2nd year members \$10.00/hr; 2015 – same**
Scott Perry made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Barry Kade made a motion to amend 1st year members to minimum wage and 2nd year members to minimum wage plus \$1.00. The amendment passed by voice vote. The motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.
- f. **Board of Civil Authority: 2014 - \$9.00; 2015 - \$9:15**
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for minimum wage 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?**
Mark Brouillette made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 9) Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?**
Sharon Perry made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Article 9, a-g, together and was seconded. Motion passed by two-thirds voice vote.

Patrick Calecas made a motion to amend Article 9b to \$2,404 and was seconded. Patrick explained the benefit to the community received from Franklin County Home Health, Inc. Motion to amend passed by voice vote.

- 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 - \$2,402 (as amended)
- 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 - \$1,000; 2015 – same
- e. Green Up Day Vermont: 2014 - \$100; 2015 – same
- f. Mississquoi River Basin Association: 2014 - \$500; 2015 – same
- g. Green Mountain Transit Authority: 2014 - \$1,000; 2015 – same

Motion passed, as amended, by voice vote.

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

Sharon Perry made a motion for \$539,546 and was seconded. Discussion followed. Tosca Smith asked for clarification on where the new employee wages and benefits are shown in the budget. Scott Perry addressed the question, indicating that the dollar amounts are split between the Highway Department and Buildings & Grounds.

Merle Van Gieson made a motion to amend to \$491,546 and was seconded. Motion was defeated by voice vote.

Motion for \$539,546 passed by voice vote.

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

Brent Godin would like to see the Selectboard move to allow All Terrain Vehicles on Hazens Notch Road, Route 58. Discussion followed.


Merle Van Gieson stated that there is an email distribution list for Friends of the Hectorville Bridge for agendas and minutes.

Arnold Mercy requested an advisory vote to move Town Meeting to a Saturday. Motion failed by hand vote 17-22.

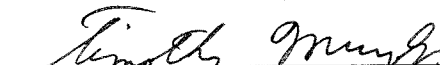
Brent Godin made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 pm and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A true record this 10th day of March, 2015.


Attest:


Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

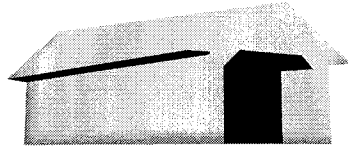
Attest:


Timothy Murphy, Moderator

Attest:


Scott Perry, Selectboard Chair

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State of the Town 2016

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. As proposed in the 2016 budget, the Municipal Tax Rate will **decrease** about 2.7 cents. At the same time, unanticipated carry over funds will allow us to make substantial investments for future needs in facilities, equipment, and road infrastructure.

2. Please invest in the future of our community. The Selectboard is urging citizens to strongly support our proposal for investing in a new office building at the PSB site. A new **accessible, healthy, and more functional** building with a larger vault is needed badly. Please give the people who work for you the facility and tools they need. **For most taxpayers the cost will be less than a dollar a week.**

a. The Selectboard has changed the bond article to include only the amount we anticipate we will need to finance.

b. Failure to approve this year's bond article will force us to make major changes to the existing office. Overall estimates show it could be nearly as expensive as building a new office at the PSB site and have other undesirable impacts for our community.

Please see the report beginning on page ____ for details.

Note: An anticipated bond payment, and plus up of the Building and Capital Improvement reserve fund are included in this budget and the projected tax rate for 2016 will still be lower.

3. How are we doing compared to other Towns? The 2015 annual report from the Vermont Dept. of Taxes shows we remain well below the median tax rates compared to other Vermont towns. Our 2015 Effective Municipal Tax Rate (.4168), which is used for an "apples to apples" comparison to other Vermont towns, ranked us the 6th lowest Municipal rate, out of the 15 towns and villages in Franklin County, and in the lowest third Statewide. If all things remained the same, our rank using the projected 2016 rates would be the 4th lowest, again, well below the State and County medians. (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 40 times in Regular and Special Meetings since Town Meeting 2015 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. Budget: The proposed 2016 Municipal Budget is \$1,290,372. Approximately \$614,177 will need to be raised by taxes, a **decrease** from the 2015 budget of \$80,045.

1) Revenue: Non-Tax, Year-to-Year Budget Revenues increased by about \$352,722 due to more unreserved funds (largely FEMA reimbursements, and energy savings (diesel and fuel oil), and labor), anticipated grants, increased Delinquent Tax collection, more Current Use fees, and renewed Federal Excise tax refunds.

2) Expenses: New or major proposed expense increases for 2016 include:

- a. The purchase of a new Town ten wheel truck with plows, with an estimated \$30,000 annual payment for five years.
- b. An increase to \$50,000, from \$10,000, to the Machinery Replacement fund in anticipation of the replacement of the 1-ton pickup. This purchase will be funded out of the Machinery Replacement Reserve fund.
- c. The Town match of \$50,000 for paving portions of Route 58, West Hill and Hill West, and materials and other costs (estimated at about \$26,000) associated with replacement of approximately 58 culverts. The paving match and culvert replacement are included in the Infrastructure Replacement reserve fund (formerly the Bridges reserve fund). The remaining balance of \$24,000 is for future infrastructure requirements.
- d. An increase in Health Insurance due to coverage changes and about an 8 percent increase in premiums.
- e. An increased expense of \$3,500 for the ambulance service (12 X 7) provided by Richford.
- f. Funding for an anticipated annual payment of \$37,000 for a new Town Office if voted.
- g. An increased appropriation for the Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance reserve fund to \$100,000. This is the fund used for upkeep of all Town buildings.
- h. An increased appropriation for legal fees to \$10,000.
- i. A new line for Web Site maintenance totaling \$6,000.
- j. A return to the Listers previous Reappraisal Fund annual level of \$12,000.

3) Remarks

- a. The Town Clerk/Treasurer should be commended for actions taken to increase revenue and decrease expenses. This includes application for Excise Tax reimbursements associated with fuel purchases, and consolidation of all Town insurance coverage (non-health) with a single provider.
- b. On the Budget Committee's recommendation, the Selectboard adopted additional fine tuning of the budget format including:

1. Re-designating the Bridges reserve fund to the Infrastructure Replacement reserve fund and including other major infrastructure items like paving and culverts.
2. Consolidation of all Town, non-health insurance costs into the Administration section. This is a "must pay" bill similar to debt service. The only exception is the Town Water Department which is user financed and reflected in the Water Department budget.
3. The Public Works section is now a separate page for ease of reference.

B. Audit of the 2014 Accounts: An independent audit was completed by Angolano and Co. in November of 2015 and found no discrepancies or causes for concern. A copy of the full report is available by request at the Town Office and our web site at:
<http://archive.montgomeryvt.us/pdf/currentauditreport.pdf>.

Town Boards, Commissions and Officers deserve credit for supporting our accounting and control procedures. We continue to put funds aside for annual independent audits.

C. April 2014 Flooding: Montgomery received a final reimbursement payment of approximately \$107,000 from FEMA in 2015.


D. New Town Web Site: After an 18 month hiatus the new Town Web site was launched in December of 2015 and designated as the official site as of January 2016. It was migrated to common web site creation and management software called WordPress which works better on mobile devices and is more easily maintained. All design and maintenance is now done by a contracted webmaster.

E. Water System: The Selectboard also serves as the Water Commission. The Municipal Water System continues to perform well. Operating revenues (use fees) have slipped some due to shut off services and less sales to outside customers. The Commission will consider a small use rate increase later this year. Our current rates have not changed since 2010 and will remain some of the lowest in the State.

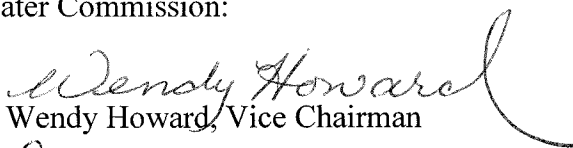
5. As a reminder, all of the Town's meetings are subject to Vermont's Open Meeting laws and are open to the public. The Town Report includes a listing of the principal groups and when/where their Regular meetings are held for your reference. The County Courier is the official newspaper when notice is required to be made in a local newspaper. Warnings, Agendas, Minutes and other Town information are available at the Town Office. Agendas are also normally posted at the Village Post Office and Public Safety Building/Library lobby and on line (www.montgomeryvt.us). Annual appointments will be made by the Selectboard at our Regular meetings in March and April. Please consider serving your community in one of these elected or appointed positions. If you don't, who will?

Respectfully,

The Montgomery Selectboard and Water Commission:



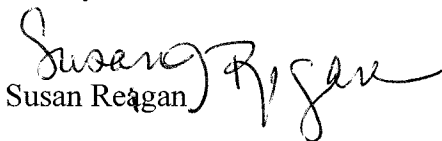
Scott Perry, Chairman



Wendy Howard, Vice Chairman



Mark Brouillette



Susan Reagan

Tom Stanley

WARNING
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2016

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 1st day of March, 2016 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

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2. Accept the reports of the Town Officers.
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 - (i) A Library Trustee for a term of three years. (Jane Pressler - term expires)
 - (j) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (William Baker Sr. - term expires)
 - (k) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Brent Godin - term expires)
 - (l) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Alissa Hardy - term expires)
 - (m) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard - term expires)
5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$130,000 for a term of five years to purchase a new ten wheel, fourteen yard dump truck with snow plow and wing.
6. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:
 - (a) Fire Department: 2015 - 28,000; 2016 – \$23,000.
 - (b) Rescue Department: 2015 - \$26,500; 2016 – \$29,600.
 - (c) Machinery Replacement Fund: 2015 - \$10,000; 2016 – \$50,000.
 - (d) Infrastructure Replacement (Bridges): 2015 - \$10,000; 2016 – \$100,000
 - (e) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2015 – \$18,917; 2016 - Same
 - (f) Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2015 - 15,000; 2016 – \$100,000.
 - (g) Recreation Department: 2015 - \$18,000; 2016 - \$20,000
 - (h) Reappraisal Fund: 2015 - \$4,000; 2016 – 12,000
 - (i) Conservation Commission: 2015 - \$750; 2016 - same.
 - (j) Emergency Management: 2015 - \$6,340; 2016 – \$0.

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

- (a) Town Clerk: 2015 - \$16,000; 2016 – same.
- (b) Town Treasurer: 2015 - \$13,000; 2016 – \$14,000.
- (c) Each Selectboard Member: 2015 - \$1,000 + thanks; 2016 – same.
- (d) Listers: 2015 – 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr;
2016 – 1st year members \$15.00/hour, 2nd year members \$18.00/hr.
- (e) Auditors: 2015 – 1st year members – \$9.15/hr, 2nd year members \$10.15;
2016 – 1st year members – \$9.60/hr, 2nd year members \$10.60
- (f) Board of Civil Authority: 2015 - \$9.15; 2016 - \$9.60
- (g) Board of Abatement: 2015 - \$0; 2016 - \$9.60
- (h) All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties, and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?

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

- (a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior HelpLine: 2015 - \$1,800; 2016 – same.
- (b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2015 - \$2402; 2016 – same.
- (c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2015 - \$500; 2016 – 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. 2015 - \$1000; 2016 – same.
- (e) Green Up Day Vermont. 2015 - \$100; 2016 - same.
- (f) Mississquoi River Basin Association. 2015 - \$500; 2016 - same.
- (g) Green Mountain Transit Authority - 2015 - \$568; 2016 – same.

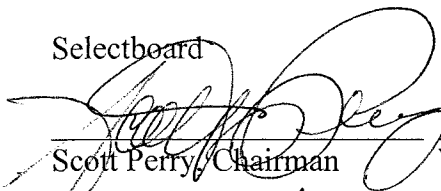
9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$253,540 for Contingent Selectboard? 2015 - \$539,546.

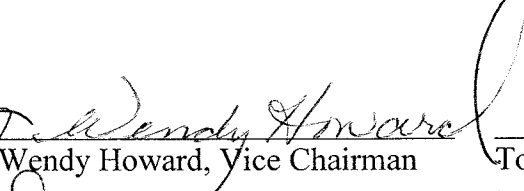
10. Shall the Town vote to reprogram funds previously appropriated to the Bridges Reserve Fund for The Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Fund?

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

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 25th day of January, 2016 AD.

Selectboard


Scott Perry, Chairman


Wendy Howard, Vice Chairman


Tom Stanley


Mark Brouillette


Susan Regan, Clerk of the Board

Attest: 

Deanna Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 

January 25th 2016

AUDITORS REPORT

The Montgomery Town Auditors have reviewed the Montgomery Town books and the financial statements for fiscal year 2015. The annual professional audit performed in May 2015 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. Cemeteries: All revenues from CDs, plot sales and donations should remain available for operating expenses and not added into perpetual care investment funds; unless specifically directed by the donor.
2. Recommend a review of insurance coverage on vehicles no longer in service to the town.
3. Continue with the professional audit for the Town of Montgomery.

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, 2014, 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, 2014, 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, 2014, 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, 35-41, 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.

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June 22, 2015

PROPOSED
2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

1	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2013	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	CHANGE 16 -15 BUDGET
2	Unreserved Funds	\$23,064	\$49,843	\$49,843	\$214,520	\$214,520	\$164,677
3	Delinquent Taxes	\$73,606	\$60,812	\$67,900	\$89,880	\$72,240	\$4,340
4	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$19,648	\$21,125	\$21,000	\$25,457	\$21,000	\$0
5	State Aid - Roads	\$80,335	\$80,263	\$80,000	\$80,214	\$80,000	\$0
6	Water Dept Fee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
7	Judicial Fines	\$234	\$0	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0
8	Rent - US Postal Service	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,900	\$11,955	\$11,955	\$55
9	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
10	Licenses & Vital Records	\$8,145	\$8,064	\$7,500	\$7,191	\$7,000	(\$500)
11	Recording Fees	\$10,725	\$7,570	\$7,000	\$7,249	\$7,000	\$0
12	Office Fees	\$2,428	\$1,972	\$2,000	\$1,673	\$1,500	(\$500)
13	Copier/Fax	\$439	\$440	\$400	\$362	\$400	\$0
14	Interest	\$92	\$105	\$100	\$112	\$100	\$0
15	Zoning Fees	\$1,985	\$2,710	\$2,000	\$1,530	\$1,500	(\$500)
16	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$16,442	\$16,762	\$16,000	\$16,847	\$16,000	\$0
17	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$33,153	\$35,390	\$35,000	\$56,141	\$45,000	\$10,000
18	PILOT	\$1,109	\$1,134	\$1,000	\$1,348	\$1,300	\$300
19	Town Hall Rental	\$1,150	\$3,050	\$1,500	\$500	\$1,000	(\$500)
20	Westfield Plowing	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
21	Sand & Material	\$253	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
22	Leased Land	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$0
23	Reprogrammed from Reserve Accounts	\$0	\$0	\$6,900	\$6,969	\$0	(\$6,900)
24	Miscellaneous	\$3,332	\$822	\$500	\$796	\$500	\$0
25	SUB TOTAL	\$295,220	\$311,143	\$320,723	\$533,014	\$491,195	\$170,472
26	Insurance claims reimb	\$5,761	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
27	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$0	\$43,439	\$2,750	\$107,689	\$0	(\$2,750)
28	Grants (2016 175K for Paving)	\$20,190	\$10,000	\$0	\$5,124	\$182,000	\$182,000
29	Federal Excise Tax Refund, Highway	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,024	\$3,000	\$3,000
30	TOTAL REVENUE LESS PROPERTY TAXES	\$321,170	\$364,581	\$323,473	\$657,851	\$676,195	\$352,722
31	Property Taxes	\$457,419	\$552,548	\$694,222	\$552,116	\$614,177	(\$80,045)
32	TOTAL REVENUE	\$778,589	\$917,129	\$1,017,695	\$1,209,967	\$1,290,372	\$272,677

PROPOSED
2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2013	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	CHANGE 16 -15 BUDGET
33							
34	ADMINISTRATION						
35	Town Officers	\$47,902	\$55,657	\$57,000	\$62,179	\$60,000	\$3,000
36	Social Security	\$3,938	\$4,586	\$4,700	\$5,268	\$4,700	\$0
37	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$13,895	\$10,706	\$14,000	\$13,750	\$15,250	\$1,250
38	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$1,990	\$3,306	\$3,493	\$3,594	\$3,855	\$362
39	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/Rtrmnt (Town Clerk/ Treasurer)	\$18,388	\$20,095	\$8,675	\$8,727	\$16,100	\$7,425
40	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$7,970	\$9,703	\$10,764	\$9,103	\$10,500	(\$264)
41	Ins-Property & Liability (All Dept except Water)	\$21,303	\$22,033	\$20,824	\$20,776	\$26,466	\$5,642
42	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$10,659	\$14,316	\$15,000	\$11,064	\$16,500	\$1,500
43	Town Reports & Postage	\$1,193	\$1,064	\$1,500	\$1,266	\$1,500	\$0
44	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$3,741	\$1,753	\$2,000	\$8,279	\$10,000	\$8,000
45	Audit Services	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$5,900	\$6,300	\$300
46	Website	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,930	\$6,000	\$6,000
47	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$135,979	\$148,719	\$143,956	\$152,836	\$177,171	\$33,215
48	ASSESSMENTS						
49	County Tax	\$12,955	\$12,769	\$13,829	\$13,688	\$13,974	\$145
50	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,201	\$1,210	\$1,196	\$1,196	\$1,196	\$0
51	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$1,948	\$2,143	\$2,260	\$2,260	\$2,271	\$11
52	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$1,093	\$1,153	\$1,185	\$1,185	\$1,221	\$36
53	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$0
54	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$17,572	\$17,650	\$18,845	\$18,704	\$19,037	\$192
55	DEBT SERVICE						
56	Debt service: Public Works Bldg Bond	\$37,419	\$37,039	\$37,064	\$36,486	\$35,312	(\$1,752)
57	Debt Service: Village Water Bond (Town Portion)	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0
58	Debt Service: Fire Pumper Truck	\$0	\$23,760	\$23,760	\$23,320	\$23,760	\$0
59	Debt Service: Highway Loader	\$0	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$0
60	Debt Service: Highway Truck	\$22,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
61	Debt Service: New Town Office Bond	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$37,000	(\$3,000)
62	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$73,596	\$92,939	\$132,964	\$91,946	\$158,212	\$25,248

PROPOSED
2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2013	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	CHANGE 16 -15 BUDGET
63							
64	PUBLIC WORKS						
65	HIGHWAYS						
66	Labor/Wages (Summer, Winter, Construction, Repair, Bridges)	\$93,623	\$90,642	\$128,600	\$110,605	\$128,600	\$0
67	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$50,560	\$57,027	\$54,376	\$68,736	\$74,034	\$19,658
68	Public Works Bldg Ops	\$11,286	\$9,210	\$9,000	\$12,378	\$11,000	\$2,000
69	Public Works Bldg Fuel	\$4,636	\$6,392	\$5,000	\$5,627	\$5,000	\$0
70	Materials(Sand/Gravel/Culverts etc)	\$67,477	\$34,550	\$78,750	\$62,929	\$75,000	(\$3,750)
71	Projects/Miscellaneous	\$3,646	\$5,600	\$7,500	\$0	\$5,000	(\$2,500)
72	Contracted Services	\$3,282	\$4,080	\$5,000	\$3,537	\$5,000	\$0
73	Machinery Rental	\$12,210	\$0	\$8,000	\$2,510	\$5,000	(\$3,000)
74	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$39,607	\$45,710	\$40,000	\$41,248	\$50,000	\$10,000
75	Diesel Fuel	\$48,230	\$48,129	\$50,000	\$28,766	\$35,000	(\$15,000)
76	SUB TOTAL LABOR, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT	\$334,557	\$301,341	\$386,226	\$336,336	\$393,634	\$7,408
77	* Infrastructure Replacement (Bridges, Paving, Culverts etc)	\$10,000	\$11,519	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$90,000
78	Trans. Enhancement Grant (Longley Bridge)	\$11,044	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
79	Flood/Emergency Road Repairs	\$1,188	\$67,264	\$6,000	\$10,062	\$0	(\$6,000)
80	* Machinery Replacement	\$6,900	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$40,000
81	SUB TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY	\$363,689	\$380,124	\$412,226	\$366,398	\$543,634	\$131,408
82	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
83	Labor/wages	\$0	\$0	\$10,400	\$5,280	\$10,400	\$0
84	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$0	\$0	\$5,564	\$2,998	\$4,581	(\$983)
85	Office Building	\$4,410	\$8,093	\$9,000	\$6,465	\$7,500	(\$1,500)
86	Office Building Fuel	\$2,675	\$3,389	\$3,000	\$1,576	\$2,000	(\$1,000)
87	Town Hall - Grange	\$4,810	\$9,253	\$5,000	\$4,632	\$5,000	\$0
88	Town Hall Fuel	\$3,491	\$5,893	\$5,000	\$2,942	\$3,500	(\$1,500)
89	Public Safety Building / Library	\$4,414	\$6,573	\$6,000	\$5,077	\$6,000	\$0
90	Public Safety Building / Library Fuel	\$6,867	\$9,212	\$8,000	\$5,720	\$6,500	(\$1,500)
91	Street Lights	\$11,291	\$11,747	\$12,000	\$12,257	\$14,500	\$2,500
92	Mowing/Grounds	\$3,625	\$4,280	\$4,500	\$4,755	\$5,000	\$500
93	SUB TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$41,583	\$58,440	\$68,464	\$51,702	\$64,981	(\$3,483)
94	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maintenance Fund	\$2,569	\$42,786	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$100,000	\$85,000
95	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$407,841	\$481,350	\$495,690	\$433,100	\$708,615	\$212,925

PROPOSED
2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2013	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	CHANGE 16 -15 BUDGET
96							
97	OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND EXPENSE CTRS						
98	MISCELLANEOUS						
99	Delinquent Taxes	\$78,827	\$97,064	\$97,064	\$103,200	\$103,200	\$6,136
100	Licenses & Vital Records	\$4,284	\$3,983	\$3,500	\$3,714	\$4,000	\$500
101	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$2,148	\$3,595	\$3,000	\$6,557	\$6,500	\$3,500
102	* Hectorville Bridge Study	\$0	\$0	\$11,261	\$11,261	\$0	(\$11,261)
103	Miscellaneous	\$2,653	\$2,514	\$3,000	\$3,303	\$3,000	\$0
104	SUB TOTAL	\$87,912	\$107,156	\$117,825	\$128,035	\$116,700	(\$1,125)
105	* Reappraisal Fund	\$40,214	\$53,393	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$8,000
106	Restoration of Records	\$1,363	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
107	SUB TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$129,489	\$160,549	\$121,825	\$132,035	\$128,700	\$6,875
108	TOWN DEPARTMENTS						
109	* Library Operating Expense	\$14,966	\$14,966	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$0
110	* Police/Constable Operating Expenses	\$2,660	\$1,943	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
111	* Recreation Operating Expenses	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$2,000
112	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$20,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$23,000	(\$5,000)
113	* Rescue Operating Expenses	\$18,525	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$29,600	\$3,100
114	* Conservation Operating Expenses, Speakers, and Projects	\$2,532	\$500	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
115	* Youth Center Operating Expenses	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
116	* Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness	\$0	\$0	\$6,340	\$6,340	\$0	(\$6,340)
117	SUB TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	\$82,683	\$92,909	\$98,507	\$98,507	\$92,267	(\$6,240)
118	TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS & EXPENSE CTRS	\$212,172	\$253,458	\$220,332	\$230,542	\$220,967	\$635
119	SOCIAL AGENCY REQUESTS						
120	* Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
121	* Franklin County Home Health	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$2,402	\$2,402	\$962
122	* Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
123	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
124	* Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	(\$500)
125	* Green Up Day Vermont	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
126	* Northern VT Res, Conservation Council	\$75	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
127	* Green Mountain Transit	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$0
128	* Franklin County Humane Society	\$500	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
129	* Montgomery Emergency Shelter Team	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
130	TOTAL REQUESTS	\$6,983	\$6,208	\$5,908	\$6,870	\$6,370	\$462
131							
132	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$854,143	\$1,000,323	\$1,017,695	\$933,998	\$1,290,372	\$272,677
	* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting						
	Contingent Selectboard = TOTAL 2016 EXPENSES at Line 132 minus BUDGET 2016 REVENUES LESS PROPERTY TAXES at Line 30						
	minus total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on highlighted by asterisk (*)						
	Contingent Selectboard =	\$253,540					

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE HISTORY 1993-2016					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL** AGREEMENT TAX RATE Vet. Exempt.	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION TAX RATE (Set by State)	TOTAL TAX RATE
	*	**		***	
2016 Projected					
Homestead	0.3873	\$0.0014	\$0.3887	\$1.2103	\$1.5990
Non-Homestead	0.3873	\$0.0014	\$0.3887	\$1.5349	\$1.9236
2015 Actual					
Homestead	0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.1997	\$1.6157
Non-Homestead	0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.5242	\$1.9402
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	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL
Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.0166	\$1.3816
Non-Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.2174	\$1.5824
ACT 68 +~~~~~	~~~~~	ACT 68 +	~~~~~	ACT 68 +	~~~~~
	MUNICIPAL	SCHOOL	STATE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	TAX
			TAX RATE	TAX RATE	RATE
2003	\$0.50	\$0.36	\$1.24	\$1.60	\$2.10
2002	\$0.49	\$0.44	\$1.20	\$1.64	\$2.13
2001	\$0.47	\$0.41	\$1.13	\$1.54	\$2.01
2000	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$1.11	\$1.61	\$2.08
1999	\$0.47	\$0.29	\$1.19	\$1.48	\$1.95
1998	\$0.46	\$0.42	\$1.14	\$1.56	\$2.02
FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60~~~~~
1997	\$0.43	----	----	\$1.45	\$1.88
1996	\$0.35	----	----	\$1.42	\$1.77
1995	\$0.34	----	----	\$1.42	\$1.76
1994	\$0.27	----	----	\$1.35	\$1.62
1993	\$0.29	----	----	\$1.19	\$1.48
* 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 12/31/15

Water Project: USDA-RD

Bond #1 – Principal Balance	\$131,120.38	
Payment due 5/13/16		\$3,758.00
Payment due 11/13/16		3,758.00

Bond #2 – Principal Balance	\$323,538.97	
Payment due 5/13/16		\$10,625.00
Payment due 11/13/16		10,625.00

Bond #3 – Principal Balance	\$307,870.34	
Payment due 6/10/16		\$8,718.00
Payment due 12/10/16		8,718.00

<u>2013 International Fire Truck:</u>	State of Vermont – Principal	\$44,000	
	Payment due 6/30/16		\$22,880.00

<u>Public Works Building Bond:</u>	Bank of New York– Principal	\$350,000	
	Payment due 5/01/16		\$ 5,155.68
	Add Sequestration Interest due (estimate)		343.72
	Payment due 11/1/16		\$30,155.68
	Add Sequestration Interest due (estimate)		343.72

**MONTGOMERY TOWN
OFFICERS' SALARIES 2015**

SELECTBOARD:

Carol McGregor	416.65	
Mark Brouillette	1,000.00	
Wendy Howard	1,000.00	
Scott Perry	1,000.00	
Susan Regan	1,000.00	
Thomas Stanley	583.35	
Renee Patterson - Clerk	<u>738.39</u>	\$5,738.39

TOWN CLERK: Deanna-Dee Robitaille	<u>\$15,999.10</u>	\$15,999.10
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TOWN TREASURER: Deanna-Dee Robitaille	<u>13,000.00</u>	\$13,000.00
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ASSISTANT CLERKS:

Renee J Patterson	\$16,029.79	
Elizabeth Reighley	3,447.50	
Lynda Cluba	<u>37.50</u>	\$19,514.79

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

Anita Woodward, 4% of Delq Tax collected		\$8,153.13
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LISTERS:

Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$104.90	
Lynda Cluba	3,648.75	
Parma Jewett	<u>4,425.00</u>	\$8,178.65

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Ann Lavery		\$2,313.75
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AUDITORS:

Carol Farmer	\$75.00	
Marsha Phillips	122.50	
Stacey St Onge	<u>115.00</u>	\$312.50

BCA/Elections:

Misty McCartney	\$54.90	
Sally Newton	54.00	\$108.90

**MONTGOMERY TOWN
OFFICERS' SALARIES 2015**

DOG OFFICER MaryAnne Wood	\$202.50
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HEALTH OFFICER: Susan Regan	\$150.00
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CONSTABLE: Brent Godin	\$1,022.00
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JANITORS:

Building Maintenance/Snow Removal:

Town Office - Xavier Robitaille	\$490.00
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Public Safety Bldg - James Abbott	\$270.00
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Total Town Officers	<u>\$75,453.71</u>
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Public Works

Robert Baker	\$2,244.50
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William Baker Sr	\$8,882.50
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Jarlath Dux	\$15,000.00
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Lawrence Kneen III	\$39,347.16
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Michael Snider	\$11,400.00
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Jessie Underwood	\$44,864.44
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Total Public Works	<u>\$121,738.60</u>
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TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016
Report of Reserve Funds

Restoration of Records

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	23,244.58	
		<u>23,244.58</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	23,244.58	
Revenue	3,066.00	
Expenses	-1,000.00	
		<u>25,310.58</u>

Reappraisal

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	-8,814.51	
		<u>-8,814.51</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	-8,814.51	
Revenue	13,224.50	
Expenses	0.00	
		<u>4,409.99</u>

Bridges

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	12,194.63	
		<u>12,194.63</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	12,194.63	
Revenue	10,000.00	
Expenses	-2,984.45	
		<u>19,210.18</u>

Capitol Improvement

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	19,647.26	
		<u>19,647.26</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	19,647.26	
Revenue	15,000.00	
Expenses	-20,636.15	
		<u>14,011.11</u>

Machinery Replacement

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	42,912.43	
		<u>42,912.43</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	42,912.43	
Revenue	10,000.00	
Expenses	0.00	
		<u>52,912.43</u>

Police

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	4,570.74	
		<u>4,570.74</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	4,570.74	
Revenue	0.00	
Expenses	-1,772.86	
		<u>2,797.88</u>

Conservation Commission

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	2,052.35	
		<u>2,052.35</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	2,052.35	
Revenue	3,040.50	
Expenses	-1,012.68	
		<u>4,080.17</u>
<i>* see budget for detail</i>		
		<u>4,080.17</u>

Community Gardens

Beginning Balance 01/01/15		
Reserve	455.41	
		<u>455.41</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15		
Previous Balance	455.41	
Revenue	1,355.00	
Expenses	-730.99	
		<u>1,079.42</u>

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016
Report of Reserve Funds

Hectorville Bridge Committee

Beginning Balance 01/01/15	
Reserve	846.00
	<u>846.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15	
Previous Balance	846.00
Revenue	12,769.39
Expenses	<u>-14,092.48</u>
	<u>-477.09</u>

Emergency Management

Beginning Balance 01/01/15	
Reserve	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/15	
Previous Balance	0.00
Revenue	6,340.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>6,340.00</u>

Total Reserve Funds Balance:

129,674.67

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2015
Report of Unreserved Funds

General Fund Checking Account

Bank Statement Balance	454,687.05
Outstanding Deposits	923.50
Outstanding Checks	<u>-28,730.29</u>

Checking Balance: 426,880.26

Summary of All Reserve Balances

Fire	16683.34
Rescue	46323.77
Recreation	5912.79
Library	13765.56
Department Reserve Balance: <i>* see budgets</i>	82,685.46
Reserves Fund Balance: <i>*see report</i>	<u>129,674.67</u>

Total of all Reserve Funds: 212,360.13

Total Unreserved Funds: 214,520.13

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016 BUDGET

Fire

	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Change Budget 14/15
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	28,000	28,000	28,000	23,000	-5,000
Town of Westfield	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
Grants	0	0	2,000	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	9,436	4,000	7,721	4,000	0
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Equipment	0	0	2,500	0	0
Use of Reserve Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	41,436	36,000	44,221	31,000	0
Expenses					
Vehicle Fuel	458	500	367	500	0
Telephone	307	300	331	350	50
Insurance	8,797	9,800	4,928	0	-9,800
Dispatch Fees	5,194	5,200	5,272	5,550	350
Radio Repair	488	1,200	4,415	1,200	0
Office supplies	0	0	55	250	250
Vehicle Repairs	233	2,500	814	2,500	0
Training	780	1,500	1,078	1,350	-150
Miscellaneous	2,220	2,800	2,998	2,800	0
Association Dues	322	300	376	400	100
Equipment	10,177	9,200	12,177	9,200	0
Payroll	900	2,500	500	2,500	0
Social Security	69	200	38	200	0
Fundraising Expense	0	0	1,713		
Building Maintenance	213	0	138	200	200
Capital Improvement	0	0	0	0	0
Dry Hydrant Reserve	0	0		4,000	4,000
Total Expenses	30,158	36,000	35,201	31,000	-5,000

<u>Reserve Fund</u>			<u>Report of Activities</u>	
Beginning Balance 01/01/15			Structure Fires	5
General Fund	6,967.42		Mutual Aid Structure	1
Dry Hydrant	696.00		Chimney	3
Capital Improvement	0.00		Brush Fire	2
		7,663.42	Motor Vehicle	6
			Search & Rescue	3
Ending Balance 12/31/15			Alarm Activation	3
Revenues - Expenses	9,019.83		Downed Power Lines	1
Previous Balance	6,967.42		Downed Trees	0
General Fund	15,987.25		Gas Detection	2
Dry Hydrant	696.00		Total Calls	26
Capital Improvement	0.00			
		16,683.25		

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
State of the Fire Department

The Montgomery Fire Department saw a 25% increase in call volume during 2015. Four members of our department attended the Vermont Fire Academy and received Firefighter II certifications. Some town residents have started to see a drop in their insurance premiums, because of these certifications. During 2015, we raised over \$12,000 through grants and fundraising. We continued to upgrade our Personnel Protective equipment in an effort to meet federal standards. In the wake of a civilian fatality, we opted to purchase a new thermal imaging camera. The 2015 goal to replace our aging self-contained breathing apparatus is still a goal for 2016. We have currently applied for grants to help with this major purchase.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Zartarian, Asst. Fire Chief

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016 BUDGET

Rescue Department

Revenues	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Change Budget 15/16
Town of Montgomery	26,500	26,500	26,500	29,600	3,100
Ambulance Billing	13,919	15,657	17,135	15,000	-657
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	100	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	7,000	7,000
Total Revenue	40,519	42,157	43,635	51,600	9,443
Expenses					
Ambulance & Equip. Reserve	866	0	0	7,862	7,862
Communications	247	500	1,079	7,000	6,500
Insurance	4,854	5,000	1,900	1,000	-4,000
New Equipment	0	0	551	0	
Education	0	1,300	825	1,000	-300
Medical Supplies	620	2,000	1,166	2,000	0
Uniforms	194	200	417	200	0
Payroll & Social Security	3,148	3,888	3,380	3,888	0
Office expense	0	100	0	100	0
Maintenance (Veh.& Equip)	1,051	1,000	0	1,000	0
EMS Dispatch Fee	5,194	5,273	5,272	5,550	277
Building Expense	125	0	16	0	0
Contracted Services: RAS	13,250	17,000	17,000	20,500	3,500
Contracted Services: Billing	1,545	1,400	1,659	1,500	100
Diesel fuel	25	0	45	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	36	0	248	0	0
Total Expenses	31,155	37,661	33,557	51,600	13,939

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/15	Ambulance & Equipment Replacement	36,245	
	OR Contracted Services		
			36,245
Ending Balance 12/31/15	Revenues - Expenses	10,078	
	Previous Balance	36,245	
			46,323

Montgomery EMS Rescue 2015 Report

Montgomery EMS continued to provide coverage for Montgomery residents from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and other times when available. We continued to contract with Richford Ambulance Service to cover daytime hours. We will continue this arrangement in 2016. This allows us to keep our local ambulance in operations.

Montgomery is down to 4-5 members and, once again, we would be thrilled to have additional volunteers step forward. We will be forced to close our doors unless we can add more crew members to our team. Please contact Morgan Daybell or Kevin Scheffler if you have any questions or would like to join.

We are still pursuing the purchase of a new 12 lead EKG unit and working on meeting additional State requirements. We appreciate the community's support.

Kevin Scheffler
Business Manager

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016 BUDGET
Recreation Department

Revenues	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Change in Budget 15/16
Town of Montgomery	18,000	18,000	18,000	20,000	2,000
Donations/Fundraisers/Rentals	10,719	8,000	8,093	8,000	0
Summer Sessions	0	0	9953	7,000	7,000
Grants	0	15,000	15000	0	-15,000
Projected Activities	826	1,003	2101	1,500	497
Guidebook	0	0	12507	1,500	1,500
Use of Reserve / Misc	30	17,227	11321	0	-17,227
Total Revenue	29,736	59,230	76,974	38,000	-21,230
<u>Expenses</u>					
Heating Fuel	1,257	1,300	778	1,300	0
Electricity	859	900	940.56	900	0
Water	340	350	340	350	0
Telephone	184	200	915	950	750
Payroll & SS	9,730	10,230	11,790	12,925	2,695
Building Maintenance	1607	3,000	1488.16	2,925	-75
Port-o-lets	890	1,000	928.32	1,000	0
Rubbish Removal	585	550	495	550	0
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Grounds Maintenance	892	1,000	486	1,000	0
Lawn Care	3,374	3,600	4,430	4,500	900
Snow Removal	0	500	212	250	-250
Tennis Maintenance	0	0	1	500	500
Office & Postage	65	100	52.77	100	0
Summer Sessions	0	0	5246.47	6,500	6,500
Guidebook Reimbursement	0	0	10087.39	750	750
Activity Exp & Supplies	1,710	1,500	1,206	2,000	500
Playground Project	0	35,000	37,203	0	-35,000
Capital Improv/Playground Fund	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous	80	0	375	0	0
Total Expenses	21,573	59,230	76,974	38,000	-21,230

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2015:	Capital Improvement	1,953	
	Playground	1,366	
	Reserve	13,616	
		<u>16,935</u>	
Use of Reserves:	Reserve	-7,703	
	Capital Improvement	-1,953	
	Playground	-1,366	
		<u>-11,022</u>	
Ending Balance 12/31/2015:	Reserve	<u>5,913</u>	



"Praise Recreation!" – Jim Abbott

2015 REPORT

2015 was an exciting year for the Montgomery Recreation Department. Facilities and activities for the community were expanded, and existing services were well utilized and enjoyed. The Board recognizes that these accomplishments would not have been possible without the hard work of community volunteers.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

Playground at the Rec. Center: The new playground is place, providing lots of fun for kids and parents alike.

Ice Skating: The rink and warming hut were open once again after a few year hiatus! Besides skating there were baked goods, hot drinks, free skates and fun for all. The rink was open around 20 hours a week with the help of volunteers.

4th of July Parade: Montgomery continues to have one of the best fourth of july celebrations in Northern Vermont pulling in locals and tourists alike. The parade was a success followed by music and a chicken bbq at the rec center. The Fire Dept once again did a great job with the bbq and all money donated from this event went to the fire department.

Summer Sessions: This 7 event music series filled the summer night air with the sound of beautiful music. There were local food vendors, great local bands and enthusiastic crowds. It would not have been possible without numerous donors (local folks and businesses) who funded the series.

FUNDRAISING IN 2015:

The following helped in raising enough money to support ongoing recreational activities in our town:

Art Auction: This annual event was once again a successful and enjoyable fundraiser. Close to 70 works of art were generously donated.

Halloween Dance: Costumes, costumes, costumes! This year's event featured two parties, one for the kids and one for adults. This event has grown over the last few years and is the spot to be for Halloween festivities.

Summer Sessions: Money was raised from proceeds including a donation bucket, donations (series donors) and from the pie stand. The series was able to cover all costs for the music thanks to everyone who donated.

Guidebook: A guidebook was published in 2015 focusing on Montgomery and the surrounding towns. The proceeds from this book will go to help support the Rec Committee.



ON-GOING SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

Sports Activities:

Programs on the Fields: Residents of all ages enjoyed soccer, volleyball, tennis, and softball. Little League (both boys and girls) continued as did the soccer program for pre-K to 8th grade (approx. 120 kids).

Programs Sponsored at the Montgomery Elementary School: Yoga and Zumba classes sponsored by the Recreation Department continued year round.

Snowshoe Loan Program: Montgomery Properties continued to administer this beneficial program.

Summer Day Camp: Attendance averaged 60 campers per day. The program remained free of charge to residents, and a snack and lunch were provided at no charge.

PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

The committee will be continuing all of the activities and events listed above.

The Town's continued support of the Recreation Department is much appreciated, and the Members of the Board look forward to continuing our efforts on behalf of the residents of Montgomery in 2016. In the words of the late, great Jim Abbott "Praise Recreation!"

Special thanks go out to Johnny Betts, Micky Doheny, Sam Murphy, Lily Powers, Eamon O'Shea, Brendan O'Shea, Robert Gilmore, Hannah Jones, Matt Crowley, Doug Kopacz, Karen Frascella, the Ice Skating Crew, and all the volunteers who helped with the new playground installation.

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

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016 BUDGET

Library

	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Change Budget 15/16
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	14,966	18,917	18,917	18,917	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	13,760	12,951	13,872	13,000	49
Grants	2,665	1,500	1,590	1,890	390
Use of Reserve Funds	6,129	2,750	0	2,123	-627
Total Revenue	37,520	36,118	34,379	35,930	-188
Expenses					
Payroll & SS & Benefits	19,617	19,917	18,436	19,240	-677
Supplies	1,176	1,100	959	1,100	0
Fundraising Expenses	1,632	1,675	1,703	1,675	0
Postage	551	750	290	500	-250
Mileage Reimbursement	321	350	0	350	0
Utilities(Phone & Internet)	457	475	493	475	0
Equipment & Repairs	3,593	2,000	200	1,700	-300
Rentals	0	0	84	100	100
Furniture & Shelving	203	300	40	300	0
Building Maintenance	0	0	1,900	400	400
Programming	1,361	1,300	1,316	1,300	0
Printing	30	50	0	50	0
Workshops & Memberships	818	700	698	800	100
Books & Subscriptions	5,469	5,650	4,507	5,650	0
Miscellaneous	441	400	746	400	0
Grant Expenditures	1,851	1,500	1,531	1,890	390
Total Expenses	37,520	36,167	32,903	35,930	-237

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2015:

Reserve	12,116	
Checking	336	
		<u>12,452</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/2015:

Beginning Reserve	12,116	
Use of Reserve	0	
Current Reserve	<u>12,116</u>	
Revenues - Expenses	1,476	
Checking	<u>174</u>	
		<u>13,766</u>



Montgomery Town Library

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January 21, 2016

The year 2015 saw many changes at our library. In February we welcomed our new librarian, Liz Leroux from Bakersfield. Liz taught English for many years and was involved in several local theater productions. She quickly learned the operation of our library and the new KOHA automation system, with special thanks to the help of our volunteer, June Abramowitz.

Beth Crane, our long-time Trustee and Chair of the Board retired this year, but fortunately, she hasn't left us altogether – she still volunteers regularly. Thank you, Beth, for all you've done for the library and are still doing!

Our monthly patron attendance has remained steady at ± 550 . We have many new books, both purchased and donated by Montgomery residents. Our collection of DVDs has increased and proves to be very popular. Patrons are continually making use of our computers and WiFi service; this year we hope to replace one of the computers and add another.

We lost two of our favorite volunteers and former trustees, leaving a large gap. During the summer Bill Harlow suffered a severe stroke; he is now with his son near Randolph, where he is slowly improving. We all wish him well.

Late this Fall Jim Abbott passed away. When Jim was a Trustee he was instrumental in increasing the availability of computers to our patrons and obtaining the appropriate furniture. He was a steady volunteer and loved the library. He is greatly missed.

The children's program on Thursday mornings has proved to be highly popular; thanks to Amanda Starr the story telling and other activities continue to attract many pre-schoolers from Montgomery and surrounding area.

Our monthly "Book to Film" series is very well attended. The library has also co-hosted programs with the Montgomery Conservation Commission and Brighter Futures.

This past year has also seen a major change in the appearance of the library. Thanks to the hard work of Louise Luneau from St. Albans, and the help of many volunteers, the library has been transformed into a more patron-friendly environment. The closet has been opened up, painted in a bright color and is now the children's corner. The former children's corner has become the "Jim Abbott Room" painted in a soothing grey and displaying our history and biography collections; a comfortable chair helps the ambiance. We thank Dan Malloy for creating the sign above the entrance and the Friends of the Library for the purchase. Shelving in the main area has been turned around making the books and DVDs more accessible. We still have some finishing work left to do, but we hope to have an open house early this spring. Also, we finally had a new air conditioner installed which was a great relief during the summer hours.

We thank all our patrons, donors and Friends of the Library and especially our volunteers for their support to make our library a welcoming and successful environment. Special thanks to Darren and Lynne Drevik, owners of Phineas Swann B&B for hosting once again our annual Art Auction – it was a great party and we look forward to a repeat performance!

Stop by - peruse our collection, or sit in our comfortable chairs reading a book or magazine; it is your town library – come and see us!

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees Marijke Dollois, Claire Draper, Rita Kalsmith, Patty Hathaway, Patty Perl, Jane Presler, and Cheryl Wisell.

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016 BUDGET
Conservation Commission

Revenues	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Change Budget 15/16
Town of Montgomery	500	750	750	750	0
Donations/Fundraisers	2,357	1,500	0	500	-1,000
Grants	200	0	0	0	0
Membership			2,255	1,500	
Miscellaneous	135	0	36	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	3,192	2,250	3,041	2,750	-1,000
Expenses					
Events Guests & Speakers	1,310	1,600	680	1,300	-300
Events Materials	30	50	29	50	0
Postage	94	150	103	150	0
Printing	0	200	0	0	-200
Grant	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Costs	85	100	201	400	300
Membership Fees	50	50	0	50	0
Total Expenses	1,569	2,150	1,013	1,950	-200

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/15

Reserve Fund	2,052	
		<u>2,052</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/15

Revenues - Expenses	2,028	
Previous Balance	2,052	
		<u><u>4,080</u></u>

River Walk Community Garden Town Report for 2016

This summer will be the sixth year that the community gardens have flourished with all 18 plots filled and everyone enjoying an abundance of vegetables and flowers. As in the past years there was a waiting list for members to join. Members from the previous year are given a chance to again rent their plot and if they decline the first person on the waiting list is contacted.

Early last spring, one day was devoted to a cleanup with most members participating. At this time we cleared more land and hopes of expanding the number of garden plots.

There have been many positive comments about the community garden from the residents of Montgomery as well as visitors to our town. One neighboring town has asked how we got organized and would like start a very similar project.

In 2014 we had applied for a grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund to reestablish a well on the town property where the community now exists. In the spring of 2015 we were notified that we were to receive a \$1000 grant. Work was done on this project last summer with hopes of completing it this year.

Members have developed a close relationship and are always willing to share knowledge of gardening and swap produce. We encourage members of the community to stop by, ask questions, take a tour and just enjoy the beauty of these gardens.

Submitted By:
Parma Jewett

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016 BUDGET
Water Department

	Actual 2014	Budget 2015	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Change 2015/2016
Revenues					
Water Usage	64,391	64,391	60,913	61,000	-3391
Interest	61	50	62	50	0
User Bond Receipts	33,225	33,225	32,676	33,225	0
Use of Reserve Funds	0	16,791	5,160	23,096	6305
Service Fees	720	500	554	500	0
Town of Montgomery	13,737	13,737	13,737	13,737	0
Total Revenue	112,134	128,694	113,102	131,608	2914
Expenses					0
Town Admin Assessment	5,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0
Technology Equip / Support	513	15,000	0	15,000	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	12,931	13,000	12,926	13,000	0
Contracted Services	35,139	36,192	37,846	38,981	2789
Miscellaneous	1,540	2,000	1,230	2,000	0
Tools	0	0	206	200	200
Water Testing	192	1,500	1,077	1,800	300
Office Expense	477	500	769	1,000	500
Equipment	5,241	5,000	3,373	4,000	-1000
Facilities Maintenance	820	1,000	1,109	1,000	0
VT Fees	551	600	571	600	0
Annual Bond Payment	46,202	46,202	46,202	46,202	0
Association Dues	200	200	210	225	25
Chemicals	269	500	582	600	100
Legal Services	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	109,075	128,694	113,102	131,608	2914

Beginning Balance - 01/01/15

Checking	40,995	
Savings	108,621	
		<u>149,616</u>

Ending Balance - 12/31/15

Checking	35,784	
Savings	108,672	
		<u>144,456</u>

Delinquent Water Bills - 12/31/15

2,492

2015 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

As most of you remember we completed a town-wide reappraisal in 2014. Our annual sales study showed that the new values remain relatively consistent with the sale prices of properties in town. This is evidenced in the Equalization Study done by the State of Vermont, which shows that we have a **Common Level of Appraisal** equal to 100.20% and a **Coefficient Of Dispersion** equal to 7.89%. 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 wish to grieve your current assessment, 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.

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 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

Beginning Balance 1/1/15

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

INCOME:

Interest from Certificates	<u>10.77</u>	
		10.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

Care of Old Cemetery	580.00	
Bank Charges	<u>12.00</u>	
		592.00
		<u>12,540.51</u>

ASSETS: as of 12/31/15

TD Bank Checking	1,161.24	
Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>11,379.27</u>	
		<u>12,540.51</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine St Onge, Treasurer

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**Financial Report 2015**

Beginning Balance 1/1/15

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

RECEIPTS

FEMA Reimbursement	297.00	
Interest	73.63	
Donations	550.00	
Sale of Lots/Perpetual Care	0.00	
Corner Post	<u>0.00</u>	
		920.63

EXPENSES

Lawn care/Repairs	452.50	
Insurance	<u>100.00</u>	
		552.50
		<u>21,934.44</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/15

CD's	21,200.23	
Checking	<u>734.21</u>	
		<u>21,934.44</u>

Respectfully, *Lois Lumbra***MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION****Financial Report 2015**

Beginning Balance 01/01/15

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	<u>2,200.00</u>	
		<u>\$89,205.03</u>

RECEIPTS

Interest Income	1,623.98	
Donations	935.13	
Lots Sold	<u>525.00</u>	
		\$3,084.11

EXPENSES

Grounds Maintenance	5,346.89	
Office Supplies	<u>0.00</u>	
		\$5,346.89

Ending Balance 12/31/15

Checking	33,096.35	
CD - 110	8,343.77	
CD - 233	15,000.00	
CD - 274	8,300.00	
CD - 892	20,000.00	
Charles Lumbra Fund	<u>2,200.00</u>	
	54	<u>\$86,940.12</u>

Hectorville Covered Bridge Committee Report

In January of 2015, following nine months of preparation and planning by the Hectorville Covered Bridge Committee (HCBC), the town received a Transportation Alternative grant through VTrans for \$11,261 to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the reconstruction of the Hectorville Bridge (currently in storage in the St. Onge yard). This was matched with an equal amount from the town by a vote at Town Meeting on March 3, 2015, as per the terms of the grant. The purpose of this study is to survey the condition of the bridge, determine its potential for rehabilitation, evaluate the proposed site at the Montgomery Recreation Center under a range of criteria, develop graphic models depicting the bridge on site, and present a full scope and cost estimate for the project. In addition to informing the viability of the project, completion of this feasibility study also qualifies the town to apply for a state grant that will cover 80% of the construction costs, should we decide to move forward with the project.

The HCBC wrote an RFP for the scoping study, listed the RFP on a state web site and contacted several different design and engineering firms, and received two bids for performing the work. The engineering firm DuBois & King was chosen because their proposal more closely followed the scope of work we outlined in the RFP. They have extensive experience in the field of covered bridge repair.

As of the time of this report (January 19, 2016), DuBois & King has:

- held the project Kickoff meeting with representatives of the town, the HCBC, Northwest Regional Planning Commission, and the state Agency of Transportation
- held a local concerns public meeting
- made at least one site visit to evaluate the proposed site
- completed an archeological and historical survey
- completed a thorough inspection of the bridge structure in storage at St. Onge's yard (with the generous support of St. Onge in lending their time and equipment to move the bridge components to allow for complete inspection - thank you St. Onge Contractors!)
- partially completed bridge renderings, calculations and scoping report

The feasibility study will have been completed and presented to the town by the time of Town Meeting.

To help build community awareness and support, and to defray the cost to the taxpayers of Montgomery, the HCBC has met regularly and worked diligently to raise, and is continuing to raise, funds through various means and events. These events include:

- March and tabling at the Montgomery Fourth of July Parade and Celebration

- Presentation at the July Celebration of Expressive Arts (thank you Becca and Bob Cummins!)
- The first annual Bridge to Bridge Bike Challenge, in which riders participated in a bike tour of all of Montgomery's covered bridges
- Four benefit poker tournaments
- Presentation and tabling at the Wild and Scenic Rivers event at Pratt Hall
- Tabling at the Montgomery Elementary School Holiday Crafts Fair
- Hectorville Covered Bridge T-shirt sales (contact a member of the HCBC to purchase yours today!)
- Donations through an online platform (GoFundMe)

We intend to continue our efforts in fundraising and outreach during 2016 as we plan for the future of our bridge, using the planning developed by the feasibility study as our guide. We will also be pursuing other grant opportunities in an effort to defray expense to the town. We wish to thank the Town of Montgomery Selectboard and staff, the taxpayers of Montgomery, and all the generous and enthusiastic backers of this project for their support of the preservation and promotion of our town's cultural and architectural heritage!

Respectfully submitted,
The Hectorville Covered Bridge Committee

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015	
NAME	TAX AMOUNT
2014 PROPERTY TAXES	
**Ostrowski, Marcin	\$ 2,372.83
Rich, Gary	\$ 5,706.10
**Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 23.45
TOTAL 2014 TAXES	\$ 8,102.38
2015 PROPERTY TAXES	
171234 Canada Inc.	\$ 3,359.32
Abramowitz, Michael and June	\$ 1,493.24
Alexander, Kenneth - Cleo Alexander Executor	\$ 631.09
Andes, Mary	\$ 233.98
Banks, Sandra	\$ 738.93
**Barnard, Robert Jr. and Leanne	\$ 3,112.74
**Blouin, Sam and Charlotte	\$ 2,939.89
**Bonneau, Donald	\$ 4,971.01
Brunton, Stuart	\$ 1,373.84
**Butterfield, Grant and Suzanne	\$ 1,430.18
**Corry, Charles and Susan	\$ 15.84
*Coffee, Christine	\$ 1,563.20
*Cousino, David and Ruth	\$ 3,269.99
Cross, Alan	\$ 217.65
Damstrom, Thomas	\$ 768.95
**Danyow, Robert and Lorraine	\$ 5.63
*Darlyn Inc.	\$ 5,146.74
Dentone, Archie and Diane	\$ 1,885.21
**Desautels, Claude	\$ 3,000.08
*Ducolon, Stacey	\$ 2,676.54
Ellis, Donald and Mary	\$ 30.09
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,831.14
Fleckenstein, Sandra and Abramowitz, Michael	\$ 2,685.33
*Fleming, Danielle	\$ 1,222.86
**Francis, Andrew	\$ 3,468.05
Gadpaille, Eric - 00301.001X	\$ 2,362.87
Gadpaille, Eric - 00303.010X	\$ 1,794.22
Godfrey, Luke and Amy - 00012.168X	\$ 1,576.74
Hill, Susan	\$ 1,085.98
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	\$ 3,111.16
*Lucas, Gregory	\$ 1,825.06
Lumbra, Dale	\$ 1,087.81
**Machia, Kevin and Stephanie	\$ 45.83
Malaussena, William	\$ 2,722.41
Manosh, Roland and Peggy	\$ 681.57
Mills, Leo and Diane	\$ 1,521.88
Morrell, Robert and Sandra	\$ 1,953.37
Morrison, Duncan	\$ 579.47
**Moses, Frederick	\$ 3,118.15
Nalette, Sean	\$ 92.72
Nichols, Benjamin	\$ 1,763.15
**Ostrowski, Marcin	\$ 2,446.67
Pattullo, Christopher	\$ 533.48
**Perry, Nonna and Robert - 00010.005X	\$ 625.26
*Perry, Nonna and Robert - 00010.007X	\$ 260.20
Pigeon, Donna	\$ 1,324.30
Reed, Christopher and Muriel	\$ 823.32
Rich, Gary	\$ 5,883.66
Robitaille, Jacques, White, David & Sylvester, Mark	\$ 1,248.58
Robitaille, Jacques	\$ 1,695.73
**Rosplach, John and Joanne	\$ 16.26
Tatro, Howard	\$ 1,484.42
*Uimonen, Kirs and McHugh, Brian	\$ 2,862.21
Wedel Trust	\$ 802.35
*Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 505.47
Williams, Paul and Lorna	\$ 177.35
**Wilson, Peter and Michelle	\$ 14.96
TOTAL 2015 TAXES	\$ 95,098.09
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES	\$ 103,200.47
** Paid in full as of January 30, 2016	
* Partial paid as of January 30, 2016	

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015

2014 TAX BECAME DELINQUENT JANUARY 2015							
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX DUE</u>	<u>TAX COLLECTED</u>	<u>TAX BALANCE DUE</u>	<u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u>		
2011	\$44.14	.00	\$44.14	\$0.00	\$3.54	\$9.24	
2012	\$1,810.68	.00	\$1,810.68	\$0.00	\$144.86	\$488.81	
2013	\$15,575.28	.00	\$15,575.28	\$0.00	\$1,246.04	\$2,060.28	
2014	\$78,876.91	\$43.16	\$70,817.69	\$8,102.38	\$5,726.00	\$4,615.88	
2015	\$231,199.33	.00	\$136,101.24	\$95,098.09	\$11,140.16	\$2,467.41	
TOTALS	\$327,506.34	\$43.16	\$224,349.03	\$103,200.47	\$18,260.60	\$9,641.62	
Taxes Collected:							
\$224,349.03							
8% Penalties Collected:							
\$18,260.60							
Interest Collected:							
\$9,641.62							
Total Paid to the Treasurer in 2015 by A. Woodward:							
\$252,251.25							

2015 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
January 22	Ellery Starr O'Shea	Brendan O'Shea	Anna O'Shea
January 24	Jacob Stanley Croteau Gokey	Jacob Gokey	Cassandra Croteau
February 16	Jace Allan Paul Sylvester		Katelyn Sylvester
March 11	Vincent Mathew Moore	Nicholas Moore Jr	Jacqueline Dreyer
March 12	Walter Patrick Goff	Patrick Goff	Brittany Goff
March 15	Shane Christopher Stark	Christopher Stark	Christine Coffee
March 29	Chloe Mae Tucker	Danial Tucker	Kenna Ward
October 5	Westerly James Jewett	Jared Jewett	Emily Jewett

2015 DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
February 3	John Edward Bloomer	Montgomery Center
June 2	Olivia Katheryn Malaussena	Montgomery Center
June 14	Richard Douglas Buckland Jr	Montgomery
June 22	Joseph H Ostrout	Montgomery
July 28	Donald Fillion	Montgomery
August 24	James Abbott	Montgomery Center
September 20	Evelyn G Hart	Montgomery Center
November 27	Francis A Bregg	Montgomery Center

2015 CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Applicant A</u>	<u>Applicant B</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
January 7	Dominic Joseph Shoks	Amanda May Naumec	Willimantic, Connecticut
April 10	Christine Joel Coffee	Christopher Wilson Stark	Montgomery Center, Vermont
April 11	Sara Jean Belrose	Michele Lynn Mattera	Windsor Locks, Connecticut
May 10	Jyi Michael Hatterick	Sara Elaine Bonyea	Montgomery, Vermont
May 19	Justin Lonnie Jakob Chance	Charlie L LeClair	Wilis, Texas
June 25	Sarah Margaret Hawn	Daniel Robert Mead	Chicago, Illinois
August 15	Corey Ryan Clark	Sara Marie Petrowsky	Montgomery Center, Vermont
August 15	Paul Gary Kusnierz	Tamsin Melodie Durand	Rochester, New Hampshire
August 21	Laura A Gramegna	Mark J Hummel	East Windsor, New Jersey
August 29	Abigail Hope Casavoy	Benjamin Nathaniel Pober	Norwood, Massachusetts
September 12	Chelsea Elizabeth Tallman	Derek Carlos Choate	Montgomery Center, Vermont
September 19	Jessica Maria Stevens	Mark Edward Robert	Montgomery, Vermont
September 19	George Joseph Gabuzda III	Rebekah Lynne Thomas	Montgomery, Vermont
September 19	Jennifer Lynn McAllister	James G Plantier	Montgomery Center, Vermont
September 22	Angela Mary Graziano	Lorraine Ada Russell	Peoria, Arizona
October 3	Christopher Jerome Stephen	Erin Anne Brady	Rosell, Georgia
October 27	Dennis E Himes	Samantha Jane Thompson	Montgomery Center, Vermont
December 22	Ann Flower Elizabeth Seyse	Brian David Stitt	Mechanicville, New York

Town of Montgomery

Zoning Office

PO Box 356 --- 98 Main Street

Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Ann E. Lavery

Zoning Administrator

2015 ZONING REPORT

In 2015 twenty-two Zoning Applications were received and processed. One permit was approved for new single-family dwelling. Two permits were approved to remove existing single-family dwellings and replace them with new single-family dwellings. One permit was granted to convert a single-family residence into a two-family dwelling. One existing camp was permitted to be renovated as a single-family dwelling. Accessory use structures, such as porches, decks, garages, and additions made up the remainder of the applications.

Zoning Compliance letters were issued for seventeen Montgomery properties.

One formal hearing was held for an appeal of a Zoning Violation. This case is currently being litigated in Environmental Court

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. It is a pleasure to work with the people of Montgomery. 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

All payments must be made by the close of business on the due date

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:

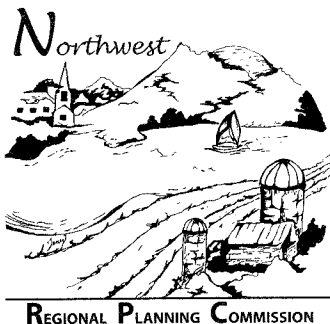
-- For transactions less than \$100 the fee is \$3.00, or \$4.95 for transactions by phone directly with our service provider.

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

There is a link on our web page, for those electing to use the online option.

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.



75 Fairfield Street • St. Albans, VT 05478 • (802) 524-5958 • Fax (802) 527-2948

December 8, 2015

Scott Perry, Select Board Chair
Town of Montgomery
P O Box 517
Montgomery, VT 05471

Re: FY17 Funding Request

Dear Scott:

As you may be aware, this time each year the Regional Commission submits for your consideration our municipal funding request for the coming year.

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC has been providing planning and community development assistance to our member municipalities for over forty years. All municipalities within the two-county area are members of the Commission, which consists of a board made up of your appointed representatives (two from each municipality). All municipalities in the region have access to the types of services described in the enclosed report. In order to carry out our planning programs, the Commission maintains an office in St. Albans and a staff of qualified planning professionals.

While the Commission is not a regulatory taxing authority, each year we do request a per capita-based assessment from our members in support of municipal and regional planning programs. This is done in accordance with state statutes and the Commission's adopted bylaws. Funds raised through the municipal assessment support the costs of maintaining office and staff, help fund the Commission's technical assistance program, and assist in providing matches for programs such as transportation and emergency planning.

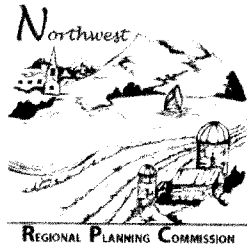
The Board of Commissioners voted to increase the assessment rate to \$1.02 per capita for the 2017 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2016. Please include for consideration as a line item in your upcoming budget a Regional Commission request for \$1,221 in support of local and regional planning activities in FY17. This amount is based upon the adopted rate of \$1.02 per person, multiplied by Montgomery's 2010 census population of 1,201. The enclosed report is offered for your information and inclusion in the town's annual report; an electronic version is available upon request.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, your municipal representatives, or Chair Bob Buermann (372-5470). We would also be glad to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss in more detail the Commission's planning programs and services provided to municipalities. Your continued support of local and regional planning is most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Catherine Dimitruk,
Executive Director

cc: Montgomery Regional Commissioners
Montgomery Clerk



Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2015 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.

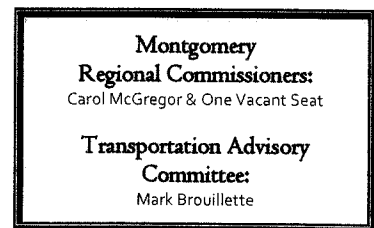
Geographic Information System Services: Provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.

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.

2015 Montgomery Projects:

- ✧ Completed Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw updates under direction of the Planning Commission.
- ✧ Provided zoning technical assistance.
- ✧ Assisted with updating and adoption of the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- ✧ Updated the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with input from a mitigation steering committee.
- ✧ 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 Town Plan update, including new flood resiliency section in coordination with the Planning Commission.



This year the Commission will assist communities with water quality compliance and project implementation, complete a regional energy plan, implement our new regional plan and 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.

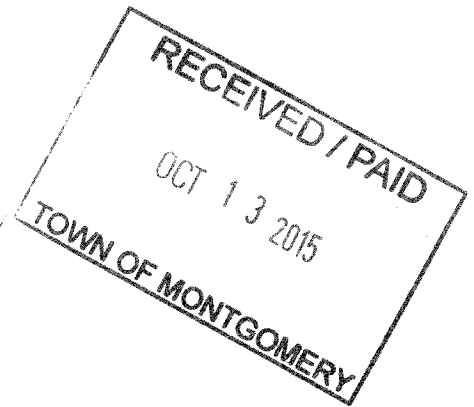


EMPOWERS.
GUIDES.
PROVIDES.

Services and
Support for Seniors

October 8, 2015

Town of Montgomery
Attn: Deanna Robitaille
P.O. Box 356
Montgomery, VT 05471



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Kathi Monteith
(President)
Charlotte

John Bourland
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Dear Selectboard,

For more than 40 years, CVAA has provided services and support that allow seniors to age well, stay independent, and remain healthy at home in Vermont towns. CVAA is a leader in promoting independence, dignity, and choice for seniors in our diverse towns and communities. CVAA's services are a driving force in allowing seniors to lead the lives they desire. We excel at integrating community resources to improve quality of life for all seniors in the Champlain Valley.

Thanks to past support from the Town of Montgomery, CVAA has been able to offer case management, Meals on Wheels; community meals; nutrition programs; fitness and wellness programs; social activities; transportation services; expertise on Medicare, insurance, and long- and short-term care options; and a senior helpline to Montgomery residents.

Vermont is ranked as the second oldest state in the country and the population of seniors is only expected to grow. The state's senior population is expected to nearly double in the next fifteen years. According to the Administration on Aging, nearly a third of older individuals live alone. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to health care, including specialized health care, and the services tend to be more costly than those provided in metropolitan areas. Overwhelmingly, Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes. CVAA provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

CVAA and the seniors we serve thank you for your past support for our programs and services. We are writing to request continued support in the amount of \$1,800 from the Town of Montgomery, which will be used to help us assist older residents age with independence and dignity.

If there are any questions regarding CVAA's programs or services for older Vermonters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sara Wool
Director of Development & Communications



For more than 40 years, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging has been the leader in promoting independence, dignity, and choice for all seniors. Thanks to ongoing support from Vermont towns in which CVAA provides services, CVAA has been able to provide information, support, and advocacy to seniors and caregivers across four counties. The non-profit organization empowers seniors and their caregivers to use their voices, find solutions, and obtain services that help them lead the lives they choose.

Meals On Wheels

For many seniors, Meals on Wheels is literally the difference between remaining in their own homes and needing to relocate to a nursing facility. The nutritious meal, friendly visit, and safety check help seniors cope with the largest threats of aging: hunger, isolation, and loss of independence. When seniors have the right support they gain greater quality of life, need fewer hospital stays and live longer. CVAA conducts more than 245,000 visits through Meals on Wheels each year.

Fitness & Wellness

Physical activity and healthy diets prevent many chronic diseases and helps seniors with a chronic disease or condition manage their health. CVAA's programs keep more than 6,000 seniors each year active and engaged socially, which supports physical, intellectual, and emotional wellbeing. Seniors in Vermont towns increase their strength and reduce their risk of illness and injury by participating in CVAA's programs, including Tai Chi for Arthritis, yoga, strength training, line dancing, balance classes, walking clubs, and other fitness programs for seniors of all abilities. More than 2,500 seniors engage in social and physical activities through CVAA programs each year.

Nutrition Counseling

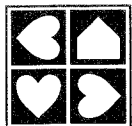
Seniors are often released from medical care without any follow-up or oversight. CVAA's registered dietitians guide the diets of seniors, ensuring they are in accordance with doctor's recommendations and healthy living standards. With the right diet and knowledge of healthy eating practices, seniors can remain healthy and independent. CVAA's nutrition program supported more than 5,000 seniors last year.

Case Management

CVAA empowers seniors to live independently at home. CVAA Case Management offers professional assistance to help more than 2,000 seniors each year access the services they need in order to remain as independent as possible. Case Managers are experts in all programs, services, and benefits available to seniors in Vermont. Case managers provide seniors, family members, and caregivers with information about programs and services available, and they provide guidance that empowers individuals to make important decisions and take decisive action.

Senior HelpLine

CVAA's Senior HelpLine is a toll-free, confidential service providing information, referrals, and assistance on community and statewide programs for seniors. Seniors and their caregivers are often overwhelmed by choices and responsibilities, and the HelpLine staff provides reassurances, guidance, support, and empathy from real people, and helps seniors find solutions to any situation. The HelpLine can be reached at 1-800-642-5119.



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

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November 12, 2015

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

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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 Montgomery to include an allocation in your 2016 town's budget. We are requesting \$2,402, this figure is the same amount requested in 2015.

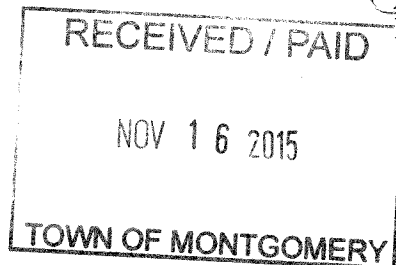
Your support will help us to serve people of all ages in Montgomery who lack the resources to pay for medically necessary community based home health and hospice care.

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 46-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



Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.
Information Sheet
Montgomery

What is Franklin County Home Health Agency?

Franklin County Home Health Agency is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation that has been providing health care and hospice services to the residents of Franklin County since 1969.

What is the Agency's Mission and Purpose?

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

What is the Agency's service area?

The Agency serves all 15 towns in Franklin County through our two offices – one in St. Albans and one in Enosburg Falls. We serve people of all ages.

What are the Agency's Programs and Services?

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

Home Telemonitoring Program: We use state of the art technology to remotely monitor our patients' weight, blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen status to help improve their health condition and avoid hospitalization.

Hospice: We care for people with serious illness for whom the prognosis is less than six months of life. The focus of this care is on achieving comfort and quality of life.

Palliative Care: This program balances advanced medical technology with the wishes of each individual client by focusing on psychological, physical, social and spiritual needs by providing a strong support system to help the client and family cope during the serious illness. This program understands that maintaining quality of life is an important aspect of care.

Long Term Care: We help disabled and older members of our community with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, errands and shopping to allow them to stay independent in their own home.

Maternal Child Health Program and Childbirth Education Program: We help to prepare pregnant women for a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding and new infant care.

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

How many people does the Agency employ?

The Agency currently has a staff of 185 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. Most of our staff reside in Franklin County.

How many patients did the Agency serve in 2015?

The Agency made a total of 79,788 visits.

How many patients were served in Montgomery?

26 residents of Montgomery received 813 visits. The breakdown by profession was:

326	Nursing
166	Physical Therapy
27	Occupational Therapy
11	Speech-Language Pathology
17	Medical Social Work
58	Licensed Nursing Assistants
208	Care Attendants

How are services paid for?

As a Medicare certified Agency, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurances. In 2015 we received 80 percent of its revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

We are committed to providing medically necessary home care services to all those in need regardless of their ability to pay. Without individual town appropriations, the United Way and donor gifts, our ability to provide care could be adversely impacted.

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 patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Last year the Agency provided more than \$592,000 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 we provide please call (802) 527-7531 or visit our website at www.fchha.org.



FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

December 2, 2015

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-fifth (45th) 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.

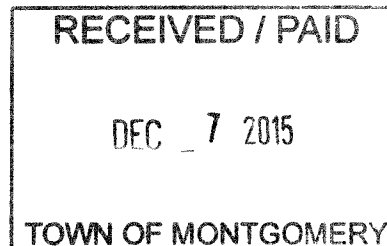
FCIDC continues to partner with public and private entities to assist existing businesses to expand, grow and develop into sound employers with educated, quality employees. FCIDC continues to make a substantial financial commitment to the recruitment of Canadian businesses; we are starting to see some return on our investment.

This year marks the thirty-third (33rd) year of level-funding request. As in prior years, as you prepare your FY'2017 budget, we are asking the Town of Montgomery to invest \$500 for economic development. This funding will cover our FY'2017 which runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Again, everyone at FCIDC sincerely appreciates your investment in Franklin County and you many years of support.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith
Executive Director



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FRANKLIN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TOWN REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 2015

The mission of FCIDC is to engage in a process of building a strong and diversified market economy that serves the interest of area enterprises, municipalities, residents and to strengthen our economy through the creation and retention of jobs and build a business environment suitable to host capital investment.

During 2015 the local economy continues to remain strong in most sectors, with the exception of the dairy sector. Every spring FCIDC visits with all of the selectboards in the county and since the recession we have always thought that if gas prices were below \$3.00 (we are now looking at possibly below \$2.00) and if milk prices stabilized at \$25.00 Franklin County would be golden. So we have the gas prices we had hoped for but milk prices remain drastically low; not even close to the \$25.00. As most people know both the gas prices and the milk prices are variables outside of our local control.

What is in our control when we look at economic development are factors like infrastructure investment, workforce development, technical support and a community's willingness to welcome new business to our region. Infrastructure includes water/sewer, transportation, three phase power, natural gas, industrial parks telecommunications and quality industrial buildings. In 2015 FCIDC received a \$256,000 grant which is to be matched one to one. The grant will be used to extend the infrastructure within the St. Albans Town Industrial Park in order to access three additional lots. FCIDC in conjunction with the Enosburg Falls Economic Development Corporation expended \$22,000 to expand the infrastructure in the Enosburg Business Park.


Currently, FCIDC is overseeing a construction project for the Georgia Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC). The project is a \$2 million dollar upgrade of the 33 year old water plant which is operated by GIDC. The water plant supplies water to the three manufacturers within the Georgia Dairy Industrial Park. Perrigo Nutritionals is the largest user of the water; the company has approximately 350 employees and manufacture baby formula which is shipped worldwide.

As for workforce development the Franklin Grand Isle Workforce Investment Board (FGIWIB) under the guidance of Kathy Lavoie has created a variety of partnerships in her effort to train local individuals for better employment opportunities. The most recent partnership is that with Vermont Technical College (VTC). VTC is utilizing the FGIWIB training Center in Swanton. The Center is home to a VTC Nursing class and a VTC Mechanical Technician class. The FGIWIB works very closely with CCV and the Northwest Technical Center in an effort to grow and improve our workforce.

All of the Franklin County communities are huge supporters of economic development and the creation of quality jobs. The more rural communities understand that even though manufacturing may not be appropriate for their specific town, job opportunities in other parts of the county can be a benefit to their residents. In addition, the manufacturers of value added milk products are valuable to their dairy base.

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.

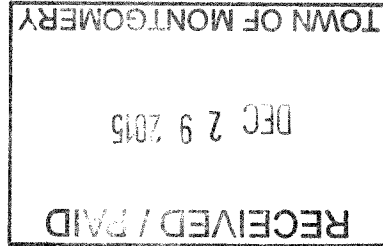
Thank you for the opportunity to share a very brief overview of FCIDC's activities for 2015. Please feel free to contact the office at (802) 524-2194.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Smith
Executive Director



HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471



December 20, 2015

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 \$4,650 enabling 20 children from 8 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past thirteen 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 6, 2016

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. Our wonderful volunteers come from many local sources: school groups, retirees, employees of local businesses, concerned citizens, teachers and landowners, to name a few. We strive to include as many watershed residents as possible in our activities, which are always open to the public. We have generated over 20,000 volunteer hours to plant trees and perform other types of streambank stabilization, clean up trash from the river and its banks, and conduct water quality sampling in conjunction with the Agency of Natural Resources laboratory. We regularly host public forums – informational meetings to cover important topics relating to 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 water bars or lining culvert outlet basins, to seeding down areas of bare earth or cover crops in corn fields. Our assistance can be in the form of hands-on fieldwork or cost-sharing on specific projects (such as nutrient management planning) designed to meet these goals. We have received recognition for our efforts to help achieve a 'Clean and Clear' Lake Champlain and the streams that feed it.

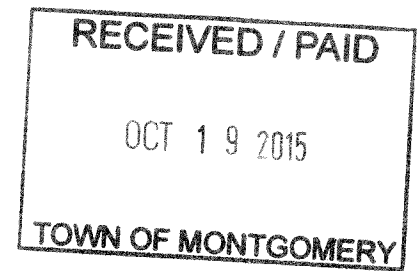
Along with encouraging school groups to assist with field workdays, we also provide educational opportunities to our younger watershed residents: we have educational tools, such as our watershed model, that we loan out to classrooms and groups, and we are able to provide sessions of 'Bugworks' (an educational program that is made available free of charge to schools within the watershed). In 2015, the MRBA was able to provide Bugworks sessions at six schools in the watershed, as well as at two summer camps and one public festival. Students from seven classes and one cub scout group helped plant trees during the eight workdays that we held in 2015; watershed students also did a fantastic job presenting ways to improve water quality to members of the public during our Public Forum in the spring.

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 in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2016 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA Chair



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Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2015

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, Green Up Vermont

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

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 2, 2015
(This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org under "About Us.")

Green Up Day marked its 45th Anniversary in 2015! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** The success of Green Up Day depends not only on individuals volunteering to clean up, but also on financial support given by both the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. New, starting in 2015, people can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns has been an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 15 percent of the budget. Funds help pay for supplies, including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, and promotion, education and services of two part-time employees.

Mark your calendar!
May 7, 2016 Green Up Day,
46 years of tradition!

Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,
always the first Saturday in May.

Getting you where you need to go!

Green Mountain Transit Agency Montgomery FY15 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

FY15 Town of Montgomery Residents Served by Elderly/Disabled/Medicaid Service

- 15 Individual Residents Served
- 408 Total Trips Provided
- 22,303 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

In FY15, the total fixed route ridership for Franklin and Grand Isle counties was 63,342.



Getting you where you need to go!

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 GMTA 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 GMTA'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 GMTA services at 802.527-2181 or info@gmtaride.org.



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The following Social Service and other organizations requested taxpayer assistance for 2016 totaling \$2,600.

Northwestern Counseling & Support Services - \$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

The Selectboard denied their requests because they did not demonstrate specific services 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.

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District
2015 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. 2015 was a great year for the NWSWD. Our efforts in recent years to make our operations more convenient, consistent, and cost effective for District residents resulted in the District's operations successfully diverting more waste from the landfill than any year before! This year the NWSWD collected more waste types, more often! District Staff also succeeded in communicating better with NWSWD residents and being active on a local, regional, and state level to manage waste better.

We invite all residents to engage in conversations about waste reduction and recycling and get information by visiting our new website, liking us on Facebook, signing up for our e-newsletter, or talk to us in person at community events like Franklin County Field Days or at our one of our sites. District Staff go into schools and the community 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 diverted from the landfill 1,134 tons of waste in 2015! This is a 25% increase from 2014!!**
- Increased the tonnage of recyclables processed at our Georgia Recycling Center by 47 tons
- Held four (4) "Backyard Composting" classes for residents
- Worked with schools to educate children about the waste system, recycling, composting and waste reduction in Grand Isle, Isle La Motte, Franklin, Bakersfield, St. Albans City & Town, Fairfield, Enosburg, Grand Isle, Georgia, Sheldon, and Richford
- Launched a brand new website and doubled the size of our e-news letter

NWSWD by the Numbers

In the NWSWD, 5 District run recycling drop-off sites in Georgia, Montgomery, Bakersfield, 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 2015, after recycling, reuse and composting, the average District resident sent 2.88 pounds of waste per day to the landfill, which is a 7% reduction from 2014! Way to go!

At our District-operated sites and events, this year we disposed of 764 tons of trash and managed 1,126 tons of recyclables, setting the diversion rate for District Services at 40%. Check out this list of what we were able to divert from landfills this year in Northwest VT (Note: every total listed below represents an increase over 2014):

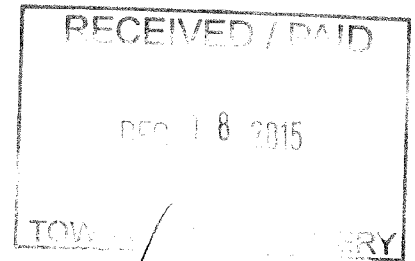
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| • 109,374 pounds of Hazardous Waste (over twice as much as last year!) | • 556,160 pounds of food scraps |
| • 355 Freon containing appliances | • 780,016 pounds of blue-bin recyclables |
| • 241,640 pounds of scrap metal | • 207,821 pounds of electronics |
| • 9,075 pounds of batteries | • 42,981 pounds of maple tubing (4 times more than last year!) |

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. For more information about the District and our services, 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. More information can also be found in our Newsletter available at your Town Meeting.

- Barry Kade

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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December 17, 2015

Deanna Robitaille
Town of Montgomery
PO Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Re: Warrant for the collection of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District
FY2017 Assessment

Dear Ms. Robitaille,

The District Board of Supervisors, on December 2, 2015 set the Municipal Assessment at \$1.00 per capita based on the most recent Census population estimates.

Based on the 2013 Vermont Health Dept. Population Estimates, the population of the Town of Montgomery is 1196. In accordance with Article IV, Section 2.b of the District Charter, the "District Formation Agreement" approved by the voters of your community December 29, 1987, the FY2017 assessment for the Town of Montgomery is \$1,196.00. All assessments are due by November 15, 2016. An invoice will be mailed to you in July 2016.

Should you have any questions, please call the District office at 524-5986. You can also speak with your Town Supervisor.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Bolster
Business Manager

MEMBER COMMUNITIES:

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for MONTGOMERY

Your local health district office is in St. Albans at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

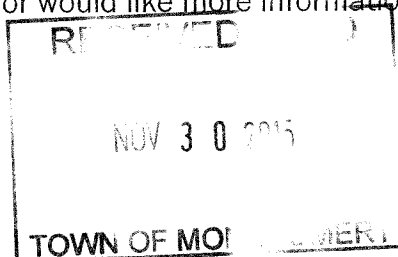
Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Montgomery, 43 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Families served by WIC are now able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice (a change from home delivery).

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$1,888,581 of which was in Franklin and Grand Isle counties.

Supported healthy communities: Franklin Grand Isle Caring Communities was awarded \$150,000 to support implementation of community-based chronic disease prevention strategies related to alcohol and drug abuse, nutrition and physical activity, and tobacco control.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In 2014/15, \$28,000 was contributed to fund training for Franklin & Grand Isle Counties Emergency Medical Services and Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, since July 2013, funding of \$60,813 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Northwestern Medical Center.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of local groups of volunteers, with a mission to engage volunteers in activities that strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as others interested in improving the health and safety of their local jurisdictions. MRC units identify, screen, train and organize volunteers, and utilize them to support routine public health activities and augment preparedness and response efforts. If you are interested in volunteering in the Northwest VT MRC, or would like more information on the MRC program in VT, please visit www.ontcallforvt.org



ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE OFFICERS

OF THE

**MONTGOMERY TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2015

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MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Tim Murphy

School Directors

Bruce Mercy	Term Expires	2016
Charles Purrier	Term Expires	2016
Mary Niles	Term Expires	2017
Christina Suarez-Pratt	Term Expires	2017
Cathy Howell	Term Expires	2018

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 – 2015
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 9th day of March A.D. 2015 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following business:

Scott Perry, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator.

Patrick Farmer nominated Timothy Murphy. No other nominations were made. Timothy was elected by voice vote

Scott Perry made a motion to amend Articles 2 and 3 to be election “by ballot” and was seconded. Motion passed by two-thirds voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To elect one School Director for a term of two years.

Trevor Walker nominated Mary Niles. Rachel Hardy nominated Catherine Howell. Catherine declined the nomination. No other nominations were made. Without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Mary Niles.

ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director for a term of three years.

Patrick Farmer nominated Catherine Howell. No other nominations were made. Without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Catherine Howell.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,000 in surplus funds from the 2013-2014 school year into the Capitol Project Fund?

Scott Perry made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Scott asked for clarification on where the funds came from and if this is a new fund. Charles Purrier, Chairman of the School Board, explained that it is a new fund created to offset future building repairs and projects. The moderator ceased debate. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voter of Montgomery Town School District appropriate \$2,592,657 necessary for the support of schools for the school year beginning July 1, 2015?

Marijke Dollois made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Lynda Cluba made a brief statement regarding the Education Tax Rate and education funding. The motion passed by voice vote.


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

Marijke Dollois thanked Beth O'Brien, Principal, for her years of service to our school and wished her success in her future endeavors.

Patrick Farmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 P.M and was second. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

True records this 16th day of March, 2015

ATTEST:


Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST:


Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman

MONTGOMERY TOWN CLERK OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD/DISCHARGE

March 16 A.D. 2015 at 4 o'clock 0 min. P M

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of Montgomery Land Records

Attest  Asst Town Clerk

WARNING
MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2016

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 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., to transact the following business, viz:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a School Director for a term of two (2) years.
(Bruce Mercy's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.
(Charles Purrier's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$46,604 (25% of the surplus funds from the 2014-2015 school year) into the Capital Project Fund?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,649,154, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$11,969 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.57% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 6. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting we will hold a presentation on unification and Act 46.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called and held for that purpose on January 11, 2016.


Cathy Howell


Bruce Mercy

Mary Niles


Charles Purrier


Christina Suarez-Pratt

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

General Fund

Beginning Balance 07/01/14

Checking Account	375,288.04	\$375,288.04
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RECEIPTS

State of Vermont	608,719.38	
Property Taxes - Town of Montgomery	1,885,678.36	
FNESU Reimbursements	40,764.33	
Interest	546.00	
E-Rate Reimbursements	1,633.29	
Tuition Refunds & Reimb	78.75	
Use of School/Sports Games	888.50	
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	150,534.85	
Small Grants & Donations	946.62	
		\$2,689,790.08
		\$3,065,078.12

EXPENSES

Disbursements	\$ 2,594,333.42	\$ 2,594,333.42
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Ending Balance 06/30/15

Checking Account	\$470,744.70	
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Food Service

Beginning Balance 07/01/14

Checking Account	30,856.83	\$30,856.83
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RECEIPTS

FNESU/VT - Meal Reimb	75,709.46	
Meal Sales - Students/Adults/Catering	26,929.51	
Interest	8.11	
Miscellaneous	925.59	
		\$103,572.67
		\$134,429.50

EXPENSES

Disbursements	104,034.39	\$104,034.39
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Ending Balance 06/30/15

Checking	\$30,395.11	
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Respectfully Submitted - Deanna-Dee Robitaille, School Treasurer

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Joint Report of School Directors and Office of Superintendent of Schools

Enrollment as of October 1, 2015

Grades	PK-3	PK-4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	9	10	15	14	14	18	13	14	14	7	18					146
Enosburg Falls Middle and High School-----												4	11	4	8	27
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School-----												2	0	1	0	3
North Country Union High School-----												1	2	3	1	7
Lamoille Union High School-----												0	0	0	1	1
BFA-----												0	0	1	1	2
St. Johnsbury Academy-----												0	2	0	0	2
Stanstead College-----												1	1	4	1	<u>7</u>
																195

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

There is an old Chinese curse that states: "May your children live in a time of change." For many people, change is seen as a curse! However, without change progress can't occur. The great Will Rogers once said, "No matter how far up the tracks you are, if you stop moving eventually the train will run you over." These days in public education the only constant is that things are always changing.

As a resident of one of our local communities, I know how much we value our schools. Our schools do a great job of supporting our students regardless of what an individual student needs to become a well-informed, academically, socially, and emotionally productive member of our society. We take all students regardless of background, home situation, physical and emotional issues and ensure they all get an appropriate public education. Although we focus a great deal on our students' academic growth, we also work very hard to provide each child with a well-rounded education.

Our School Boards fully understand the burden that rising costs of education place on our local residents. We are part of a state school tax system that has seen decreasing enrollment over the last two decades with increasing costs. All Vermont taxpayers share in the financial burden of providing a high quality public education for Vermont students. 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. Our School Boards and administrators are 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.

Please read the article in this Annual Report about Vermont's Act 46 Education Law and the great opportunities it will provide for students and taxpayers in our five communities. By working together and taking advantage of opportunities in the new law, we can develop a better education system at a lower cost for all of our towns. We are stronger together.

Curriculum

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

Recent legislative and policy actions from Montpelier are profoundly influencing curriculum work in Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). The Flexible Pathways Act (2013) and the Education Quality Standards (2014) mandate transformation of our current education delivery system. Students will no longer graduate based on "seat time," but instead must provide evidence of proficiency for a locally selected set of graduation requirements. The learning environments that students may access in order to meet these proficiencies will expand as well. Schools will ensure that students have increased access to work-based learning such as internships and apprenticeships, virtual and online learning, and early college or dual enrollment opportunities. Additionally, by seventh grade, students must develop and maintain Personalized Learning Plans (PLP) in collaboration with their teachers and families that will help them navigate their educational experience.

FNESU has been focused on standards and Standards-Based Learning (a key element of Proficiency-Based Learning) for the past several years. Components of Standards-Based Learning are in place in all of our schools. Act 77 and the Education Quality Standards (EQS) confirm and solidify our work already under way and places Proficiency-Based and Personalized Learning (PBL) in the forefront across FNESU.

To prepare school systems and provide common understanding about upcoming changes related to Proficiency-Based Learning, FNESU and twenty-two other Vermont supervisory unions and school districts participated in a grant sponsored by the Agency of Education. Through the grant opportunity, educator teams engaged in a series of monthly seminars with Great Schools Partnership (www.greatschoolspartnership.org). At the conclusion of this work, the FNESU team developed a 5-year implementation plan that will strengthen our K-12 work and phase in a fully-developed system of Proficiency-Based Learning.

We are also continuing our "Academy" model of professional learning for teachers in FNESU. This has allowed us to identify Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements (PBGR) in some content areas and begin developing the scoring guides that will be used to verify proficiency. In the future, we will be completing this work for all content areas as well as aligning courses to PBGR and refining or developing the many systems and structures necessary to support Proficiency-Based and Personalized Learning such as verification, grading, and reporting.

Although this transformation requires a tremendous amount of work and change, the results will benefit student learning. Our goal is for students to experience increased clarity and transparency about the learning goals in each course, specific feedback about how they are achieving the learning goals and about their learning habits, increased consistency of assessment and grading practices across all courses, and clear connections between school and the "real world." We believe that the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards previously adopted by Vermont are compatible with the education system transition to PBL as they aim to develop critical thinking, problem solving and analytical skills in our students.

In the spring of 2015, students in grades 3-8 and 11 participated in the first administration of the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) testing. These are meant to assess students' progress toward proficiency with the Common Core standards. Tests are useful if used within the limits of their design, but they cannot provide a comprehensive picture by themselves. Our students will take this assessment for the second time this spring, and these test scores will best serve to show the progress our schools are making, and will help teachers adapt their curriculum to fit the needs of our students.

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

For the twelfth 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. Montgomery Elementary is in their second year and serves

grades K-8. This grant funds all sites at fifty percent through June 2019; and Montgomery Elementary at one hundred percent through June 2017. 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, gyms, cafeterias, libraries, 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 2014-2015 school year, our project served 926 students in all five sites. 694 of these students 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, they must attend more than 60 hours per year. Overall, 75% of students who are enrolled in LEAPS after-school programs are regular attendees, up from 65% from the 2013-2014 school year. Specifically, at Montgomery Elementary: 108 students attend the program, of which all were regular attendees. This means that 86% of all students in the schools attended the program at some point during the year. We are also proud to announce that we have recently hired a new Site Coordinator at Montgomery Elementary School, Renee Roddy, who has already drastically improved the program with new enrichment activities and opportunities for the students.

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, Chester's Promise, VT National Guard, Enosburg Library, Enosburg Art Gallery, Berkshire Recreational Department, Green Heron Farm, UVM Extension Service, Berkshire PTO, Snyder's Academy of TKD, Hannaford, 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

Under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Vermont is required to identify and evaluate students who have disabilities and to offer them individualized education programs (IEP) for special education and related services. A team, using a process specified in the law, makes decisions regarding the services that are included in an IEP. An IEP team includes a student's classroom teacher, special educator, parent(s), and a representative of the school district who is empowered to commit resources such as staff time or funding. By law, schools are required to carry out provisions outlined in a student's IEP.

Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union serves approximately 260 special education students across its five towns. We employ a staff of approximately 30 teachers, speech pathologists, and school psychologists, and approximately 60 support staff. Additionally, we often contract with our local designated health agency, Northwest Counseling and Support Services (NCSS) in St. Albans, to support students identified with autism, or those students displaying significant mental health issues, and/or having compromised cognitive abilities. This level of support allows our students to attend their local school rather than placing students in costly out-of-district placements, which also

includes a lengthy commute. Approximately 5% of our special education students attend out-of-district independent schools to support a higher level of need.

The challenge in our Supervisory Union lies in providing many of the needed services for our students locally. Often times, transportation costs and travel time outweigh the benefit of needed services. Our ultimate goal is to build capacity within our district and we are continually looking at alternative ways to provide quality services and remain fiscally responsible to our community supporters.

To this end, we have consolidated our special education staff under the Supervisory Union. The benefit of this consolidation allows us to be more flexible and responsive to unforeseen spikes in schools and with individual students. We are now sharing expertise, manpower, and materials across the Supervisory Union.

Additionally, our special educators are being trained in core content areas alongside regular educators, which allows special educators and regular educators to collaborate on serving the needs of all students.

Finally, we are very proud of the fact that all of our para-educators have participated in a Mental Health First Aid Certification Course this past fall. This hands-on, interactive training was provided by NCSS and increases our staff's awareness of the complex needs of many students attending our schools.

I am also fortunate to have a new Assistant Director of Special Programs on my team this year. Robin Trushaw, a veteran special educator from Swanton Elementary School, has quickly become a valued member of our administrative team.

In closing, it is my good fortune to continue to be part of an administrative team that places student learning and needs in the forefront of all educational decisions.

Technology Report

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director

In Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), we understand the importance of technology in the education of our students. FNESU schools continue running strong 1:1 programs to maximize students' access to valuable educational tools. Our schools continue to embrace emerging technologies as well as educating students on the safe and proper use of technology. At the same time, we continue to be mindful of our taxpayers and keep the budget in mind while still providing students with access to the tools they need to be successful in the future.

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. 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, and have become the most purchased computing device in education recently. As with the national trend, Chromebook use has been growing in our schools as well. Currently, every town in FNESU has some form of a 1:1 program in place.

The number of devices available to students has been a huge benefit in regards to testing. Our students are required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments, which has replaced the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). 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. With our infrastructure ready for this undertaking, everything worked pretty well for our first round of electronic testing last year, and we look to build on what we've learned and make things even smoother for students moving forward.

Many new jobs being created within the next few years will require computer science degrees. FNESU schools continue to broaden the technological offering 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 have participated in the Hour of Code the past couple years, which is an annual event designed to introduce and promote coding to students. We have also seen an increase in Maker projects, including the use of 3D Printing in several of our schools.

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. We also continue to use PowerSchool as our Student Management System, allowing students and parents to view grades, attendance and teacher comments online. Another beneficial system is Blackboard, which allows schools to make automated calls home to share information about upcoming events, or with important messages such as school closings.

FNESU schools keep local budgets in mind and look for ways to ease the financial burden on our communities. Our schools take 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.

As the use of technology in schools continues to grow, student safety must be kept in mind. 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 in our schools.

Technology Education Resources:

- <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/> (Internet safety/digital citizenship resource)
- <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 leaders that 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. Even more so, we are lucky to have communities that support these endeavors. 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 x 21.

Principal's Report

Sandra Alexander, Principal

As the new Principal of Montgomery Elementary School, I would first like to say that I am elated to be a part of this amazing community and also truly grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to lead such a distinguished school. It goes without saying that it has taken years of work for Montgomery Elementary to become the well-oiled machine that it is today, and I appreciate the efforts of those who forged ahead together as a team to achieve these results.

While the student enrollment remained approximately the same as last year, we commenced the school year with several new staff members. Kathryn Gray filled the position vacated by Susan Ruprecht's retirement, and we welcomed Irene Rippon as art teacher, Marjorie Nyland-Funke as guidance counselor, Taylor Rivard as PE teacher, athletic director and math interventionist, Renee Roddy as LEAPS coordinator, Robert Anderson as food service cook, Holly Bodony as speech language pathologist, and Montgomery alumni, Megan Bosley as para-educator. In

addition, within the first few months of school, we have welcomed Maryanne Wood, Jennifer Plantier, Kasey Ede, and Phyllis Charbonneau as para-educators, and we are off and running toward another successful school year in Montgomery.

This is Montgomery's second year with the 21st Century Grant. This grant provides funding for our before and after school programming, Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive Relationships and Self-esteem (LEAPS). Renee Roddy has assumed the role of site coordinator and has fine-tuned the program to create a nice balance of academics and enrichment for our students. The program is well attended with over two-thirds of our students participating, and the school is buzzing from 7:30 in the morning until 5:00 at night. Staff members provide several of the enrichment sessions, while others are offered by community members or community organizations. Our students are the future of Montgomery, and exposing them to the committees and events that function in the town will help to mold active citizens. Please consider sharing your expertise through our LEAPS program.

On another note, I am pleased to announce some positive changes that are in the planning stages for next year. The implementation of Act 166 requires schools to offer a minimum of ten hours of pre-school for children age three to five. As of September 2016, it is our intention to expand our pre-school and play-school hours. Pre-school for four-year-olds will likely be three full days on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and play-school for three-year-olds would be Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 1:30. This plan offers almost twice the number of hours required for four-year-olds and we are hopeful that full days will make it more convenient for families.

During the spring of 2015, Vermont was one of 18 states to participate in a new literacy and math assessment known as SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium), to measure progress toward meeting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) that were adopted in 2010. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 were tested, and the results of the assessment were released in the fall. As indicated on the table below, Montgomery's results are remarkable, which is another testament to the hard work and dedication to learning that happens at Montgomery Elementary.

Grade	English Language Arts/Literacy			Math		
	Percent Proficient and Above Vermont	Percent Proficient and Above FNESU	Percent Proficient and Above Montgomery	Percent Proficient and Above Vermont	Percent Proficient and Above FNESU	Percent Proficient and Above Montgomery
3	52%	47%	54%	51%	54%	54%
4	51%	53%	79%	45%	40%	86%
5	57%	56%	80%	42%	35%	73%
6	53%	52%	100%	37%	35%	88%
7	55%	56%	94%	43%	40%	88%
8	54%	50%	100%	40%	30%	89%

On a warm and fuzzy note, I would like to share something new at Montgomery Elementary this year. Stemming from a couple of conversations in the fall, one with an eighth grader and another with a seventh grader, an idea was formulated to offer students more responsibility and ownership of day-to-day practices at school. A group was formed entitled SMILE, (Students Making Ideal Living Everywhere), and some of their undertakings thus far include student-delivered daily announcements, which includes a quote of the day, and community service events such as sweeping out the buses as a kind gesture before the holidays. Other ideas planned include: older students acknowledging younger students who are observed following the code of character, student maintenance of the school website, and a mentoring program. Prior to the holidays this group decided to have a Penny War at school in an effort to raise money for needy families in the Montgomery community. Within a week, the school raised just over \$1,000! Isn't that enough to make you SMILE?

Although I have been in Montgomery for just a short time, it is apparent that students who attend Montgomery Elementary receive a quality, well-rounded education. It is our belief that every student can succeed, and this happens when we all work together to support the children of Montgomery. Parents, be sure to support your child at home by speaking the language of the "growth mindset" – encourage your children to take on a challenge and persevere. Intelligence is cultivated by determination, and each and every one of us can benefit from this belief.

In conclusion, as the year progresses, I look forward to continuing the experience of school life in a top-notch elementary/middle school in the small diverse town of Montgomery, Vermont. I have enjoyed getting to know staff, students, families and many other community members. I believe that the school is the center of the community and welcome visitors to stop by and experience what I have the opportunity to live every day. Please feel free to stop in, whether it is for an introduction, a tour, or to volunteer. My door is open, and I look forward to meeting you.

Montgomery Town School District
Teacher Quality Data
2014-2015

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	20/20	0/20	100%	0%	0/12	0%

Professional Qualifications of Teachers

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

Act 46: Let's Move Forward Together

Jay Nichols, Superintendent of Schools

On June 7, 2016, the residents of Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Richford may have the opportunity to vote to unify our five local town school districts into one district. The educational benefits of such a merger are immense. In addition, there are significant financial benefits to tax payers. The state of Vermont has directed that school districts join what are defined as "preferred structures." Districts in Supervisory Unions such as ours that decline to become a preferred structure will be penalized by losing benefits such as small schools grant. In addition, towns that refuse to form into a preferred structure will ultimately be placed into one by the Agency of Education. The option of doing nothing does not appear to be an appropriate or thoughtful strategy.

The School Boards of Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) voted to form a Unification Study Committee. This committee has been working to determine the best direction forward for our schools given the provisions of Act 46. On June 7, 2016 it is likely that voters will determine the future of their local schools. At this writing, the committee is still working on Articles of Agreement that will serve as by-laws for a new Unified District. Once this work is completed, the committee will vote on whether to recommend unification to the voters. If the committee makes the recommendation to unify all five town school districts, a "yes" vote to merge means that all the school districts in FNESU will unite to work together and take advantage of the benefits of the law, which include tax incentives (30-cents over the next (5) five years). A "no" vote means that the committee will work on and present an alternative plan and bring the vote back to voters again next year (with less tax incentives) or a town could simply wait and have the state place them in whatever governance configuration they deem appropriate with the understanding there would be no tax incentives provided. Moving forward together will benefit our students and taxpayers, especially since our towns have such a long history of working together.

The following are some facts, information, and projections related to Act 46 for voters to consider if there is a vote for unification this June:

Five goals of the law are to:

1. Provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities statewide;
2. Lead students to achieve or exceed the State's Education Quality Standards;
3. Maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing the district-level ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;
4. Promote transparency and accountability;
5. Deliver education at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value.

Student Benefits of Unification:

- Resources would be shared among towns, providing students with many more educational opportunities. Potential examples:
 - Students could take classes at either high school.
 - Students who move to another town in our new district would not necessarily have to change schools.
 - Students may have the option of attending a school that is physically closer to where they live – this will shorten bus rides for many students.
 - Students will have more choice within the new district so they may have a better opportunity to attend a school that is a better fit for them.
 - Schools will be better able to share specialist teachers across the five towns instead of each town school district trying to hire their own. Teachers will have greater protection if layoffs occur; they could choose to be transferred to another town in the new district. This will allow us to keep effective teachers in whom we have already invested many training hours and dollars. This leads to better continuity for student learning.
 - A Unified District will be better able to balance class sizes.
 - Curriculum materials will belong to the new district and will be able to be shared across buildings.
 - The high schools can combine small classes, like some of our World Language classes and Advanced Placement courses, providing more opportunities for students who want rigorous learning opportunities. This can be done through flexible scheduling, use of technology, and bussing some students between schools during the day. (We already have a bus that travels back and forth from Richford to Cold Hollow Career Center in Enosburg every day.)

Taxpayer Benefits of Unification:

- 30-cent savings on tax rates over 5 years, if all towns vote 'yes'. This incentive would keep over \$1.2 million dollars of tax money within our five towns.
- We get to keep our small schools grant for Montgomery and Bakersfield (approximately \$145,000).
- We can remodel our special education program so that individual towns do not have to contract with outside vendors and use the savings to train our own people as one district. (We believe, at the very least and very conservatively, this alone will save \$250,000 a year in special education costs.)
- The reporting, audits, paperwork, extra meetings, and extra budget development of having six school boards moving into one school board will save money and make the Superintendent's Office more effective and efficient (This will save over \$100,000 annually.)
- None of our towns will have high-school tuition payments. This will save nearly \$900,000 annually, and reduce some of the huge swings in tax rates.
- Becoming one district will allow us to qualify for more grant opportunities because our collective enrollment will be over 1600 students. (Many grants require at least 1000 students to even apply.)
- All residents will have say over all schools in the new district.
- The taxpayers would vote the Superintendent's Office and Special Education budget on as part of the regular budget.

What do the teachers think?

- 139 teachers completed an anonymous survey, of which only six teachers felt we should do nothing. All of the remaining 133 teachers supported some type of merger with forming a completely Unified District (all 5 towns in it together) as the first choice of teachers by a two-to-one margin over other options.

Potential Disadvantages to Unification

- Bakersfield, Berkshire, and Montgomery would lose tuition vouchers. Their students would attend either Enosburg or Richford High School or use Vermont's current school choice law (Act 129) to attend other public high schools. Currently, ten (10) students attend private or out-of-state high schools not covered under Vermont's school choice law. **All students enrolled in another high school at the time of the merger would be grandfathered in so that they could continue to attend the high school they were enrolled in until their graduation.**
- All towns would have fewer school board members but all board members would have input in all schools.

School Board Representation:

- Every town in the Unified District would have at least two representatives on the Board.
- Voters in each town will vote for their board representatives on June 7, 2016 when they vote on whether to Unify.
- This one Board will be responsible to all citizens in all five (5) towns.

Please remember to vote on June 7, 2016 so that we can provide greater opportunities for our students with improved financial stability for our taxpayers.

Business Manager's Update
Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

Act 166

Act 166 of 2014 requires that districts provide 10 hours of pre-school 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 local budgets due to expanded hours and new requirements that districts pay tuition for pre-school students attending out-of-district programs. With this requirement, Federal grant money is no longer eligible to cover any these costs.

Act 46

Act 46 of 2015 sets an allowable growth “cap” on per pupil spending increases for FY17 and FY18. Any spending over the cap is double taxed. As of the printing deadline, the Vermont Senate has voted to repeal the caps, the Vermont House is debating whether to raise the caps or leave them in place, and the interpretation of how to calculate the caps is in flux. For FY17, Montgomery’s proposed per pupil spending is \$11,969, below the cap as currently defined.

Expenses Paid by the Supervisory Union

Act 153 of 2010 by the Agency of Education requires most special education costs, district audits, and transportation of students to and from school to be paid by the Supervisory Union and assessed to the individual school districts. Special education teachers (only) were moved to the FNESU budget last year. Remaining expenses have been shifted in this proposed budget.

Tax Rates

Property tax rates are governed by **Act 68**, Vermont’s School Finance law. Act 68 created a separate tax rate for residential property and 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 **Property Dollar Equivalent Yield** is set by statute and revised annually by the Legislature. *As the dollar yield increases, the tax rate decreases.* This budget uses \$9,955, the amount recommended by the tax commissioner on December 1. The final figure will be set by the Legislature.
- **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 page one of the budget.

Households with income below \$109,000 may be eligible for a reduction in their residential property tax bill. In 2014, 308 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

Two standardized reports are required by Act 68. “Three Prior Years Comparisons” provides three years of historical financial data and FY17 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. These reports immediately follow the budget.

Audit

The District was audited by Angolano & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. 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

Mary Niles

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

Sandra Alexander, Principal

Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

MES Fundraisers FY15

Proceeds	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
QSP (mags)	\$2,067.00	\$1,793.55	\$1,443.20	\$1,585.38	\$1,185.15	\$621.00	\$1,128.04
MF Regular			\$2,869.00	\$2,568.95	\$1,899.95	\$1,317.10	\$1,771.40
Cookie Sales		\$1,055.00			\$770.80	\$1,206.14	\$834.40
Pizza	\$3,424.25	\$3,775.15	\$2,145.43	\$2,085.87	\$1,673.39	\$1,653.71	\$1,481.19
Seeds					\$1,043.15	-	623.7

2014-15 SALARIES AND WAGES

PRINCIPAL

Beth O'Brien	\$89,890
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TEACHERS

Jay Farnham	\$1,373
Kristina Bowen	\$41,418
Jeffrey Ward	\$64,791
Melissa Weselmann	\$6,047
Susan Zeineth-Collins	\$56,834
Laura Linek	\$15,599
Pamela Krout-Voss	\$22,714
Steven Moran	\$57,262
Sara Caldwell	\$43,846
Susan Ruprecht	\$33,491
Claudia Woodward	\$39,872
Lara Morales	\$53,273
Eric Hoh	\$14,234
Nicole Lacharite	\$30,200
Andrew Schlatter	\$5,385
Total	\$486,339

TREASURER

Renee Patterson	\$1,421
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$2,673
Total	\$4,094

PARAEDUCATORS

Carol Clokey	\$17,496
Robin Pelkey	\$22,801
Elaine Bruckner	\$4,703
Annie Purrier	\$19,741
Angela Paquette	\$13,516
Emily Fleury	\$11,929
Kristin Baker	\$14,593
Melissa Poilly	\$6,345
Taylor Rivard	\$5,162
Nicki Johnson	\$12,117
Total	\$128,403

LIBRARIAN

Robin Bryce	\$16,793
Total	\$16,793

EXTRACURRICULAR COORDINATOR

Jeff Ward	\$4,500
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Jeffrey Ward	\$1,500
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CUSTODIANS

Andrew Smith	\$31,156
Colin Wood	\$29,556
Total	\$60,712

SECRETARY

Ruthanne Little	\$27,436
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FOOD SERVICE

James Abbott	\$114
Wendy Howard	\$20,041
Dawn Reed	\$22,252
Megan Stanley	\$194
Total	\$42,601

GUIDANCE

Lindsey Waldman	\$16,793
Total	\$16,793

COACHES

David Burns	\$450
John Newton	\$900
Mark Parsons	\$450
Nelson Mayhew	\$900
Total	\$2,700

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

Jenny Sirkin	\$600
Charles R. Purrier	\$600
Bruce Mercy	\$600
Christina Suarez	\$600
Catherine Howell	\$600
Total	\$3,000

NURSE

Rachael Hardy	\$14,891
Total	\$14,891

2014-15 SALARIES AND WAGES

SUBSTITUTES

Marnie Bimm	\$770
David Boudreau	\$139
Erika Chagnon	\$43
Patricia Cummins	\$638
Sharon DeVries	\$1,020
Beverly Haase	\$1,066
Megan Robidoux	\$75
Viola Woodward	\$284
Juliana Turcotte	\$128
Marlene Stewart	\$65
Maryanne Wood	\$261
Total	\$4,489

2014-15 TUITION PAYMENTS

North Country Union High School	\$123,422
Enosburg Falls High School	\$331,111
Bellows Free Academy Union High School	\$13,735
Cold Hollow Career Center	\$9,826
Richford High School	\$47,294
St. Johnsbury Academy	\$47,250
North Country Career Center	\$10,956
Stanstead College	\$96,264
Lamoille Union High School	\$12,775
Green Mountain Technology and Career	\$3,533
Total	\$696,166

**Montgomery Town School District
FY17 General Fund
Projected Revenue and Tax Rates**

	FY16 Reported	FY17 Estimated	FY16-17 Change
Private and Local Revenue			
Use of Unreserved Fund Balance	\$110,000	\$139,813	\$29,813
Interest	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Medicaid Funds	\$13,033	\$20,629	\$7,596
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Total Private and Local Revenue:	\$127,033	\$164,442	\$37,409
State Aid			
Small Schools Grant	\$91,280	\$81,866	(\$9,414)
State Transportation Aid	\$54,947	\$58,475	\$3,528
Special Education Mainstream Block Grant	\$61,375	\$63,371	\$1,996
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	\$131,964	\$74,823	(\$57,141)
Special Education Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$18,016	\$0	(\$18,016)
Early Essential Education Grant	\$12,373	\$14,686	\$2,313
Total State Aid:	\$369,955	\$293,221	(\$76,734)
Projected Tax Rates			
	FY16 Reported	FY17 Estimated	FY16-17 Change
Budgeted Expenditures	\$2,592,657	\$2,649,154	\$56,497
less Local and Grant Revenue	\$496,988	\$457,663	(\$39,325)
equals Education Spending	\$2,095,669	\$2,191,491	\$95,822
divided by Equalized Pupils	181.33	183.09	1.76
equals Per Pupil Education Spending	\$11,557	\$11,969	\$412
divided by Dollar Yield	\$9,555	\$9,870	\$315
equals Equalized residential school tax rate	\$1.2096	\$1.2127	\$0.0031
divided by Common Level of Appraisal	100.71%	100.20%	-0.51%
Local Residential Education Tax Rate:	\$1.2011	\$1.2103	\$0.0092
Non-Residential School Tax Rate	\$1.5350	\$1.5380	\$0
divided by Common Level of Appraisal	100.71%	100.20%	(\$0)
Local Non-Residential Education Tax Rate:	\$1.5242	\$1.5349	\$0.0108

Montgomery Town School District

FY17 General Fund Budget

	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 to Dec 31	FY17 Proposed	FY16-17 Change
1 EXPENSES					
2 Elementary Instruction					
3 Personnel	\$315,197	\$278,866	\$128,345	\$346,813	\$67,947
4 Benefits	\$91,232	\$109,434	\$42,417	\$96,588	(\$12,846)
5 Contracted Services	\$2,480	\$41,750	\$739	\$6,300	(\$35,450)
6 Facilities/Rent	\$2,884	\$4,150	\$1,889	\$4,150	\$0
7 Transportation/Mileage	\$163	\$650	\$178	\$650	\$0
8 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$15,015	\$16,800	\$8,447	\$18,300	\$1,500
9 Total Elementary Instruction	\$426,971	\$451,650	\$182,015	\$472,801	\$21,151
10					
11 Secondary Instruction					
12 Personnel	\$100,765	\$104,106	\$39,051	\$104,192	\$86
13 Benefits	\$33,286	\$28,937	\$11,365	\$29,040	\$103
14 Transportation/Mileage	\$182	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15 Total Secondary Instruction	\$134,234	\$133,043	\$50,416	\$133,232	\$189
16					
17 Co-Curricular					
18 Personnel	\$8,275	\$6,050	\$1,425	\$6,050	\$0
19 Benefits	\$702	\$431	\$141	\$90	(\$341)
20 Contracted Services	\$365	\$600	\$245	\$600	\$0
21 Transportation/Mileage	\$6,663	\$6,350	\$0	\$6,350	\$0
22 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$1,619	\$1,750	\$500	\$1,750	\$0
23 Total Co-Curricular	\$17,624	\$15,181	\$2,311	\$14,840	(\$341)
24					
25 Guidance					
26 Personnel	\$16,894	\$18,408	\$9,583	\$25,031	\$6,623
27 Benefits	\$1,437	\$2,508	\$808	\$2,473	(\$35)
28 Contracted Services	\$291	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$0
29 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$170	\$200	\$128	\$200	\$0
30 Total Guidance	\$18,791	\$21,266	\$10,519	\$27,854	\$6,588
31					
32 Health Services					
33 Personnel	\$12,747	\$18,460	\$7,051	\$19,146	\$686
34 Benefits	\$4,936	\$11,396	\$10,001	\$12,690	\$1,294
35 Contracted Services	\$1,703	\$150	\$75	\$150	\$0
36 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$489	\$1,000	\$184	\$1,000	\$0
37 Total Health Services	\$19,875	\$31,006	\$17,311	\$32,986	\$1,980
38					
39 Paraeducators					
40 Personnel	\$56,603	\$51,260	\$24,018	\$59,934	\$8,674
41 Benefits	\$6,174	\$6,939	\$2,453	\$19,110	\$12,171
42 Total Paraeducators	\$62,777	\$58,199	\$26,471	\$79,044	\$20,845
43					

Montgomery Town School District FY17 General Fund Budget

	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 to Dec 31	FY17 Proposed	FY16-17 Change
44 Library					
45 Personnel	\$17,067	\$18,408	\$6,865	\$18,153	(\$255)
46 Benefits	\$1,565	\$2,508	\$1,822	\$1,941	(\$567)
47 Contracted Services	\$0	\$250	\$249	\$250	\$0
48 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$3,455	\$3,200	\$1,775	\$3,200	\$0
49 Total Library	\$22,087	\$24,366	\$10,711	\$23,544	(\$822)
50					
51 Technology					
52 Personnel	\$755	\$4,200	\$0	\$4,200	\$0
53 Benefits	\$131	\$351	\$0	\$355	\$4
54 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,845	\$0	\$0
55 Facilities/Rent	\$0	\$2,975	\$0	\$3,000	\$25
56 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$5,773	\$8,755	\$5,045	\$8,800	\$45
57 Total Technology	\$6,659	\$16,281	\$8,890	\$16,355	\$74
58					
59 School Directors					
60 Personnel	\$7,532	\$7,755	\$5,366	\$7,721	(\$34)
61 Benefits	\$645	\$384	\$410	\$537	\$153
62 Contracted Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
63 Other Services	\$9,160	\$9,700	\$7,980	\$8,800	(\$900)
64 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$3,781	\$6,750	\$2,636	\$6,750	\$0
65 Total School Directors	\$21,118	\$29,589	\$16,392	\$28,808	(\$781)
66					
67 Superintendent's Office					
68 Assessment	\$60,344	\$70,107	\$68,907	\$86,996	\$16,889
69 Total Superintendent's Office	\$60,344	\$70,107	\$68,907	\$86,996	\$16,889
70					
71 Principal's Office					
72 Personnel	\$121,945	\$103,958	\$54,598	\$106,161	\$4,203
73 Benefits	\$32,738	\$34,200	\$11,268	\$22,841	(\$11,359)
74 Contracted Services	\$0	\$1,000	\$617	\$1,000	\$0
75 Transportation/Mileage	\$822	\$1,100	\$359	\$1,000	(\$100)
76 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$1,619	\$3,000	\$3,502	\$3,000	\$0
77 Total Principal's Office	\$157,125	\$143,258	\$70,344	\$136,002	(\$7,256)
78					
79 Operation of Plant					
80 Personnel	\$61,747	\$64,545	\$31,714	\$69,452	\$4,907
81 Benefits	\$14,262	\$18,353	\$9,137	\$19,052	\$699
82 Contracted Services	\$381	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
83 Facilities/Rent	\$73,738	\$23,915	\$60,954	\$23,400	(\$515)
84 Other Services	\$2,511	\$3,694	\$1,409	\$3,700	\$6
85 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$45,323	\$51,083	\$16,637	\$49,000	(\$2,083)
86 Total Plant	\$197,962	\$161,590	\$119,851	\$164,604	\$3,014
87					

Montgomery Town School District FY17 General Fund Budget

	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 to Dec 31	FY17 Proposed	FY16-17 Change
88 Transportation					
89 Transportation To/From School	\$127,864	\$136,140	\$95,686	\$135,900	(\$240)
90 Total Transportation	\$127,864	\$136,140	\$95,686	\$135,900	(\$240)
91					
92 Debt Service					
93 Interest	\$32,464	\$29,832	\$15,581	\$23,330	(\$6,502)
94 Principal	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
95 Total Debt Service	\$97,464	\$94,832	\$80,581	\$88,330	(\$6,502)
96					
97 Tuition					
98 Public HS Tuition	\$528,338	\$560,288	\$261,603	\$549,955	(\$10,333)
99 Private HS Tuition	\$143,514	\$165,600	\$71,590	\$262,972	\$97,372
100 Tech Center Tuition	\$68,985	\$72,838	\$21,150	\$75,172	\$2,334
101 Prior Year Tuition	\$4,043	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
102 Prior Year Tech Tuition	\$1,022	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
103 Total Tuition	\$745,902	\$798,726	\$354,343	\$888,099	\$89,373
104					
105 Special Education					
106 Personnel	\$111,577	\$89,664	\$28,425	\$69,558	(\$20,106)
107 Benefits	\$17,111	\$11,586	\$4,292	\$7,928	(\$3,658)
108 Contracted Services	\$4,992	\$91,123	\$0	\$0	(\$91,123)
109 FNESU Assessment	\$6,724	\$7,382	\$149,408	\$139,023	\$131,641
110 Transportation/Mileage	\$10,900	\$15,500	\$761	\$0	(\$15,500)
111 Tuition	\$169,189	\$146,856	\$35,331	\$0	(\$146,856)
112 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$2,374	\$2,000	\$974	\$0	(\$2,000)
113 Total Special Education	\$322,869	\$364,111	\$219,191	\$216,509	(\$147,602)
114					
115 Early Education					
116 Personnel	\$10,570	\$14,320	\$12,237	\$74,290	\$59,970
117 Benefits	\$1,088	\$1,884	\$2,688	\$16,009	\$14,125
118 Contracted Services	\$577	\$21,221	\$300	\$0	(\$21,221)
119 Transp/Mileage/Tuition	\$44	\$500	\$296	\$9,000	\$8,500
120 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$699	\$500	\$573	\$500	\$0
121 Total Early Education	\$12,958	\$38,425	\$16,094	\$99,799	\$61,374
122					
123 Early Education SPED					
124 Personnel	\$5,208	\$0	\$2,199	\$3,074	\$3,074
125 Benefits	\$501	\$0	\$238	\$377	\$377
126 Contracted Services	\$5,657	\$4,887	\$0	\$0	(\$4,887)
127 Transportation/Mileage	\$60	\$0	\$34	\$0	\$0
128 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$44	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
129 Total Early Education SPED	\$11,469	\$4,887	\$2,471	\$3,451	(\$1,436)
130					
131 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,464,093	\$2,592,657	\$1,352,504	\$2,649,154	\$56,497

FY16 Education Spending Per Pupil

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

Of the 224 Vermont Districts that operated a school, Montgomery spent less per pupil than 212 of them.

State Average (\$14,598)

Bakersfield (\$13,278)

Franklin County Average (\$12,847)

Berkshire (\$12,847)

Richford (\$11,746)

Enosburgh (\$11,551)

Montgomery (\$11,544)



District: Montgomery County: Franklin		T128 Franklin Northeast		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$5,076 of taxable per equivalent pupil
				9,870	1.00
				11,065	Income dollar equivalent yield per \$7.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full individual center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$2,648,154
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Maine & New Mexico only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$2,648,154
5.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$2,542,423	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$2,648,154
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$580,912	\$496,461	\$499,436	\$457,663
11.	Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Maine & New Mexico only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$580,912	\$496,461	\$499,436	\$457,663
14.	Education Spending	\$1,961,511	\$2,083,314	\$2,093,221	\$2,191,491
15.	Equalized Pupil	182.17	181.01	181.33	183.09
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$10,767.48	\$11,509.39	\$11,543.71	\$11,969.47
17.	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$887.60	\$538.45	\$522.68	\$482.44
18.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
19.	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuition paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	Total tuition if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuition greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)	NA	NA	-	\$19.66
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	Threshold = \$10,438	Threshold = \$10,100	Threshold = \$10,768	District Threshold
26.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$11,470.38
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$10,767	\$11,609	\$11,544	\$11,969.47
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	117.665%	123.957%	122.036%	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 36) [\$11,969.47 + (\$9,870.00 / 1,000)]	\$1.1061 based on \$0.34	\$1.2148 based on \$0.36	\$1.2082 based on \$0.35	\$1.2127 based on \$0.35
30.	Percent of Montgomery equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.21)	\$1.1061	\$1.2148	\$1.2082	\$1.2127
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	77.57%	102.14%	100.71%	100.20%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.2127 / 100.20%)	\$1.4299 based on \$0.34	\$1.1893 based on \$0.35	\$1.1997 based on \$0.35	\$1.2103 based on \$0.35
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.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 36) [\$11,969.47 + \$11,665] x 2.00%	2.12%	2.23%	2.20%	2.16%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.16%)	2.12%	2.23%	2.20%	2.16%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1,536. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 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/>

FY2015 School Level Data

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

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
9 out of 33

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tch	Stu / Admin	Tchr / Admin
						Ratio	Ratio	Ratio
Stratford	Newton School	PK - 8	127	12.03	1.00	10.56	127.00	12.03
	Folsom Ed and Community Ctr	PK - 8	134	14.36	1.00	9.33	134.00	14.36
	Glover Community School	PK - 8	134	10.20	1.00	13.14	134.00	10.20
	Montgomery Elementary School	PK - 8	138	9.90	1.00	13.94	138.00	9.90
	Innsburg Village School	PK - 8	140	11.18	1.00	12.52	140.00	11.18
	Waterford Elementary School	PK - 8	152	11.55	1.00	13.16	152.00	11.55
	Bakersfield School	PK - 8	156	13.60	1.00	11.47	156.00	13.60
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			119.00	11.34	0.99	10.49	120.45	11.48

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 district more comparable to each other.

FY2014 School District Data

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

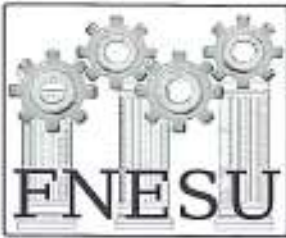
School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 13 out of 36
Stratford	Stratford	PK-8	121.10	\$13,133	Current expenditures 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.
South Hero	South Hero	PK-8	123.68	\$14,776	
Millers Run USD #37	Millers Run USD #37	PK-8	125.07	\$13,615	
	Montgomery	PK-8	126.81	\$10,361	
Glover	Glover	PK-8	130.65	\$12,370	
Innsburg	Innsburg	PK-8	143.43	\$10,835	
Waterford	Waterford	PK-8	145.43	\$14,019	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			123.76	\$13,220	

FY2016 School District Data

LEA ID School District		Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchDist Equalized Pupils	SchDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
					Use these tax rates to compare town rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs.
T199	Stratford	PK-8	176.08	15,346.18	1.6062	1.6062	107.46%	1.4947
T161	Putney	PK-8	177.34	16,961.82	1.7742	1.7816	99.59%	1.7889
T210	Tunbridge	K-8	179.54	15,216.00	1.5925	1.5925	111.96%	1.4225
T128	Montgomery	PK-8	181.33	11,543.71	1.2082	1.2082	100.71%	1.1997
T209	Troy	PK-8	188.06	12,205.41	1.2774	1.3216	100.01%	1.3215
T013	Barton ID	PK-8	188.38	12,273.53	1.2846	1.3710	101.98%	1.3443
T192	South Hero	PK-8	201.98	14,832.73	1.5315	1.5315	101.03%	1.5158

The Legislature has required the Agency 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.



Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union FY17 General Fund Budget

	FY15 Actual	FY16 Budget	FY16 to Dec 31	FY17 Proposed	FY16-17 Change	Montgomery Share
1 EXPENSES						
2 Curriculum and Instruction						
3 Personnel	\$30,500	\$31,630	\$14,598	\$32,760	\$1,130	\$2,886
4 Benefits	\$14,225	\$12,392	\$5,432	\$13,033	\$641	\$1,148
5 Other	\$460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6 Total Curriculum	\$45,185	\$44,022	\$20,030	\$45,793	\$1,771	\$4,034
7						
8 Administration						
9 Personnel	\$321,817	\$324,955	\$137,229	\$332,040	\$7,085	\$29,253
10 Benefits	\$130,802	\$132,017	\$51,877	\$126,834	(\$5,183)	\$11,174
11 Contracted Services	\$66,032	\$8,600	\$21,788	\$39,300	\$30,700	\$5,092
12 Facilities/Rent	\$15,960	\$16,360	\$4,649	\$23,300	\$6,940	\$2,053
13 Other Services	\$14,013	\$26,950	\$11,054	\$26,700	(\$250)	\$2,352
14 Supplies/Equipment	\$42,281	\$29,500	\$8,910	\$59,400	\$29,900	\$5,233
15 Other	\$5,345	\$9,000	\$7,544	\$8,000	(\$1,000)	\$705
16 Total Administration	\$596,250	\$547,382	\$243,051	\$615,574	\$68,192	\$55,862
17						
18 Business Services						
19 Personnel	\$171,910	\$176,932	\$83,090	\$192,533	\$15,601	\$16,962
20 Benefits	\$91,650	\$94,880	\$39,183	\$95,668	\$788	\$8,428
21 Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
22 Total Business Services	\$263,560	\$271,812	\$122,273	\$288,201	\$16,389	\$25,391
23						
24 Transportation To/From School						
25 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$351,212	\$1,030,600	\$1,030,600	\$135,900
26 Total Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$351,212	\$1,030,600	\$1,030,600	\$135,900
27						
28 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$904,995	\$863,216	\$736,566	\$1,980,168	\$1,116,952	\$221,187
29						
30 REVENUES						
31 Use of Fund Balance	\$34,750	\$34,750	\$0	\$0	(\$34,750)	\$0
32 Medicaid	\$23,578	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$1,938
33 Erate	\$0	\$2,000	\$106	\$2,000	\$0	\$176
34 Transfer from SPED	\$22,000	\$27,000	\$0	\$0	(\$27,000)	\$0
35 Transfer from Reserves	\$56,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
36 Miscellaneous	\$386	\$2,000	\$231	\$2,000	\$0	\$176
37 TOTAL REVENUES	\$137,114	\$87,750	\$337	\$26,000	(\$61,750)	\$2,291
38						
39 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS						
40 Bakersfield	\$72,308	\$72,351	\$106,270	\$211,900	\$139,549	
41 Berkshire	\$90,204	\$102,517	\$265,985	\$306,940	\$204,423	
42 Enosburgh	\$296,004	\$319,103	\$279,100	\$770,925	\$451,822	
43 Montgomery	\$60,344	\$64,907	\$164,593	\$218,896	\$153,989	\$218,896
44 Richford	\$209,469	\$216,588	\$205,083	\$445,506	\$228,918	
45 TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$728,329	\$775,466	\$1,021,031	\$1,954,167	\$1,178,701	

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
DOG OFFICER	326-2005
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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