

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
&  
MONTGOMERY TOWN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2016 REPORTS**



**Sue Wilson**

## 2016 Town Report Honoree Suzanne “Sue” Wilson

Every community has one of those people who seems to be involved in everything, and always has been. They know everyone and everyone knows them. For many of us in Montgomery that person, **or force of nature**, is Sue Wilson.

Sue moved to Montgomery, assisted by her dad Tom and with daughter Krissy in tow, in 1987. Her connection was through relatives living here and Montgomery's reputation as a great little place to live. Krissy attended local schools while Sue worked at Sylvester's Market, Zack's on the Rocks, Flicks, and Montgomery Properties before landing a position at a local bank. Krissy is now an assistant school superintendent in New Hampshire and Sue is a foster grandmother to two (now young adults) and numerous dogs.

Her work in Town government started in the early 90s. She was appointed as Health Officer in 1993, normally a sleepy office, but soon found herself leading an investigation into a leaking septic system! Two years later she was elected to the Library Board of Directors and served on that body through 2002. She was elected to the Budget Committee in 1996 and still serves on the Committee today. She was appointed as our Financial Controls Officer three years ago, a position created by the Selectboard, and provides monthly oversight of all accounts, and she's active on the Conservation Commission. All told she has served in one position or another for nearly 25 years. Throw in municipal projects like the new Library building loan, Town Christmas decorations, School and Fire Department fundraisers, Red Cross Shelter management, and you soon realize how lucky we all are. Her efforts for 97 Flood relief ranged from organizing and running a local donation fund to cleaning the Town Hall building. Now retired she volunteers at the Library and regularly attends Selectboard meetings and takes on special Town projects.

Her work in civic groups and causes is equally phenomenal and includes the Covered Bridges Garden Club, various Montgomery Business groups, the Montgomery Center for the Arts, and the Montgomery Historical Society. She was largely responsible for many of the fundraisers leading to the recent restoration of Pratt Hall's west wall and was instrumental in the former Baptist Church's listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Even her work at the bank has had a direct benefit to our Town. The ATM is in Montgomery because she convinced her employer it would bring in new customers.

Our Town is a better place as a result of Sue's selfless service. We can never re-pay her but want her to know we appreciate everything she's done, and continues to do, to make Montgomery's reputation even more impressive. **THANK YOU SUE!**

# **AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT**

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### **INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

The Montgomery Select Board will conduct public informational meetings on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm and Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00am at the Town Hall (Grange), 57 Main St. in Montgomery Center to allow public discussion or questions relative to items in the current Town Report.

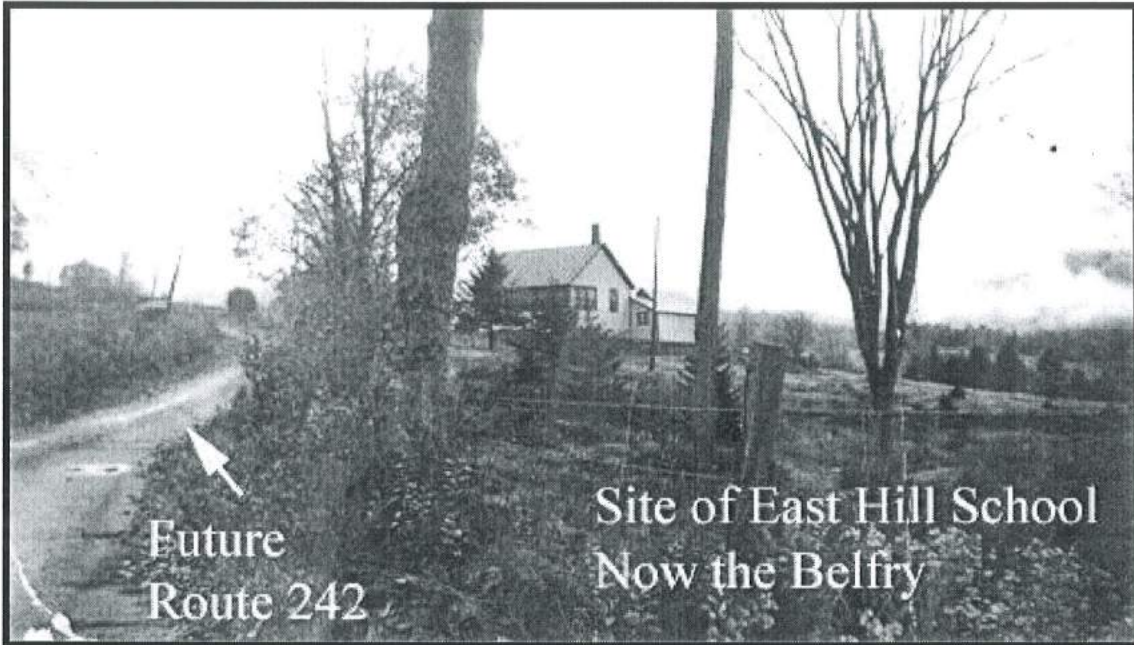
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60 years ago...



Estimated circa early 1950s. Photo donated by John and Mack Bolog.

**June 1957:** The Jay Road is opened and for the first time travelers can drive directly to the new ski area or State Park. Prior to that the only way to get there from Montgomery was using a footpath or driving around via other routes. The existing road was a single lane dirt affair with grass growing in the middle.

In 1955 a group led by Carl "Joe" Scott, a Montgomery Selectman and Road Commissioner won an appropriation from the State for improvements and a new segment of road to connect to the new ski area. A committee with members and equipment laid out and constructed seven miles of new road connecting Montgomery to Jay Peak.

It was paved in 1959 and the State accepted the road as Route 242 in 1964. The official opening guest of honor in 1957 was Senator George Aiken and Joe Scott was credited with the "initiative and vision" to bring the project to a successful conclusion. The St. Albans Messenger said: "It was almost strictly a one man show."

## 20 Years Ago...



Village Flood Damage

**July 1997:** Montgomery devastated by a historic flood. Estimated damages to public infrastructure estimated at 7.5 million predominantly in Montgomery.

Selectmen report ;

- Over 100 (of 600) homes with substantial damage
- Over 50 homes with damaged/destroyed heating systems
- 2 homes completely destroyed, 14 uninhabitable due to structural damage
- 40 miles of roads (nearly the entire road system) rendered impassable
- 2 public buildings with damage
- 58 sites along the Trout River and its tributaries needing immediate remediation to prevent further damage.

Sources: Montgomery Vermont, The History of a Town, St. Albans Messenger, An Oral History of Alpine Haven.

The Historical Society thanks the community for its continued support. Donations of photos and other artifacts from Montgomery's past are always welcome. Copies of the Town history are available at the Town Office, Lutz's Automotive, and on line.

**Montgomery Offices, Terms, & Incumbents**

2/9/2017

<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Town Meeting Moderator	1 year	Tim Murphy	2017
Town Clerk	3 years	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2018
Town Treasurer	3 years	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2018
Selectboard			
1	3 years	Scott Perry	2017
2	3 years	Charlie Hancock	2019
3	3 years	Mark Brouillette	2018
4	2 years	Colin Sorenson	2018
5	2 years	Sara Silva	2017
School Meeting Moderator	1 Year	Tim Murphy	2017
School Board			
1	2 years	Bruce Mercy	2019
2	3 years	Mary Niles	2018
3	3 years	Christina Suarez	2017
4	2 years	Catherine Howell	2017
5	3 years	Charles Purrier	2019
Listers			
1	3 years	Deanna Dee Robataille	2019
2	3 years	Lynda Cluba	2018
3	3 years	Parma Jewett	2017
Auditors			
1	3 yrs	Susan Baddorf	2018
2	3 yrs	Erin Kopacz	2019
3	3 yrs	Vacant	2017
Deliquent tax Collector	3 years	Anita Woodward	2017
First Constable	1 year	Brent Godin	2017
Town Agent	1 year	Barry Kade	2017
Town Grand Jurors			
1	1 year	Selectboard	2017
2	1 year	Selectboard	2017
3	1 year	Selectboard	2017
4	1 year	Selectboard	2017
5	1 year	Selectboard	2017

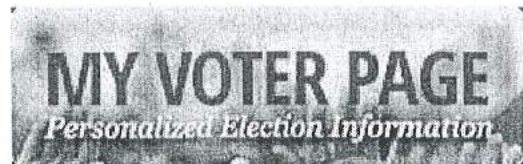
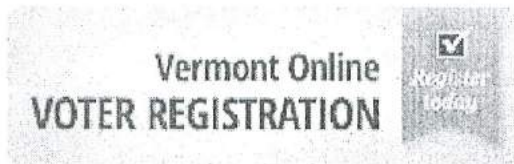
Cemetery Commission - Village			
1	5 years	Vivian Deuso	2017
2	5 years	Jo Ann Lanphear	2020
3	5 years	Lois Lumbra	2021
4	5 years	Penny Lumbra	2017
5	5 years	Joy Bosley	2018
Cemetery Commission - Center			
1	5 years	Lyndol Elkins	2020
2	5 years	Lynda Cluba	2018
3	5 years	Annie Purrier	2019
4	5 years	Charles R. Purrier	2021
5	5 years	Earl Lumbra	2017
Library Trustees			
1	5 years	Patty Hathaway	2017
2	5 years	Cheryl Wisel	2017
3	5 years	Marijke Dollois	2019
4	3 years	Patty Perl	2018
5	3 years	Jane Pressler	2019
6	3 years	Claire Draper	2018
7	5 years	Rita Kalsmith	2018
Fire Commissioners			
1	2 years	William Baker Sr.	2018
2	2 years	Joe Zatarian	2017
Planning Commission			
1	3 years	Alissa Hardy	2019
2	3 years	Joe Sherman	2017
3	3 years	Roberta Baker	2017
4	3 years	Abe Barnard	2017
5	3 years	Barry Kade	2018
Justices Of The Peace* Elected in Nov. Term starts in Feb.			
1	2 years	Tosca Smith	Feb 2019
2	2 years	Patty Hathaway	Feb 2019
3	2 years	Laurie Murphy	Feb 2019
4	2 years	Misty McCartney	Feb 2019
5	2 years	Gabriel Marquette	Feb 2019
6	2 years	Wendy Howard	Feb 2019
7	2 years	Christina Suarez-Pratt	Feb 2019
*JPs are elected at the November elections and term begins in following Feb			
**Until next Town Meeting			

Appointed	Term	Incumbent	Expires
Water Commission			
1	3 yr	Scott Perry	2017
2	3 yr	Charlie Hancock	2019
3	2 yr	Sara Silva	2017
4	3 yr	Mark Brouillette	2018
5	2 yr	Colin Sorenson	2018
Development Review Board			
1	4 years	Mark Brouillette	2019
2	4 years	Howard Tatro	2020
3	4 years	Lynda Cluba	2017
4	4 years	Merle Van Gieson	2017
5	4 years	Parma Jewett	2019
6	4 years	Barry Kade - A	2017
7	4 years	Alissa Hardy - A	2017
8	4 years	Roberta Baker - A	2018
Agent To Convey Real Estate	1 year	Barry Kade	2017
Budget Committee			
1	1 year	Sharon Perry	2017
2	1 year	Mark Brouillette	2017
3	1 year	Sue Wilson	2017
4	1 year	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2017
5	1 year	Charlie Hancock	2017
Dir Disaster Prep/Emergency Mgt	1 year	Greg Lucas	2017
Dep Dir Disaster Prep/Emergency Mgt	1 Year	Colin Sorenson	2017
Fence Viewers			
1	1 year	Listers	2017
2	1 year	Listers	2017
3	1 year	Listers	2017
Fire Warden	5 years	William Baker Sr.	6/30/2017
Health Officer	3 year	Colin Sorenson	3/31/2019
Inspr Of Lumber, Shingles & Wood	1 year	Vacant	2017
NW Regional Planning Reps			
1	3 year	Charlie Hancock	2017
2	3 year	Mark Brouillette	2017
Animal Control Officer (Dogs)	1 year	Kieth Sampietro	2017
Road Commissioner	1 year	Mark Brouillette	2017
NW Solid Waste Dist.WD Rep	3 years	Barry Kade	2018
Town Service Officer	1 year	Wendy Howard	4/1/17
Transportation Advisory Comm Rep 1	1 year	Mark Brouillette	2017

Transportation Advisory Comm Alt. Rep	1 year	Michael Snider	2017
Clean Water Advisory Comm. Rep 1	1 Year	Michael Snider	2017
Clean Water Advisory Comm. Rep 2	1 Yr	Mark Brouillette	2017
Tree Warden	1 year	Carol McGregor	2017
Recreation Dept Board			
1	3 year	Peg Doheny	2018
2	3 year	Nelson Mayhew	2018
3	3 year	Lisa Perry	2018
4	3 year	Marsha Phillips	2017
5	3 year	Stephanie Machia	2017
6	3 year	Lyli Powers	2019
7	3 year	Corbin Erwin	2019
8	3 year	Brendon O'Shea	2019
Weigher Of Coal	1 year	Jackie Kaufman	2017
Zoning Administrator	3 years	Ann Lavery	2017
Rep To MRBA Wild & Scenic			
1	1 year	Keith Sampietro	2017
2	1 year	Todd Lantery	2017
Community Garden Board			
1	1 year	Parma Jewett	2017
2	1 year	Melissa Haberman	2017
3	1 year	Remi Gratton	2017
4	1 year	Wendy Howard	2017
5	1 year	Mary Temple	2017
6	1 year	Le Ann Barnard	2017
7	1 year	George Hambilton	2017
Conservation Commission			
1	4 year	Charlie Hancock	2019
2	4 year	Misty McCartney	2018
3	4 year	Sue Wilson	2017
4	4 year	Todd Lantery	2020
5	4 year	Joan Hildreth	2020
Hectorville Covered Bridge Committee			
1	1 year	Merel Van Geisen	2017
2	1 year	Lynn Locher	2017
3	1 year	Titus Pressler	2017
4	1 year	Pat Farmer	2017
5	1 year	Jacob Racusin	2017
6	1 year	Andre Labier	2017
7	1 year	Vacant	2017
8	1 year	Vacant	2017
9	1 Year	Joe Sherman	2017
Financial Controls Officer	3 Year 6	Sue Wilson	2019

# *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](http://www.montgomeryvt.us)**

## 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

## Town of Montgomery Annual Town Meeting Minutes – 2016

Moderator, Timothy Murphy, 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.

**2) Accept the reports of the Town Officers.**

Scott Perry made a motion to accept the reports and was seconded. Hearing no question, the reports 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, the motion to appoint passed by voice vote.

The Moderator, hearing no objections, recognized Scott Perry, Selectboard Chairman, for a small presentation.

Scott called attention to the Town Report cover, which features and acknowledges eight town residents for their twenty-plus years of service. Scott briefly explained that the Vermont Public Service Award program is facilitated by the Vermont Secretary of State's office and described the requirements for nomination.

Scott drew attention to the presence of only four Selectboard members and explained Susan Regan's absence, as well as the presence of Thomas Stanley as the appointed board member that filled Carol McGregor's seat following her resignation in August 2015. Scott also acknowledged Wendy Howard as the longest serving woman on the Selectboard and her intent to not seek re-election. As is tradition, Wendy was presented with an engraved trunnel. A trunnel was made for Carol as well but she was not present at this time.

Scott announced that a revised budget and proposed revised warning had been distributed and anyone needing a copy could find them at the front of the room. A brief explanation of the needed changes and cause for adjustment was given.

With the permission of the Moderator, Bruce Mercy, School Board Member, announced the Annual School Meeting to be held on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00PM in the School Gymnasium and that it will be followed by a presentation regarding Unification.

Merle Van Gieson moved to suspend the rules and discuss the two Australian ballot items being considered. Needing a two-thirds majority voice vote, the motion failed.

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

**a. A Selectman for the remainder of a two year term expiring in 2017 by ballot. (Carol McGregor resigned, Thomas Stanley appointed)**

Wendy Howard nominated Sarah Silva. Sharon Perry nominated Armand Auclair. Paul Nichols nominated Thomas Stanley. Wendy Howard nominated Darren Drevik. Hearing no other nominations, each nominee was given the opportunity to make a statement with Sharon Perry reading a statement from Armand, who was unable to attend. The first vote resulted in no nominee winning a 50% majority. Darren withdrew in the interest of time. The second vote resulted in no nominee winning a 50% majority. Sarah Silva was elected with a third vote.

**b. A Selectman for a term of two years by ballot. (Susan Regan – term expires)**

Christina Suarez nominated Colin Sorenson. Marijke Dollois nominated Darren Drevik. Paul Nichols nominated Thomas Stanley. Hearing no other nominations, Colin was given the opportunity to make a brief statement. Colin Sorenson was elected with the first vote.

**c. A Selectman for a term of three years by ballot. (Wendy Howard – term expires)**

Sharon Perry nominated Charles Hancock. Marijke Dollois nominated Darren Drevik. Paul Nichols nominated Thomas Stanley. Jill Cummings nominated Merle Van Gieson. Hearing no other nominations, Charles and Merle were given the opportunity to make a brief statement. The first vote resulted in no nominee winning a 50% majority. Merle withdrew from the race. Charles Hancock was elected with the second vote.

**d. A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Deanna-Dee Robitaille – term expires)**

Parma Jewett nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille. No other nominations were made. The Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot re-electing Deanna-Dee Robitaille.

**e. An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Marsha Phillips – term expires)**

Marijke Dollois nominated Erin Kopacz. No other nominations were made. The Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot electing Erin Kopacz.

**f. 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. No other nominations were made. Barry was re-elected by voice vote.

**g. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Lois Lumbra – term expires)**

Lynda Cluba nominated Lois Lumbra. No other nominations were made. Lois was re-elected by voice vote.

- h. **A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Charles Purrier – term expires)**  
Richard Morgan Daybell nominated Charles Purrier. No other nominations were made. Charles was re-elected by voice vote.
  - i. **A Library Trustee for a term of three years. (Jane Presler – term expires)**  
Marijke Dollois nominated Jane Presler. Bernadette Earley nominated June Abramowitz. Jane Presler was elected by voice vote.
  - j. **A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (William Baker Sr. – term expires)**  
Deanna-Dee Robitaille nominated William Baker Sr. No other nominations were made. William was re-elected by voice vote.
  - k. **A First Constable for a term of one year. (Brent Godin – term expires)**  
Darren Drevik nominated Brent Godin. No other nominations were made. Brent was re-elected by voice vote.
  - l. **A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Alissa Hardy – term expires)**  
Charles Hancock nominated Alissa Hardy. Coin Sorenson nominated Abram Barnard. Abram withdrew. No other nominations were made. Alissa was re-elected by voice vote.
  - m. **One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard – term expires)**  
Richard Morgan Daybell nominated the Selectboard. No other nominations were made. The Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.
- 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.**  
Scott Perry moved as written and was seconded. Following discussion, motion passed by voice vote.
- 6) **Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:**
- a. **Fire Department: 2015 - \$28,000; 2016 - \$23,000**  
William Morgan Daybell made a motion for \$23,000 and was seconded. Sharon Perry, as a member of the Budget Committee, explained that the \$5,000 reduction in the request is due to the \$5,000 insurance expense will now be paid by the Town. Joseph Zartarian made a motion to amend the amount to \$28,000 and was seconded. Joseph and Gregory Lucas gave an explanation of what the Department will do with the increase. The motion to amend passed by voice vote. The amended motion passed by voice vote.
  - b. **Rescue Department: 2015 - \$26,500; 2016 - \$29,600**  
Mark Brouillette made a motion for \$29,600 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
  - c. **Machinery Replacement Fund: 2015 - \$10,000; 2016 - \$20,000**  
Scott Perry made a motion for \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion.  
  
Scott Perry moved to suspend the rules and move to Article 10. Motion passed by a two-thirds voice vote.
- 10) **Shall the Town vote to reprogram funds previously appropriated to the Bridges Reserve Fund for Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Fund.**  
Scott Perry moved as written and was seconded. Scott explained that the reprogramming would allow for these funds to be used for bridges, culvert projects, paving and any other infrastructure projects as necessary. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 6) **Continued**
- d. **Infrastructure Replacement (Bridges): 2015 - \$10,000; 2016 - \$25,000**  
Scott Perry made a motion for \$25,000 and was seconded. Motion passes by voice vote.
  - e. **Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2015 - \$18,917; 2016 - same**  
Marijke Dollois made a motion for \$18,917 and was seconded. After discussion, motion passed by voice vote.
  - f. **Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2015 - \$15,000; 2016 - \$50,000**  
Scott Perry made a motion for \$50,000 and was seconded. After discussion, motion passed by voice vote.
  - g. **Recreation Department: 2015 - \$18,000; 2016 - \$20,000**  
Charles Fichman made a motion for \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
  - h. **Reappraisal Fund: 2015 - \$4,000; 2016 - \$12,000**  
Wendy Howard made a motion for \$12,000 and was seconded. Following discussion, motion passed by voice vote.
  - i. **Conservation Commission: 2015 - \$750; 2016 - same**  
Charles Hancock made a motion for \$750 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
  - j. **Emergency Management: 2015 - \$6,340; 2016 - \$0**  
Barry Kade made a motion to passover and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 7) **Shall the Town vote for the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?**  
Klaus Voos moved suspend the rules to approve Article 7, in its entirety, as written and was seconded. Motion passed by two-thirds voice vote.

- a. Town Clerk: 2015 - \$16,000; 2016 - same
  - b. Town Treasurer: 2015 - \$13,000; 2016 - \$14,000
  - c. Each Selectboard Member: 2015 - \$1,000; 2016 - same
  - d. Listers: 2015 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$14.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$15.00/hr; 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$15.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$18.00/hr
- Merle Van Gieson moved to amend to the 2015 rates and was seconded. Following discussion, the amendment failed by voice vote.
- e. Auditors: 2015 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$9.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$10.00/hr; 2016 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$9.60/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$10.60/hr
  - 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?

Motion to approve Article 7, in its entirety, passed by voice vote.

The Moderator, with a two-thirds voice vote, suspended the rules and acknowledged State Representative Larry Fiske. Larry made a short address to the voters.

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

Darren Drevik made a motion to suspend the rules and approve Article 8, in its entirety, and was seconded. Motion passed by two-thirds voice vote.

- 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 - \$2,402; 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 - \$1,000; 2016 - same
- e. Green Up Day Vermont: 2015 - \$100; 2016 - same
- f. Missisquoi River Basin Association: 2015 - \$500; 2016 - same
- g. Green Mountain Transit Authority: 2015 - \$568; 2016 - same

Motion to approve Article 8, in its entirety, passed by voice vote.

**9) Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$428,548 for Contingent Selectboard? 2015 - \$539,546**

Sharon Perry made a motion for \$428,548 and was seconded. Following discussion, motion passed by voice vote.

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

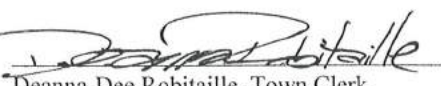
Brent Godin would like to get a sense of the desire to have Town Reports mailed.

Barry Kade asked the Selectboard to look into the air quality due to manure spreading. A poll was taken by voice vote and passed to urge the Selectboard to investigate.

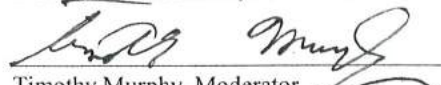
Marijke Dollois made a motion to adjourn at 12:32pm and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A true record this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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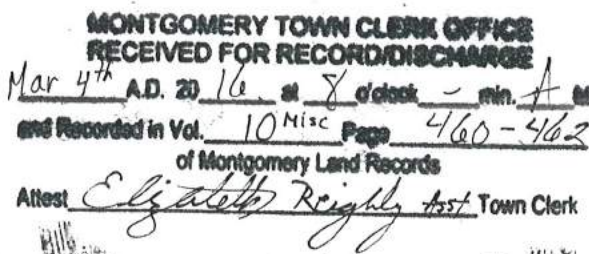
  
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

Attest:

  
Scott Perry, Selectboard Chair





## STATE of the TOWN 2017

With the advent of the Annual Report, the Selectboard would like to take the opportunity to offer some updates, remarks, reminders and general thoughts regarding the business of the town:

### **The Town Office**

The need for additional vault space, and the subsequent question of a new (or renovated) Town Office building still stands as among the most pressing business before the board. With the failure of the bond vote in November the board circled back to review the options before us. After much discussion—including input from two public forums—the board has reached the consensus that we will continue to look at the Public Service Building site. Further study by the board will focus on 1) the potential for an addition to the existing building, initiating a feasibility study around such a plan to determine a preliminary design and estimated project budget, and 2) re-visiting the budget and associated design around a new building to determine further potential cost reductions for comparison.

The board is united in the opinion that a renovation of the Main Street location is not a practical alternative given the available space and concern for retaining the Post Office and ATM. Given the board's position, the USPS has recently agreed to enter into discussions about expanding their operation into the current town office portion of the building.

There will be no vote on March 7<sup>th</sup> one way or the other, but this issue isn't going away. The need still exists and the board hopes to bring a preferred alternative to the community for reconsideration later this year.

### **Budget Summary**

We remain financially sound, and continue to effectively manage our accounts and debts, while providing effective services and investing in future needs. However, due to unavoidable and/or overdue Public Works projects planned for 2017—coupled with a lower than expected carryover in unreserved funds from 2016—we subsequently expect to see an anticipated municipal tax rate increase of \$0.0563.

Even with non-tax revenue up (plus anticipated grants of \$181k), we still see a required increase in property taxes of almost \$90,000 to cover projected expenses around the planned Public Works (while still funding a general allocation to the Infrastructure Replacement Fund to cover unanticipated expenses). When looked at exclusive of the Public Works Infrastructure Projects this is essentially a level funded budget.

This increase has been offset by the budget committee and Board to the greatest extent possible through reductions in reserve fund allocations for 2017, and more accurate projections for anticipated expenses based on previous year averages.

### **The Numbers**

The proposed 2017 Municipal Budget is \$1,312,166. Approximately \$691,510 will need to be raised by taxes, an increase from the 2016 budget from \$602,177. This will bring the municipal tax rate to \$0.4355, an increase of \$0.0563 from 2016.

## 1. Revenue

- a. Non-tax, Year-to-Year Budget Revenues increased by about \$119,000, though this increase is due principally to the anticipated \$175,000 paving grant. 2016 Property Taxes Collected were down by 9% from 2015 and 80% of what was budgeted for 2016 (reducing carried over Unreserved Funds to 2017).

## 2. Expenses: New or major project expense increases for 2017 include:

- a. The main driver of expense increase is attributable to Public Works projects: paving portions of Route 58 at a total of \$200k (town share of \$50k); \$60k for Brady Road project; \$25k for culvert replacement, guardrails and ensuring against unforeseen expenses; leaving estimated reserve fund balance of approximately \$16,000
- b. Generator Maintenance: \$1,200
- c. Increase in Highway Labor/Wages reflecting the first full year of a third employee
- d. Town Office IT: \$14,000 (including network administration services) *note*: this was previously rolled into operating expenses. This will give us a more reliable and secure system, correcting problems currently slowing office function
- e. Audit Services (commercial): \$3,100

## 3. Additional Comments

- a. Note that \$175,000 in grant revenue offsets a significant portion of the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Fund allocation. We continue to seek other grants for major projects, including a Culvert Inventory.
- b. The budget Committee worked to reduce the increase in required tax revenue by reducing allocation to a number of reserve funds, including:
  - i. Reduction in Bldg and Capital Grounds Reserve Fund allocation by \$25,000, showing a reliance on greater reserve fund balance to cover projected projects (including a feasibility study for an addition to the PSB, and roof to existing town office building
  - ii. Reduction in the Reappraisal Fund given the good standing of the CLA/COD (reduced by \$6k)
- c. The Budget Committee is also recommending zeroing of all Social Agency Requests for 2017. (These may be re-introduced from the floor by the voters if desired)

## How Do We Compare?

The 2016 annual report from the Vermont Dept. of Taxes shows we remain well below the median tax rates compared to other Vermont towns. Our 2016 Effective Municipal Tax Rate (.3810), which is used for an "apples to apples" comparison to other Vermont towns, ranked us the 7th lowest rate out of the 15 towns and villages in Franklin County. Statewide 199 of Vermont's 255 Cities and Towns had rates higher than Montgomery's. If everything remained the same (i.e. just Montgomery's rate changed) the projected 2017 rate would be well below the State median. (The municipal effective tax rate is calculated by multiplying the actual tax rate by the Town's Common Level of Appraisal.)

## Water System

The Selectboard also serves as the Water Commission. The Municipal Water System continues to perform well, though operating revenues (use fees) have slipped due to conservation and an increase in disconnected services from vacant properties. As a result the Commission has decided to increase quarterly rates, starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this year, by \$5 (bringing the base to \$60), with an increase of \$2 for every additional 1,000 gallons (to \$7.00/1,000 gal.). This increase is the first since 2010, and coincidentally reflects the same increase in the Consumer Price Index over that time.

## Town Website

Don't forget that you can sign up for automated notices, warning and minutes from any and all town boards. Customize what you want, just visit the town website at [www.montgomeryvt.us](http://www.montgomeryvt.us) and click "e-mail

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2017**

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 7<sup>th</sup> of day of March, 2017 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year
2. Accept the reports of Town Officers
3. Shall the Town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?
4. Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the elected office of Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a certified public accountant in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651b (by ballot)
5. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot (Sarah Silva, elected to fill remainder of two year term – term expires)
  - b. A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot (Scott Perry – term expires)
  - c. A Lister for a term of three years by ballot (Parma Jewett – term expires)
  - d. An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot (Stacy St. Onge – term expires)
  - e. A Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of three years (Anita Woodward – term expires)
  - f. A First Constable for a term of one year (Brent Godin – term expires)
  - g. An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year (Barry Kade – term expires)
  - h. One of more Grand Jurors for a term of one year (Selectboard – term expires)
  - i. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Earl Lumbra – term expires)
  - j. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Penny Lumbra – term expires)
  - k. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Patricia Hathaway – term expires)
  - l. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Cheryl Wisell – term expires)
  - m. A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years (Joseph Zartarian – term expires)
  - n. A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Joe Sherman – term expires)

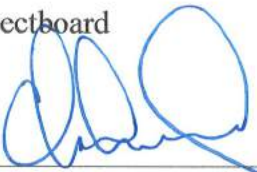
- o. A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Roberta Baker – term expires)
6. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:
- a. Fire Department: 2016 - \$28,000; 2017 - Same
  - b. Rescue Department: 2016 - \$29,600; 2017 - Same
  - c. Machinery Replacement Fund: 2016 - \$20,000; 2017 - \$10,000
  - d. Infrastructure Replacement Fund: 2016 - \$25,000; 2017 - \$87,000
  - e. Library Operating Expenses and Payroll: 2016 - \$18,917; 2017 - Same
  - f. Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2016 - \$50,000; 2017 - \$25,000
  - g. Recreation Department: 2016 - \$20,000; 2017 - Same
  - h. Reappraisal Fund: 2016 - \$12,000; 2017 - \$6,000
  - i. Conservation Commission: 2016 - \$750; 2017 - Same
  - j. Emergency Management: 2016 - \$0; 2017 - \$1,200
  - k. Restoration of Records: 2016 - \$0; 2017 - \$2,500
  - l. Police/Constable Operating: 2016 - \$0; 2017 - \$500
7. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?
- a. Town Clerk: 2016 - \$16,000; 2017 - \$16,500
  - b. Town Treasurer: 2016 - \$14,000; 2017 - \$14,500
  - c. Each Selectboard Member: 2016 - \$1,000 + thanks; 2016 – Same
  - d. Listers: 2016 – 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$15.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$18.00/hr.  
2017 – same
  - e. Auditors: 2016 – 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$9.60/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$10.60/hr.  
2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$10.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$11.00/hr.
  - f. Board of Civil Authority: 2016 - \$9.60/hr.; 2017 - \$10.00/hr.
  - g. Board of Abatement: 2016 - \$9.60/hr.; 2017 - \$10.00/hr.
  - 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? *Budget Committee and Selectboard recommended \$0.00 for 2017, requested amounts included for voter consideration*
- a. Age Well (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging) 2016 - \$1,800; 2017 - requested \$1,800
  - b. Franklin Home Health 2015 - \$2,402; 2017 – requested \$2,522
  - c. Franklin County Industrial Development 2015 - \$500; 2017- requested \$500

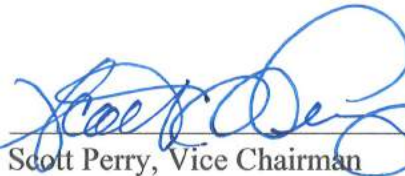
- d. Hazen's Notch Association 2016 - \$1,000; 2017 – requested \$1,000
- e. Missisquoi River Basin Association 2016 - \$0; 2017 – requested \$500
- f. Green Up Day Vermont 2016 - \$100; 2017 – requested \$0
- g. Green Mountain Transit 2016 - \$568; 2017 – requested \$568
- h. Franklin County Humane Society 2016 - \$0; 2017 – requested \$0
- i. Montgomery Town Association 2016 - \$0; 2017 – requested \$1,000

- 9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$460,043 for Contingent Selectboard? 2016 - \$428,548
- 10. Shall the town direct the Selectboard to investigate the consolidation of all Cemetery Commissions into one general Commission with oversight of all town owned cemeteries?
- 11. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2017 AD

Selectboard

  
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Charlie Hancock, Chairman

  
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Scott Perry, Vice Chairman

  
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Mark Brouillette

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Colin Sorenson

  
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Sarah Silva

Attest:  Asst. Clerk Date: 2/2/2017  
Deanna Dec Robitaille, Town Clerk/Treasurer

## **Town of Montgomery Board of Auditors Report**

The Board of Auditors has audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Montgomery as of and for the year ended, December 31, 2016. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the town. The Board of Auditors responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on their audit.

The town records and accounts are also audited on an annual basis by Certified Public Accounting Firm Angolano & Company.

The Board of Auditors objectives were to validate the accuracy of the town accounts, detect errors in these accounts, verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of, and for the year ended December 31, 2016.

To accomplish these objectives, The Board of Auditors obtained an understanding of the operation of the town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. The Board of Auditors interviewed the Town Clerk to gain an understanding of town operations and reviewed the town's accounting system, procedures and segregation of duties. The Board of Auditors verified the year end balance of all accounts and funds and confirmed reconciliation of cash accounts with the bank. There was also a review and verification of all accounts payable and confirmation that there were no delinquent payments due.

It is the opinion of The Board of Auditors, that the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, and accurately represent the financial position of the Town of Montgomery and the results of its operations for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The Cemetery Fund information was not complete, due to missing information from Hill West Cemetery, and therefore was not audited, thus The Board of Auditors has no opinion of that.

### **It is the finding of The Board of Auditors that the following recommendations be made:**

#### General Ledger Entry:

- Consistency – Making the same entries at the same time each month with the same descriptions to the same accounts.
- Timeliness – Making entries during their proper period

#### Chart of Accounts:

- Remove duplicate accounts, label titles uniformly

#### Deposits:

- Make separate deposits for different funds

#### Systems:

- Visit the topic of separating funds out to their own checking accounts. Review the computer system and discuss possible options for increasing efficiency.

The Board is in agreement with The Select Board to disband the roll of The Board of Auditors in lieu of creating a Financial Controls Officer position where the accounts will be audited on a more regular basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Susan Baddorf



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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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Montgomery, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Montgomery, Vermont, as of December 31, 2015, 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, 2015, 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 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 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Angolano & Company***

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Shelburne, Vermont  
Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

February 13, 2017

PROPOSED  
2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

1	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	CHANGE 17-16 BUDGET
2	Unreserved Funds	\$49,843	\$214,520	\$214,520	\$135,128	\$135,128	(\$79,392)
3	<b>SUB TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$49,843</b>	<b>\$214,520</b>	<b>\$214,520</b>	<b>\$135,128</b>	<b>\$135,128</b>	<b>(\$79,392)</b>
4	Delinquent Taxes	\$60,812	\$89,880	\$72,240	\$109,721	\$85,000	\$12,760
5	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$21,125	\$25,457	\$21,000	\$24,647	\$21,000	\$0
6	State Aid - Roads	\$80,263	\$80,214	\$80,000	\$80,182	\$80,000	\$0
7	Water Dept Fee	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$2,000
8	Judicial Fines	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$923	\$0	\$0
9	Rent - US Postal Service	\$11,900	\$11,955	\$11,955	\$12,892	\$10,908	(\$1,047)
10	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
11	Licenses & Vital Records	\$8,064	\$7,191	\$7,000	\$7,063	\$9,000	\$2,000
12	Recording Fees	\$7,570	\$7,249	\$7,000	\$6,151	\$6,500	(\$500)
13	Office Fees	\$1,972	\$1,673	\$1,500	\$1,434	\$1,500	\$0
14	Copier/Fax	\$440	\$362	\$400	\$357	\$350	(\$50)
15	Interest	\$105	\$112	\$100	\$251	\$50	(\$50)
16	Zoning Fees	\$2,710	\$1,530	\$1,500	\$2,220	\$2,000	\$500
17	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$16,762	\$16,847	\$16,000	\$16,819	\$16,000	\$0
18	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$35,390	\$56,141	\$45,000	\$60,496	\$60,000	\$15,000
19	PILOT	\$1,134	\$1,348	\$1,300	\$1,518	\$1,500	\$200
20	Town Hall Revenue	\$3,050	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0	(\$1,000)
21	Westfield Plowing	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
22	Leased Land	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,120	\$40
23	Reprogrammed from Reserve Accounts	\$0	\$6,969	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24	Miscellaneous	\$822	\$796	\$500	\$746	\$500	\$0
25	<b>SUB TOTAL LESS UNRESERVED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$261,300</b>	<b>\$318,494</b>	<b>\$276,675</b>	<b>\$337,599</b>	<b>\$306,528</b>	<b>\$29,853</b>
26	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$43,439	\$107,689	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
27	Grants	\$10,000	\$5,124	\$7,000	\$2,196	\$175,000	\$168,000
28	Federal Excise Tax Refund, Highway	\$0	\$12,024	\$3,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$3,000
29	<b>SUB TOTAL REVENUE LESS PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$364,581</b>	<b>\$657,851</b>	<b>\$501,195</b>	<b>\$474,923</b>	<b>\$622,656</b>	<b>\$121,461</b>
30	Property Taxes	\$552,548	\$552,116	\$602,177	\$491,247	\$689,510	\$87,333
31	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$917,129</b>	<b>\$1,209,967</b>	<b>\$1,103,372</b>	<b>\$966,169</b>	<b>\$1,312,166</b>	<b>\$208,794</b>

PROPOSED  
2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	CHANGE 17 -16 BUDGET
32							
33	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
34	Town Officers	\$55,657	\$62,179	\$60,000	\$66,240	\$71,000	\$11,000
35	Social Security	\$4,586	\$5,268	\$4,700	\$5,162	\$5,432	\$732
36	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$10,706	\$13,750	\$15,250	\$14,394	\$15,250	\$0
37	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$3,306	\$3,594	\$3,855	\$6,159	\$6,200	\$2,345
38	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/Rtrmnt (Town Clerk/ Treasurer)	\$20,095	\$8,727	\$16,100	\$16,940	\$16,815	\$715
39	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$9,703	\$9,103	\$10,500	\$12,154	\$13,200	\$2,700
40	Ins-Property & Liability (All Dept except Water)	\$22,033	\$20,776	\$26,466	\$25,809	\$26,812	\$346
41	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$14,316	\$11,064	\$16,500	\$13,912	\$16,500	\$0
42	Town Office IT (Purchase and Support)	not broken out	not broken out	not broken out	not broken out	\$14,000	\$14,000
43	Town Reports & Postage	\$1,064	\$1,266	\$1,500	\$1,221	\$1,500	\$0
44	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$1,753	\$8,279	\$10,000	\$5,730	\$10,000	\$0
45	Audit Services	\$5,500	\$5,900	\$6,300	\$3,100	\$9,400	\$3,100
46	Website	\$0	\$2,930	\$6,000	\$5,380	\$6,000	\$0
47	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$148,719</b>	<b>\$152,836</b>	<b>\$177,171</b>	<b>\$176,200</b>	<b>\$212,109</b>	<b>\$34,938</b>
48	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>						
49	County Tax	\$12,769	\$13,688	\$13,974	\$13,790	\$14,742	\$768
50	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,210	\$1,196	\$1,196	\$1,196	\$1,195	(\$1)
51	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$2,143	\$2,260	\$2,271	\$2,271	\$2,349	\$78
52	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$1,153	\$1,185	\$1,221	\$1,221	\$1,258	\$37
53	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$0
54	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$17,650</b>	<b>\$18,704</b>	<b>\$19,037</b>	<b>\$18,853</b>	<b>\$19,919</b>	<b>\$882</b>
55	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						\$0
56	Debt service: Public Works Bldg Bond	\$37,039	\$36,486	\$35,312	\$35,904	\$35,400	\$88
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	\$23,760	\$23,320	\$23,760	\$22,880	\$22,300	(\$1,460)
59	Debt Service: Highway Loader	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$0
60	Debt Service: Highway Truck	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
61	Debt Service: New Town Office Bond	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
62	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$92,939</b>	<b>\$91,946</b>	<b>\$121,212</b>	<b>\$90,924</b>	<b>\$119,840</b>	<b>(\$1,372)</b>

PROPOSED  
2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	CHANGE 17 -16 BUDGET
63							
64	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>						
65	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>						
66	Labor/Wages (Summer, Winter, Construction, Repair, Bridges)	\$90,642	\$110,605	\$128,600	\$118,251	\$138,869	\$10,269
67	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$57,027	\$68,736	\$74,034	\$63,104	\$52,428	(\$21,607)
68	Overtime	not broken out	not broken out	not broken out	not broken out	\$14,708	
69	Public Works Bldg Ops	\$9,210	\$12,378	\$11,000	\$15,175	\$13,000	\$2,000
70	Public Works Bldg Fuel	\$6,392	\$5,627	\$5,000	\$2,719	\$5,000	\$0
71	Materials(Sand/Gravel/Culverts etc)	\$34,550	\$62,929	\$75,000	\$61,961	\$70,000	(\$5,000)
72	Projects/Miscellaneous	\$5,600	\$0	\$5,000	\$4,313	\$5,000	\$0
73	Contracted Services	\$4,080	\$3,537	\$5,000	\$3,804	\$7,500	\$2,500
74	Machinery Rental	\$0	\$2,510	\$5,000	\$650	\$3,000	(\$2,000)
75	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$45,710	\$41,248	\$50,000	\$52,586	\$40,000	(\$10,000)
76	Diesel Fuel	\$48,129	\$28,766	\$35,000	\$20,224	\$25,000	(\$10,000)
77	<b>SUB TOTAL LABOR, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$301,341</b>	<b>\$336,336</b>	<b>\$393,634</b>	<b>\$342,786</b>	<b>\$374,505</b>	<b>(\$19,129)</b>
78	* Infrastructure Replacement (Bridges, Paving, Culverts etc)	\$11,519	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$87,000	\$62,000
79	Grants					\$175,000	\$175,000
80	Flood/Emergency Road Repairs	\$67,264	\$10,062	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
81	* Machinery Replacement	\$0	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	(\$10,000)
82	<b>SUB TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$380,124</b>	<b>\$366,398</b>	<b>\$438,634</b>	<b>\$387,786</b>	<b>\$646,505</b>	<b>\$207,871</b>
83	<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>						
84	Labor/wages	\$0	\$5,280	\$10,400	\$10,841	\$11,500	\$1,100
85	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$0	\$2,998	\$4,581	\$5,245	\$4,786	\$205
86	Office Building	\$8,093	\$6,465	\$7,500	\$8,021	\$8,000	\$500
87	Office Building Fuel	\$3,389	\$1,576	\$2,000	\$1,179	\$2,000	\$0
88	Town Hall - Grange	\$9,253	\$4,632	\$5,000	\$10,136	\$5,000	\$0
89	Town Hall Fuel	\$5,893	\$2,942	\$3,500	\$1,050	\$3,000	(\$500)
90	Public Safety Building / Library	\$6,573	\$5,077	\$6,000	\$9,193	\$8,000	\$2,000
91	Public Safety Building / Library Fuel	\$9,212	\$5,720	\$6,500	\$3,376	\$5,000	(\$1,500)
92	Street Lights	\$11,747	\$12,257	\$14,500	\$13,852	\$14,000	(\$500)
93	Mowing / Grounds	\$4,280	\$4,755	\$5,000	\$5,610	\$6,400	\$1,400
94	<b>SUB TOTAL BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$58,440</b>	<b>\$51,702</b>	<b>\$64,981</b>	<b>\$68,500</b>	<b>\$67,686</b>	<b>\$2,705</b>
95	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maintenance Fund	\$42,786	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	(\$25,000)
96	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$481,350</b>	<b>\$433,100</b>	<b>\$553,615</b>	<b>\$506,286</b>	<b>\$739,191</b>	<b>\$185,576</b>

PROPOSED  
2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	CHANGE 17 - 16 BUDGET
97							
98	OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND EXPENSE CTRS						
99	MISCELLANEOUS						
100	Delinquent Taxes	\$97,064	\$103,200	\$103,200	\$100,841	\$100,841	(\$2,359)
101	Licenses & Vital Records	\$3,983	\$3,714	\$4,000	\$3,380	\$3,800	(\$200)
102	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$3,595	\$6,557	\$6,500	\$7,636	\$6,500	\$0
103	* Hectorville Bridge Study	\$0	\$11,261	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
104	Miscellaneous	\$2,514	\$3,303	\$3,000	\$3,827	\$2,500	(\$500)
105	SUB TOTAL	\$107,156	\$128,035	\$116,700	\$115,683	\$113,641	(\$3,059)
106	* Reappraisal Fund	\$53,393	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	(\$6,000)
107	* Restoration of Records	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
108	SUB TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$160,549	\$132,035	\$128,700	\$127,683	\$122,141	(\$6,559)
109	TOWN DEPARTMENTS						
110	* Library Operating Expense	\$14,966	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$0
111	* Police/Constable Operating Expenses	\$1,943	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
112	* Recreation Operating Expenses	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
113	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0
114	* Rescue Operating Expenses	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$0
115	* Conservation Operating Expenses, Speakers, and Projects	\$500	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
116	* Youth Center Operating Expenses	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
117	* Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness	\$0	\$6,340	\$0	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200
118	SUB TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	\$92,909	\$98,507	\$97,267	\$97,267	\$98,967	\$1,700
119	TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS & EXPENSE CTRS	\$253,458	\$230,542	\$225,967	\$224,950	\$221,108	(\$4,859)
120	SOCIAL AGENCY REQUESTS						
121	* Age Well formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
122	* Franklin County Home Health	\$1,440	\$2,402	\$2,402	\$2,402	\$2,522	\$120
123	* Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
124	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
125	* Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
126	* Green Up Day Vermont	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	(\$100)
127	* Green Mountain Transit	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$0	(\$568)
128	* Franklin County Humane Society	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
129	* Montgomery Town Association					\$1,000	\$1,000
130	TOTAL REQUESTS	\$6,208	\$6,870	\$6,370	\$6,370	\$0	(\$6,370)
131							
132	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,000,323	\$933,998	\$1,103,372	\$1,023,584	\$1,312,166	\$208,794
	* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting						
Contingent Selectboard = TOTAL 2017 EXPENSES at Line 131 minus 2017 REVENUES LESS PROPERTY TAXES at Line 29							
minus total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on highlighted by asterisk ( * )							
	Contingent Selectboard =	\$460,043					



MONTGOMERY TAX RATE SINCE 1993					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL ** AGREEMENT TAX RATE Vet. Exempt.	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION TAX RATE (Set by State)	TOTAL TAX RATE
	*	**			
2017 Projected					
Homestead	0.4343	\$0.0014	\$0.4357	\$1.2728	\$1.7085
Non-Homestead	0.4343	\$0.0014	\$0.4357	\$1.5429	\$1.9786
2016 Actual					
Homestead	0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.2103	\$1.5909
Non-Homestead	0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.5349	\$1.9155
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
TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	
2004 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.0166	\$1.3816
Non-Homestead	\$0.3650	----		\$1.2174	\$1.5824
ACT 68 + ~~~~~		ACT 68 + ~~~~~		ACT 68 + ~~~~~	
	MUNICIPAL	MUNICIPAL	STATE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	TAX RATE	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	TAX
		TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	RATE
2003	\$0.50	\$0.36	\$1.24	\$1.6000	\$2.10
2002	\$0.49	\$0.44	\$1.20	\$1.6400	\$2.13
2001	\$0.47	\$0.41	\$1.13	\$1.5400	\$2.01
2000	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$1.11	\$1.6100	\$2.08
1999	\$0.47	\$0.29	\$1.19	\$1.4800	\$1.95
1998	\$0.46	\$0.42	\$1.14	\$1.5600	\$2.02
FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60 ~~~~~		FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60 ~~~~~		FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60 ~~~~~	
1997	\$0.43	----	----	\$1.4500	\$1.88
1996	\$0.35	----	----	\$1.4200	\$1.77
1995	\$0.34	----	----	\$1.4200	\$1.76
1994	\$0.27	----	----	\$1.3500	\$1.62
1993	\$0.29	----	----	\$1.1900	\$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 12/31/16**

Water Project: USDA-RD

Bond #1 – Principal Balance	\$127,383.84	
Payment due 5/13/17		\$3,758.00
Payment due 11/13/167		3,758.00
Bond #2 – Principal Balance	\$316,770.97	
Payment due 5/13/17		\$10,625.00
Payment due 11/13/17		10,625.00
Bond #3 – Principal Balance	\$304,084.65	
Payment due 6/10/17		\$8,718.00
Payment due 12/10/17		8,718.00

2013 International Fire Truck:

State of Vermont – Principal	\$22,000
Payment due 6/30/17	\$22,00.00

Public Works Building Bond:

Bank of New York– Principal	\$325,000
Payment due 6/01/17	\$ 4,880.55
Add Sequestration Interest due (estimate)	340.00
Payment due 12/1/17	\$29,880.55
Add Sequestration Interest due (estimate)	340.00

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY  
Officers Salaries 2016**

**SELECTBOARD:**

Charles Hancock	1,000.00	
Mark Brouillette	1,000.00	
Scott Perry	1,000.00	
Colin Sorenson	1,000.00	
Sarah Silva	1,000.00	<i>*Paid Jan 2017</i>

Renee Patterson-Clerk	57.75	
Elizabeth Reighley - Clerk	1,586.25	\$6,644.00

<b>TOWN CLERK:</b> Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$15,999.88	\$15,999.88
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<b>TOWN TREASURER:</b> Deanna-Dee Robitaille	14,000.00	\$14,000.00
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**ASSISTANT CLERKS:**

Elizabeth Reighley	21,151.00	
Renee Patterson	268.13	\$21,151.00

<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b> Anita Woodward, 4% of Delq Tax collected		\$8,132.64
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<b>LISTERS:</b> Lynda Cluba	4,396.50	
Parma Jewett	5,301.00	\$9,697.50

<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:</b> Ann Lavery		\$2,647.50
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<b>AUDITORS:</b> Marsha Phillips	209.35	
Susan Baddorf	136.80	
Stacey St Onge	82.15	\$428.30

<b>BCA/Elections:</b> Misty McCartney	\$67.20	
Laurie Murphy	\$189.60	
Sally Newton	26.40	\$283.20

<b>DOG OFFICER:</b> MaryAnne Wood		\$135.00
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<b>HEALTH OFFICER:</b> Colin Sorenson <i>*Paid Jan 2017</i>		\$150.00
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<b>CONSTABLE:</b> Brent Godin		\$994.00
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<b>Total Town Officers</b>		<u>\$81,003.65</u>
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<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b> Michael Snider		
Lawrence Kneen III		\$52,000.00
Mark Guilmette		\$44,495.78
Jessie Underwood		\$22,386.30
		\$11,339.05

Snow Removal: Post Office - Xavier Robitaille		\$150.00
PSB/Post Office - Todd Pennell		\$322.50

<b>Total Public Works</b>		<u>\$130,693.63</u>
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**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016**  
**Report of Reserve Funds**

**Restoration of Records**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	25,310.58	
	25,310.58	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	25,310.58	
Revenue	2,660.00	
Expenses	0.00	
	27,970.58	

**Machinery Replacement**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	52,912.43	
	52,912.43	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	52,912.43	
Revenue	150,000.00	
Expenses	-202,322.00	
	590.43	

**Reappraisal**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	4,409.99	
	4,409.99	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	4,409.99	
Revenue	21,224.50	
Expenses	0.00	
	25,634.49	

**Police**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	2,797.88	
	2,797.88	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	2,797.88	
Revenue	0.00	
Expenses	-1,554.41	
	1,243.47	

**Infrastructure Replacement**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	19,210.18	
	19,210.18	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	19,210.18	
Revenue	25,000.00	
Expenses	-285.06	
	43,925.12	

**Conservation Commission**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	4,080.17	
	4,080.17	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	4,080.17	
Revenue	4,435.50	
Expenses	-2,215.94	
	6,299.73	

*\* see budget for detail*

**Capitol Improvement**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	14,011.11	
	14,011.11	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	14,011.11	
Revenue	50,000.00	
Expenses	-42,635.40	
	21,375.71	

**Community Gardens**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve	1,079.42	
	1,079.42	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Previous Balance	1,079.42	
Revenue	455.00	
Expenses	-450.00	
	1,084.42	

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2016**  
**Report of Reserve Funds**

<u>Hectorville Bridge Committee</u>		<u>Emergency Management</u>	
<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/16</b>		<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/16</b>	
Reserve	-477.09	Reserve	6,340.00
	<u>-477.09</u>		<u>6,340.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>		<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>	
Previous Balance	-477.09	Previous Balance	6,340.00
Revenue	703.00	Revenue	0.00
Expenses	<u>-9,741.30</u>	Expenses	<u>-560.89</u>
	<u>-9,515.39</u>		<u>5,779.11</u>
<b><u>Total Reserve Funds Balance:</u></b>		<b><u>124,387.67</u></b>	

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY**  
**2016 Report of Unreserved Funds**

**General Fund Checking Account**

Bank Statement Balance	\$ 359,245.01
Outstanding Deposits	46,644.35
Outstanding Checks	<u>-56,325.52</u>

**Checking Balance:** 349,563.84

**Summary of All Reserve Balances**

Fire	19659.86
Rescue	40113.02
Recreation	14310.09
Library	15965.20
<b>Department Reserve Balance: * see budgets</b>	<u>90,048.17</u>
<b>Reserves Fund Balance: *see report</b>	<u>124,387.67</u>

**Total of all Reserve Funds:** 214,435.84

**Total Unreserved Funds:** 135,128.00

## **TOWN OF MONTGOMERY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

2016 was a good year for the public works department. We hired a new Town Highway employee, Mark Guilmette. The Town Highway Department also bought two new trucks. An International 7600 Series plow truck and a Ford F550 plow truck.

The 2015/2016 winter was a very mild winter with a very short mud season. Summer brought work on Mill Hill/Route 58 in the form of new culverts and ditching in preparation for repaving in the summer of 2017. New culverts were also replaced further up on Hazen's Notch Road/Route 58, Reagan Road and North Hill Road. A total of 9 new culverts were replaced.

The summer of 2017 we expect to continue with culvert replacement and ditching. We plan on sealing cracks on the Fuller Bridge Road to extend the life of the asphalt. Also start repairing guard rails throughout the town.

Repairs to the Longley Bridge are scheduled to start in late February. Completion of work on the bridge is estimated to be done by fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Snider  
Public Works Director

Town Of Montgomery

State of the Fire Department

The Montgomery Fire Department saw an increase in its call volume for the third consecutive year. For 2017 our focus is to add vehicle extrication tools to our equipment arsenal. With the influx of drivers on the roads car accidents are at the top of our call volume. The development of new dry hydrants will also be a major goal again for 2017. We added several new members and one firefighter received his Fire Fighter I certification from the Vermont Fire Academy. The department was unsuccessful in obtaining grant funds for SCBA(self contained breathing apparatus). We did make it to the second round in the Federal grant process for SCBA. We will continue our efforts to secure grant funding for new SCBA. In the meantime we replaced our outdated SCBA with used equipment from a neighboring town. We are adding a capital reserve line item to the budget this year. This money is being set aside for a down payment on a truck in the coming years. In light of the current fiscal state of the town our members donated back its annual payroll stipend for the second year in a row.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Zartarian  
Assistant Fire Chief

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2017 BUDGET**

**Fire**

	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Change Budget 16/17</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
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	2,000	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	7,721	4,000	5,880	4,000	0
Sale of Equipment	2,500	0	0	0	0
Use of Reserve Funds	0	0	1,023	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>44,221</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>38,904</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Payroll	500	2,500	0	4,000	1,500
Social Security	38	200	0	300	100
Office supplies	55	250	39	250	0
Training	1,078	1,350	1,062	1,350	0
Telephone	331	350	306	350	0
Association Dues	376	400	669	700	300
Dispatch Fees	5,272	5,550	5,537	5,550	0
Insurance	4,928	0	0	0	0
New Equipment	12,177	9,200	19,471	10,000	800
Vehicle Repairs	814	2,500	2,347	2,500	0
Vehicle Fuel	367	500	206	500	0
Radio Repair	4,415	1,200	195	1,200	0
Building Maintenance	138	200	345	500	300
Fundraising Expense	1,713	0	2,066	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	2,998	2,800	2,661	2,800	0
Dry Hydrant Reserve	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>35,201</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>38,904</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>

<b><u>Reserve Fund</u></b>			<b><u>Report of Activities</u></b>	
<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/16</b>				
General Fund	15,987.25		<b>Structure Fires</b>	<b>5</b>
Dry Hydrant	696.00		<b>Mutual Aid Structure</b>	<b>2</b>
Capital Improvement	0.00		<b>Chimney</b>	<b>1</b>
		<u>16,683.25</u>	<b>Brush Fire</b>	<b>2</b>
			<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>			<b>Search &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>0</b>
Revenues - Expenses	-1,023.48		<b>Alarm Activation</b>	<b>3</b>
Previous Balance	15,987.25		<b>Downed Power Lines</b>	<b>0</b>
General Fund	14,963.77		<b>Downed Trees</b>	<b>0</b>
Dry Hydrant	4,696.00		<b>Gas Detection</b>	<b>3</b>
Capital Improvement	0.00		<b>Medical Assists</b>	<b>6</b>
		<u>19,659.77</u>	<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>30</b>

## **Montgomery Rescue 2017 Budget**

Montgomery Rescue continues to service our community from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am daily, and at any other times when members are available.

We will continue to contract with Richford Ambulance Service to cover daytime hours.

Last year we did upgrade to a 12-lead electrocardiogram unit so we can improve the care of our patients having cardiac issues.

We were also very fortunate to have hosted an Emergency Medical Technician course this past summer. Five Montgomery residents made the major time commitment to enroll and complete this challenging training. Three have obtained their EMT certifications and the remaining two are in the process of completing the EMT licensing requirements. These additional members have helped fill our schedule and assist on calls.

As always, we can use more members. If you are interested in keeping Montgomery Rescue viable, please contact Morgan Daybell, Kevin Scheffler, or leave a message with your contact information at the Town Clerk's Office.

We thank you for your continued support. It is our honor to serve our community!

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Scheffler  
Montgomery Rescue Business Manager

# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2017 BUDGET

## Rescue Department

	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Change Budget 15/16
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	26,500	29,600	29,600	29,600	0
Ambulance Billing	17,135	15,000	13,752	15,000	0
Grants	0	0	0		0
Donations	0	0	0		0
Miscellaneous		0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	7,000	6,211	0	-7,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>43,635</b>	<b>51,600</b>	<b>49,563</b>	<b>44,600</b>	<b>-7,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Payroll & Social Security	3,380	3,888	4,308	3,900	12
Uniforms	417	200	0	200	0
Medical Supplies	1,166	2,000	2,212	2,000	0
Office expense	0	100	0	100	0
Education	825	1,000	2,562	1,000	0
Communications	1,079	7,000	133	1,000	-6,000
EMS Dispatch Fee	5,272	5,550	5,537	5,537	-13
Contracted Services: RAS	17,000	20,500	21,220	21,000	500
Contracted Services: Billing	1,659	1,500	1,270	1,500	0
Insurance	1,900	1,000	0	0	-1,000
New Equipment	551	0	5,070	0	0
Maintenance (Veh.& Equip)	0	1,000	6,800	1,000	0
Diesel fuel	45	0	0	0	0
Building Expense	16	0	304	0	0
Miscellaneous	248	0	147	0	0
Ambulance & Equip. Reserve	0	7,862		7,363	-499
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>33,557</b>	<b>51,600</b>	<b>49,563</b>	<b>44,600</b>	<b>-7,000</b>

### Reserve Fund

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/16</b>	Ambulance & Equipment Replacement	46,323	
	OR Contracted Services		
			46,323
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>	Revenues - Expenses (use of reserve)	-6,211	
	Previous Balance	46,323	
			40,112



*"Praise Recreation!" – Jim Abbott*

## 2016 REPORT

2016 was another exciting year for the town of Montgomery and the recreation department. Activities such as rocking music, fun days at day camp, Sunday soccer, hockey under the lights, ball at Kaleb's field, birthday parties at the pavilion, and swimming at River Walk were just a few of the things to enjoy in our little town. 2016 also marked Peg's 30<sup>th</sup> year on the committee, thanks Peg!

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

Ice Skating: The rink and warming hut were open again for 2016! 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. Big thanks to all who helped out with this!

4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Riverwalk Park improvements: A fence and boulders were installed at riverwalk to allow a 35' vehicle free buffer zone for the river. Grass and trees were also planted in this area.

### FUNDRAISING IN 2016:

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: The guidebook *In the Middle of the Mountains- Scenic Roads in the Montgomery – Jay Peak Area* by Bob Gilmore was published in 2016. The proceeds from this book continue 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 committee will also continue to improve upon and look to add new recreational activities whenever possible.

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

Nelson Mayhew	Peg Doheny	Lisa Perry	Corbin Erwin
Stephanie Machia	Marsha Phillips	Lily Powers	Brendan O'Shea

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2017 BUDGET**  
**Recreation Department**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Change in Budget 16/17</b>
Town of Montgomery	18,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Rentals	8,093	8,000	9,329	8,000	0
Summer Sessions	9953	7,000	9546	7,000	0
Grants	15000	0	0	0	0
Projected Activities	2101	1,500	628	1,500	0
Guidebook	12507	1,500	1622	940	-560
Use of Reserve / Misc	11321	0	0		0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>76,974</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>41,125</b>	<b>37,440</b>	<b>-560</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Payroll & SS	11,790	12,925	9,235	12,925	0
Office & Postage	52.77	100	12	100	0
Telephone & Internet	915	950	934	950	0
Electricity	941	900	968	950	50
Heating Fuel	778	1,300	518	1,300	0
Water	340	350	425	340	-10
Equipment	0	0	146	500	500
Building Maintenance	1488	2,925	839	3,000	75
Port-o-lets	928	1,000	800	1,000	0
Rubbish Removal	495	550	600	575	25
Grounds Maintenance	486	1,000	550	1,000	0
Lawn Care	4,430	4,500	4,235	4,500	0
Snow Removal	212	250	0	0	-250
Tennis Maintenance	1	500	99	0	-500
Activity Exp & Supplies	1,206	2,000	1,437	1,300	-700
Summer Sessions	5246	6,500	7100	7,000	500
Playground & Riverwalk Projects	37,203	0	3,706	0	0
Capital Improv/Playground Fund	0	1,500	1500	1,500	0
Miscellaneous	375	0	314	0	0
Guidebook Reimbursement	10087	750	811	500	-250
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>76,974</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>34,228</b>	<b>37,440</b>	<b>-560</b>

**Reserve Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/2016:</b>	Capital Improvement	0	
	Playground	0	
	Reserve	5,913	
		<u>5,913</u>	
			<u>5,913</u>
<b>Use of Reserves:</b>	Revenue-Expenses	6,897	
	Capital Improvement	1,500	
	Playground	0	
		<u>0</u>	
			<u>8,397</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2016:</b>	Reserve		<u>14,310</u>



## *Montgomery Town Library*

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*(802) 326-3113 [montgomery.librarian@gmail.com](mailto:montgomery.librarian@gmail.com)*

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January 30, 2017

The renovation of the library started in 2015, continued this past year and is an ongoing process, but we're getting there! This was (and is) a major project that we tried to accomplish without too much inconvenience to our patrons.

Earlier in 2016 Liz Leroux, our library director, who had been instrumental in the reorganization, reluctantly resigned for personal reasons; with her recommendation we hired Marlene (Stewart) Hambleton as our new library director and she has embraced her new position with great enthusiasm and continues to make the library a user-friendly and welcoming place for our patrons and volunteers.

Several new bookcases were put in place, thanks to Robert Gendron. He has been asked to build new bookcases for the children's section which is the last major part of the reorganization.

Marlene has purchased many new books, especially for young adults and has increased our collection of DVDs. Our monthly patron attendance remains steady at 500-600 per month and the circulation of books and DVDs has increased since last year. Computer and WiFi usage continue to be very much in demand and thanks to Friends of the Library an additional computer was obtained.

The library continues to co-host programs with Building Brighter Futures and the Montgomery Conservation Commission, and also hold the very popular monthly book-to-film evenings. In June the library hosted an open house for the Town to show off the renovated space and to thank Liz for all her work and officially welcome Marlene. Recently we held a Holiday gathering to thank patrons and volunteers.

Our biggest fundraiser – the silent auction in July – was a major success thanks to all the donors and volunteers and especially to Darren and Lynne Drevik of Phineas Swann for hosting; this was our biggest fundraiser yet and we look forward to another successful event in 2017.

The focus this past year was on completing the renovation and for Marlene to familiarize herself with the operation of the library. She will be working closely with Janis Hess on increasing programming at the library and also investigating grants available to purchase books, DVDs and supplies. The year started off very well - we have already received a grant from the Eastman Foundation, one of our most generous supporters.

The library is a continually evolving process that requires great attention to detail and constant renewal; it is a place for people to meet, interact, learn and relax in a comfortable chair with a book or magazine. The Trustees are thankful to our library director, volunteers, patrons and support of the town who all help to continue making the Montgomery Town Library a successful and bright spot in our town.

Stop by - 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 - 2017 BUDGET

## Library

	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Change Budget 16/17
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	18,917	18,917	18,917	18,917	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	13,872	13,000	14,419	13,825	825
Grants	1,590	1,890	2,250	3,000	1,110
Use of Reserve Funds	0	2,123		321	-1,802
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>34,379</b>	<b>35,930</b>	<b>35,586</b>	<b>36,063</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Payroll & SS & Benefits	18,436	19,240	18,167		-19,240
Supplies	959	1,100	1,149		-1,100
Fundraising Expenses	1,703	1,675	1,291		-1,675
Postage	290	500	488		-500
Mileage Reimbursement	0	350	92		-350
Telephone	493	475	570		-475
Equipment & Repairs	200	1,700	538		-1,700
Rentals	84	100	0		-100
Furniture & Shelving	40	300	425		-300
Building Maintenance	1,900	400	368		-400
Programming	1,316	1,300	1,043		-1,300
Printing	0	50	27		-50
Workshops & Memberships	698	800	750		-800
Books, Subscriptions, DVD's	4,507	5,650	6,834		-5,650
Miscellaneous	746	400	591		-400
Grant Expenditures	1,531	1,890	1,172		-1,890
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>32,903</b>	<b>35,930</b>	<b>33,506</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-35,930</b>

### Reserve Fund

#### Beginning Balance 01/01/2016:

Reserve	13,592	
Checking	174	
		<u>13,766</u>

#### Ending Balance 12/31/2016:

Beginning Reserve	13,592	
Revenues - Expenses	2,080	
Checking	54	
		<u>15,726</u>

## Montgomery Community Gardens

Montgomery Community Gardens is now into its seven year and has proven to be a great success. Each year all the lots have filled and there is always a waiting list. We have saved funds every year and are in hopes of using these monies to hire an excavator to make new garden lots.

This last summer we made a annual flower bed which is free to anyone in the town to pick and make bouquets for their homes.

We continue to share our bountiful harvest with our neighbors and members of the community. The members of the Montgomery Community Gardens are extremely grateful to the town for allowing this project to grow on town property. It has been so successful that it have become a model for other towns.

## 2016 Annual Report of the Montgomery Conservation Commission

2016 proved to be another successful year for the Conservation Commission. The Commission hosted a number of workshops and programs for community members on a wide array of topics. These included:

- A spring Apple Tree Pruning Workshop
- Working with Patagonia to screen *Jumbo Wild* at the Grange Hall, a look at the intersection of ski development and the conservation of our last, great wild landscapes
- A workshop on Chaga and Polypore mushrooms
- Nature walks with the Montgomery Summer Camp
- Ravens and Crows, with *the Bird Diva* Bridget Butler
- The Four Cs of Madagascar with Hank Kaestner
- New and Underused Perennials with Dr. Leonard Perry (co-sponsored with the Covered Bridges Garden Club)
- Co-sponsoring a spring Bird walk, and a Bat Talk and Bat House workshop with the Richford Conservation Commission
- Hosting Cold Hollow to Canada's Annual Gathering at the Grange Hall, an amazing evening John Elder, author of *Reading the Mountains of Home*

The commission would like to thank everyone who donated their time, energy and (especially) their culinary skills to helping to make our events so successful! Without the volunteer effort that's so strong in our community none of this could have been possible. The Commission also undertook a number of direct fundraising activities again this year (including our first ever Paint and Sip!), reaching out to community members to raise over \$3,000 from our generous neighbors. The funds raised will be crucial in continuing the Commission's mission to bring informative, interesting and fun programming to our community about the natural resources around us, and the place we call home.

In 2017 we hope to continue and host fun and information field walks and events. Our first event of the year in January brought Sue Morse of *Keeping Track* back to town for an evening of *Animals of the North*. This year we also anticipate a Municipal Planning Grant to develop Montgomery's first Natural Resource Inventory, a tool to help the town as we look toward future growth and conservation efforts in our community.

Have an interesting idea for a program or event? Let us know and we'll work to make it happen. Thanks again for all your support!

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2017 BUDGET**  
**Conservation Commission**

	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Budget 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Change Budget 16/17</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Town of Montgomery	750	750	750	750	0
Fundraisers	0	500	1,285	500	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Membership	2,255	1,500	2,320	1,500	
Miscellaneous	36	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>4,355</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Event Guests & Speakers	680	1,300	1,387	1,800	500
Event Supplies	29	50	214	250	200
Postage	103	150	69	200	50
Printing	0	0	272	200	200
Fundraising Costs	201	400	275	300	-100
Membership Fees	0	50	0	0	-50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>800</b>

**Reserve Fund**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/16**

Reserve Fund	4,080	
	<u>4,080</u>	

**Ending Balance 12/31/16**

Revenues - Expenses	2,139	
Previous Balance	<u>4,080</u>	
		<u><u>6,219</u></u>

# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2017 WATER DEPT BUDGET

As of Jan 25, 2017						
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Revenues	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017-2016
Water Usage Fees	\$64,391	\$60,913	\$61,000	\$56,848	\$67,000	\$6,000
Interest	\$61	\$62	\$50	\$63	\$50	\$0
Service Fees	\$720	\$554	\$500	\$1,590	\$500	\$0
Use of Reserve Funds	\$0	\$5,160	\$23,096	\$19,826	\$4,530	-\$18,566
<b>Operations Sub Total</b>	<b>\$65,172</b>	<b>\$66,689</b>	<b>\$84,646</b>	<b>\$78,327</b>	<b>\$72,080</b>	<b>-\$12,566</b>
User Bond Receipts	\$33,225	\$32,676	\$33,225	\$31,854	\$32,000	\$4,815
Town of Montgomery	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0
<b>Bond Sub Total</b>	<b>\$46,962</b>	<b>\$46,413</b>	<b>\$46,962</b>	<b>\$45,591</b>	<b>\$45,737</b>	<b>-\$1,225</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$112,134</b>	<b>\$113,102</b>	<b>\$131,608</b>	<b>\$123,918</b>	<b>\$117,817</b>	<b>-\$13,791</b>
Expenses						
Town Admin Assessment	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$3,000
Technology equip/support	\$513	\$0	\$15,000	\$9,113	\$2,000	-\$13,000
Utilities	\$12,931	\$12,926	\$13,000	\$12,858	\$13,000	\$0
Contracted Services	\$35,139	\$37,846	\$38,981	\$37,220	\$38,040	-\$941
Miscellaneous	\$1,540	\$1,230	\$2,000	\$378	\$500	-\$1,500
Tools	\$0	\$206	\$200	\$0	\$500	\$300
Water Testing	\$192	\$1,077	\$1,800	\$660	\$600	-\$1,200
Office Expense	\$477	\$769	\$1,000	\$895	\$1,000	\$0
Equipment/Spares	\$5,241	\$3,373	\$4,000	\$2,601	\$2,000	-\$2,000
Facilities Maintenance	\$820	\$1,109	\$1,000	\$6,063	\$2,750	\$1,750
VT Fees	\$551	\$571	\$600	\$593	\$600	\$0
Association Dues	\$200	\$210	\$225	\$210	\$225	\$0
Chemicals	\$269	\$582	\$600	\$124	\$400	-\$200
Annual Bond Payment	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$109,075</b>	<b>\$113,101</b>	<b>\$131,608</b>	<b>\$123,917</b>	<b>\$117,817</b>	<b>-\$13,791</b>
Beginning Balance 01/01/16						
Checking	\$35,784					
Savings	\$108,672					
Total	\$144,456					
Ending Balance 12/31/16						
Checking	\$10,357					
Savings	\$108,726					
Total	\$119,083					
<b>Total Balance of Delinquent Water Bills as of 12/31/16</b>			<b>\$5,167.16</b>			

## 2016 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Our 2016 equalization study showed that our **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** at 100.46 % and our **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)** at 8.96%. 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.

The town of Montgomery currently has 3 elected listers with two of the listers doing most of the work. Three listers are required to sign different forms and for any voting during meetings. Deanna serves as our third lister which works out very well for the board of listers. She is kept informed of everything in the lister's office and is up to date on our activities. This helps to keep the cost of wages down while still having three, well trained and efficient officials.

Parma Jewett has completed all of her classes for her VPA II (Vermont Property Assessor) designation and will be receiving her certificate in 2017. She received her VPA 1 in 2016. All expenses associated with these designations were paid by Parma.

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.

Should anyone 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](mailto:montgomerylisters@fairpoint.net).

Sincerely,

Board of Listers  
Parma Jewett

Lynda Cluba

Deanna Robitaille

## Montgomery Lister's Budget Request 2017

Wages	\$11,000.00
Social Security	700.00
Supplies	500.00
Postage	50.00
Mileage Reimbursement	500.00
Dues & Fees	500.00
Training & Conferences	1,000.00
Misc.	1,000.00
Total Requested	\$15,250.00

The listers are asking for the same budget as last year. In December we had some funds that were not used from our 2016 budget. We purchased a fire proof filing cabinet for approximately \$2,600. It is imperative that we protect these files, if a fire should occur there is data in our files which could not be reproduced. Though our budget request for 2016 authorized the expenditure we did seek and obtain approval from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Select Board.

In 2016 one lister took one class for a cost \$125.00. We only attended one conference and one current use class, which was free. We feel that taking all of these classes every year is not worth the money which they cost. These classes are expensive and we have found that taking classes every other year serves us well. In 2017 we will have to attend some classes due to changes being made on the state level as well in NEMRC.

The town of Montgomery currently has 3 elected listers with two of the listers doing most of the work. Three listers are required to sign different forms and for any voting during meetings. Deanna serves as our third lister which works out very well for the board of listers. She is kept informed of everything in the lister's office and is up to date on our activities. This helps to keep the cost of wages down while still have three, well trained and efficient officials.

Parma Jewett has completed all of her classes for her VPA II (Vermont Property Assessor) designation and will be receiving her certificate in 2017. She received her VPA 1 in 2016. All expenses associated with these designations were paid by Parma.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Montgomery Board of Listers  
Parma Jewett  
Lynda Cluba  
Deanne Robitaille

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**Financial Report 2016**

<b>Beginning Balance 1/1/16</b>	CD's	21,200.52	
	Checking	<u>735.21</u>	21,935.73
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Interest	40.19	
	Donations	50.00	
	Sale of Lots/Perpetual Care	400.00	
	Corner Post	<u>0.00</u>	490.19
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Lawncare/Repairs	0.00	
	Insurance	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
			<u>22,425.92</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/16</b>	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	22,425.92	<u>22,425.92</u>
Respectfully Submitted, Deanna-Dee Robiatille, Town Treasurer			

**MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**Financial Report 2016**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/15</b>	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>	<u>\$86,940.12</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Interest Income	1,328.83	
	Donations	0.00	
	Lots Sold	<u>400.00</u>	\$1,728.83
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Grounds Maintenance	2,085.00	
	Office Supplies	<u>0.00</u>	\$2,085.00
			<u>\$86,583.95</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/15</b>	Checking	32,740.18	
	CD - 110	8,343.77	
	CD - 233	15,000.00	
	CD - 274	8,300.00	
	CD - 892	20,000.00	
	Charles Lumbra Fund	2,200.00	<u>\$86,583.95</u>
Respectfully Submitted, Deanna-Dee Robiatille, Town Treasurer			

**JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE**  
**Financial Report 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016**

<b>Beginning Balance: 1/1/16</b>	TD Bank Checking	1,161.24	
	Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>11,379.27</u>	12,540.51
<b>Income:</b>	Interest from Certificates	<u>11.41</u>	11.41
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Care of Old Cemetery	270.00	
	Bank Charges	<u>12.00</u>	
			<u>282.00</u>
			<u>12,269.92</u>
<b>Ending Balance: 12/31/16</b>	TD Bank Checking	879.24	
	Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>11,390.68</u>	12,269.92

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine St Onge, Treasurer

**HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**Financial Report 2016**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	Checking - 12/22/15	255.14	
	Savings - 01/01/16	400.49	
	CD - 01/01/16	<u>16,564.36</u>	17,219.99
<b>Income:</b>	Interest	99.62	
	Lot Sales	1,325.00	
	Town of Montgomery Support	300.00	
	Membership Dues	<u>278.00</u>	2,002.62
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Maintenance	540.00	
	Corner Markers	120.00	
	Bank Fees	<u>20.00</u>	
			<u>680.00</u>
			<u>18,542.61</u>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	Checking - 12/21/16	1,177.55	
	Savings - 12/31/16	800.70	
	CD - 12/31/16	<u>16,564.36</u>	18,542.61

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Treasurer  
*on behalf of - Kathy King, Treasurer*

**HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Report to the 2017 Montgomery Annual Town Meeting**

Hill West Cemetery, located above West Hill Brook on West Hill Road, appears to date from about 1870, for the earliest date on a gravestone in the cemetery is 1871. It is located on town land, which was roughly doubled in size by a donation by Peter Watson in 1978. The current size of the cemetery is about 30,000 square feet, or about two-thirds of an acre.

Lots in the Old Section are 10 feet by 20 feet, designed for four burials, while lots in the New Section are 10 feet by 10 feet, designed for two burials. There are 70 lots in the Old Section of the cemetery and 105 lots in the New Section of the cemetery, for a total of 175 lots. All the Old Section lots have been purchased. Twenty lots have been purchased in the New Section, and 85 remain available. The current price of a lot is \$525, which includes the four required cornerstones that mark the boundary of the lot. The most recent burial occurred on June 2016.

During the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century the cemetery fell into disrepair and became overgrown with shrubs and trees. In the 1960s members of the Jewett family undertook to clear the vegetation and restore the cemetery. A fence was erected and later replaced, a sign was erected and later replaced, and a utility shed was constructed.

The Hill West Cemetery Association was established to administer the cemetery on behalf of the town. The current bylaws were drafted and authorized in the 1960s, and the Association has ably administered the cemetery since that time. Douglas Jewett was long the president of the Association, and Irene Jewett retired from being clerk and treasurer in 2014, after 30 years of service.

The Association holds an annual meeting each June, with minutes kept of all meetings. Current officers of the Association are: President, Jeffrey Jewett; Vice President, Wayne Jewett; Clerk, Titus L. Presler; Treasurer, Kathy King; and Trustees: Douglas Jewett, Gary Jewett, Michael Jewett, Wayne Jewett, Earl Lumbra, Nancy Lumbra, and Titus L. Presler.

The 2016 Annual Meeting was held on June 14 at the home of Kathy and Howard King. Business included: clerk's report, treasurer's report, clarification of policies on burials and cremation remains, and discussion of possible bylaw changes, which will be considered at the Association's 2017 Annual Meeting.

Titus L. Presler  
Clerk

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016	
NAME	TAX AMOUNT
<b>2015 PROPERTY TAXES</b>	
171234 Canada Inc.	\$ 2,891.26
Banks, Sandra	\$ 358.76
Dentone, Archie and Diane	\$ 1,885.21
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,831.14
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	\$ 13.13
Manosh, Roland and Peggy	\$ 25.26
Mills, Leo and Diane	\$ 14.09
* Morrell, Robert and Sandra	\$ 355.20
Reed, Christopher and Muriel	\$ 823.32
***Rich, Gary	\$ 4,417.35
Robitaille, Jacques	\$ 623.40
*Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 36.55
<b>TOTAL 2015 TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 14,274.67</b>
<b>2016 PROPERTY TAXES</b>	
171234 Canada Inc.	\$ 3,308.80
525 Green Mountain Road LLC	\$ 700.00
Abramowitz, Michael and June	\$ 1,470.79
Banks, Sandra	\$ 731.00
Barkyoub, Ronald and Sandra	\$ 927.61
**Barnard, Robert and Leanne	\$ 2,050.89
Blodgett, Rodney	\$ 2,415.62
Bonneau, Donald	\$ 4,896.26
Brunton, Stuart	\$ 1,369.36
* Bugbee, Mary	\$ 814.77
Bulger, Henry and Helen and Charles	\$ 684.71
**Butterfield, Grant and Suzanne	\$ 1,386.12
Coffee, Christine	\$ 3,149.06
**Cota, Marty, Dana and James	\$ 1,468.94
Daberer, Hubert and Caroline	\$ 22.95
**Damstrom, Thomas	\$ 757.39
** Darlyn Inc.	\$ 5,069.34
Davidson, Dale	\$ 96.48
Dentone, Archie and Diane	\$ 2,897.59
Duculon, Stacey	\$ 2,580.02
Flaherty, Ted	\$ 2,788.57
Fleckenstein, Sandra and Abramowitz, Michael	\$ 1,270.42
**Fleming, Danielle	\$ 684.98
Francis, Andrew	\$ 3,415.90
**Gadpaille, Eric	\$ 2,354.55
**Gadpaille, Eric	\$ 1,767.24
Gendron, Nicole	\$ 319.40
*Gibou Deer Farm	\$ 4.99
*Gratton, Raymond and Dorothy	\$ 109.01
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	\$ 3,090.54
Kaja Holdings 2	\$ 18.21
*Lawson, John and Leslie	\$ 250.07
Lucas, Gregory	\$ 3,951.67
Lumbra, Dale	\$ 1,033.33
Manosh, Roland and Peggy	\$ 62.15
Mills, Leo and Diane	\$ 1,516.51
Morrell, Robert and Sandra	\$ 1,973.65
Moses, Frederick	\$ 1,775.82
Nalette, Sean	\$ 1,095.92
Ostrowski, Marcin	\$ 2,409.88
*Ovitt, Robert	\$ 64.07
Patrick, Kathleen	\$ 2,773.27
Platte, Heinrich and Heide	\$ 57.76
Reed, Christopher and Muriel	\$ 810.94
Robitaille, Jacques	\$ 1,924.59
Snider, Lisa	\$ 615.87
Snider, Michael and Tracy	\$ 2,636.61
*Suttief, Ivan	\$ 124.12
**Uimonen, Kirsi and McHugh Brian	\$ 2,596.55
**Williams, Harold and Cheryl	\$ 454.94
Williams, Paul and Lorna	\$ 1,000.00
Witzmann, Terence and Laura	\$ 4,987.11
Wynn, Ricky and Cindy	\$ 1,432.54
<b>TOTAL 2016 TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 86,168.88</b>
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 100,443.55</b>
*Paid in Full by February 7, 2017	
**Partial Paid by February 7, 2017	
***Pending Abatement	

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2016**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX DUE</u>	<u>TAX ABATED</u>	<u>TAX COLLECTED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>	<u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u>
2014	\$8,102.38	\$0.00	\$ 8,102.38	\$0.00	\$ 648.18	\$ 1,497.40
2015	\$95,098.09	\$982.62	\$ 79,840.80	\$14,274.67	\$ 6,593.16	\$ 5,124.92
2016	<u>\$170,432.42</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$ 83,865.92</u>	<u>\$86,566.50</u>	<u>\$ 6,709.18</u>	<u>\$ 1,642.77</u>
TOTALS	\$273,632.89	\$982.62	\$171,809.10	\$100,841.17	\$ 13,950.52	\$ 8,265.09

Taxes Collected:

\$ 171,809.10

8% Penalty Collected:

\$ 13,950.52

Interest Collected:

\$ 8,265.09

Total Paid to the Treasurer in 2016 by A. Woodward:

\$ 194,024.71

### 2016 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
March 9	Reese Louise Johnston	Thomas Johnston	Journey Johnston
May 2	Emmarie Nova Jacobs	Bernard Jacobs III	Alexis Lefebvre
May 31	Runa Elowen Worthington	Zedekiah Worthington	Mandisah Worthington
June 15	Sky Denali Farnham	Jay Farnham	Amber Farnham
June 6	Ingrid Florence Presler	Titus H Presler	Michelle Schaap
June 24	Sequoia Cain Sheperd	Sebastian Sheperd	Martika Leach
August 15	Trinity Marie Broe	Travis Broe	Katelyn Sylvester
August 27	Maddyn Makenna Sylvester	Benjamin Sylvester	Jenny Lanphear
September 1	Grayson Heath Hartman	Jacob Hartman	Carolyn Eno
September 7	Charlotte Avery Fuller	Dana Fuller	Alyssa Fuller
October 23	Wesley Samson Clark	Corey Clark	Sara Clark
November 19	Ellariah Rayne Tipper	Shawn Tipper	Macey McAllister
November 28	Uriel John Agim	Kelenna Agim	Cynthia Pelkey
November 23	Elon Buddy Fotheringham Martin	Christopher Martin	Amelia Fotheringham

### 2016 DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
January 2	William Peter Trautner Sr	Montgomery
January 14	Linda Helen O'Connell	Montgomery Center
January 22	Suzanne Marie Grenier	Montgomery
April 1	Ronald Roy Howard	Montgomery Center
June 18	Gail Elizabeth Carroll	Montgomery Center
August 7	Roland Henry Nichols	Montgomery Center
August 12	Lacaze Douglas Nikel	Montgomery
August 23	James Peter Buttendorf	Montgomery
August 31	Beverly Burbank Purrier	Montgomery Center
November 21	Heinrich August Platte	Montgomery Center
November 28	Ronald A Klimas	Montgomery

### 2016 CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Applicant A</u>	<u>Applicant B</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
March 5	Victoria Jane Upson	Christopher Norman Robakiewicz	New Ashford, MA
April 2	Denise Marie Smith	Keith Joseph Obenauer	Uniondale, NY
April 1	Fabian Enrique Mendoza	Zenaida Perez	Montgomery Center
May 14	Jennifer Laven Marble	Matan Kurmin	Brooklyn, NY
May 31	Jacqueline Patricia Dreyer	Nicholas Charles Moore Jr	Montgomery Center
June 25	Katie Lauren O'Brien	Joseph Muka	Tewksbury, MA
July 23	Tanya Marie St Onge	Benjamin Aldrich	Marlborough, CT
August 6	Andrea Joyce Royer	John Paul Santoro	Newport, VT
August 8	Erika Lynn Gambuti	Jeffrey Joseph Korn	Whippany, NJ
August 12	Allison Robin Levine	Travis Jonathan Elfreth	Waltham, MA
August 20	Christen Beverley Bennett	Joshua Cartier Poirier	Ottawa, CAN
September 10	Erica Ann Bell	Matthew Paul Murphy	Medford, MA
September 17	Roger Peter John Harris	Melanie Jayne Edwards	Oldbury, ENG
September 24	Gabriel Walter Roberts	Ailynne Adams	Montgomery Center
September 25	Cythnia Lynn Pelkey	Kelenna Chika Agim	Montgomery
September 2	Daniel William O'Brien	Maria Dominique Noble	Montgomery Center
September 17	Jennifer Sue Garrar	Sebastian Boily	Sarasota, FL
October 7	Sandy Vandeputte	Kim Rosemary Serrecchia	Plymouth, MA
November 24	Marlene Davis Stewart	George Kautz Hambleton III	Montgomery Center
November 30	Jenna Lee-Ann Vincent	Joseph Watkins	Montgomery Center

# *Town of Montgomery*

## **Zoning Office**

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

## **2016 ZONING REPORT**

Twenty-six Zoning Applications were received and processed. Four permits were approved for new single-family dwellings. Accessory use structures, such as porches, decks, garages, and additions made up the remainder of the applications.

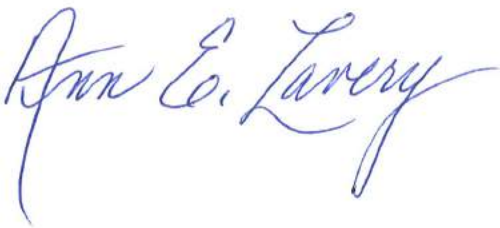
Zoning Compliance letters were issued for eighteen Montgomery properties.

One formal hearing was held for an appeal of a Zoning Violation which occurred in 2015. This case is still being litigated in Environmental Court.

One Minor Subdivision was approved.

Thank you for your cooperation. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann E. Lavery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.



Town Of Montgomery  
P.O. Box 356  
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802-326-4719  
<http://www.montgomeryvt.us>

Hectorville Bridge  
Committee

January, 2017

**To the Townspeople of Montgomery:**

The Hectorville Bridge Committee was formed after Town Meeting 2014, and has been convening regularly since then for the purpose of establishing a plan to resurrect the bridge on town property. We have recently concluded the process of developing this plan, and this letter is being sent to you in an effort to inform you of the work we have done thus far, and the path we intend to fulfill our goal of seeing the Hectorville Bridge stand once again.

The Committee began by conducting a thorough evaluation of all potential sites in town, using a series of criteria that included spatial considerations, public access, visibility, character of location, flood plain, and public ownership of property. We also solicited informal inspection of the bridge to confirm that there was enough viable timber remaining to justify reconstruction, and installed replacement roofing panels to protect the frame.

Having confirmed viability of a potential project and selecting a location in coordination with the Montgomery Recreation Committee, the Committee then pursued and was awarded a matching grant through the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) that would both provide a Scoping Study deliverable to be used for future planning purposes, and also make the project eligible for a significant construction grant (80% match by the State) should we decide to pursue construction based on the Scoping Study's recommendations. The Committee managed the development of the Scoping Study with DuBois and King and representatives from VTrans in accordance with the provisions of the grant. The final Scoping Study was presented to the Committee in May 2016.

Upon review of the findings of the Scoping Study, the Committee concluded that pursuing an alternative strategy that did not require the cost implications of running through a state-funded program was appropriate to present to the Selectboard. Accordingly, the Committee engaged in conversation with a series of different local contractors to solicit input, design and logistical recommendations, and rough preliminary estimates to inform budgeting implications.

Throughout the entire life of the Committee, fundraising to offset the Town's match of the VTrans grant has been a high priority. The Committee has been and continues to conduct a variety of different fundraising

strategies through the tireless volunteer efforts of the Committee members. The Committee engaged in repeated and multi-faceted outreach efforts to gauge the support and interest of the Town. As a result of this engagement, we have catalogued the following findings:

- The business community is strongly in favor of this project, as it supports tourism and builds upon existing efforts to highlight the economic value of Montgomery's covered bridges.
- The historic value of the bridge is of great significance to a large population of our town; it is worth noting here that the resurrection of this bridge would make Montgomery the only town in the Northeast with six standing covered bridges, a distinction that would further support its commercial and economic value.
- The Montgomery Recreation Committee has firmly endorsed the location of the bridge on the Recreation Center grounds, and sees its restoration as an asset to the Recreation Center and the Town as a whole.
- There is strong interest by multiple current and former residents to assist in fundraising for the construction of a bridge, and a strong fundraising campaign has a good potential for success with the support of key organizers and funders.
- There is a willingness amongst many in the trades community in Montgomery to help support the resurrection of the bridge through reduced rates, prioritized availability, and sweat equity/volunteerism, not the least of which is St. Onge Contractors' willingness to transport and raise the bridge at no cost.
- There is some concern about adding to the tax burden of the town to fund the resurrection of the bridge, but a willingness to invest in the town if substantial portions of the budget can be covered by fundraising efforts, grants, and/or donated labor and materials.

### Moving Forward

Based on the findings above and various data points and information solicited by the Committee since its inception in Spring 2014, the Committee strongly supports **pursuing the Self-Funded approach** to achieve the lowest net cost with the greatest degree of local control and civic engagement. We will be pursuing major fundraising efforts, and accordingly we warmly welcome **tax-deductible donations to the town to support reconstruction of the Hectorville Bridge**. Finally, as we move into this next phase of fundraising and planning, we very much need new members with **fundraising and social media experience**. Come join the Committee, or even volunteer some of your time as a community member - we need your help to make this vision a reality! Thank you for your support - please contact any of the Committee Members below or the Town Office to find out how **you can be involved!**

Respectfully,

The Hectorville Bridge Committee

Jacob Racusin 802-782-7783

Pat Farmer 326-2211

Joe Sherman

Andre La Bier

Lynn Locher 3262171

Merle Van Gieson

Andre La Bier

Titus Pressler



## Town Of Montgomery

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### 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.



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Department of Health  
St. Albans District Office  
27 Federal St. Suite 201  
St. Albans, VT 05478  
HealthVermont.gov

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[fax] 802-527-5405  
[toll free] 888-253-8801

*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:

**Supported healthy communities:** Franklin County Caring Communities was awarded the final year of the Combined Community Grant, at \$110,000.00, to support Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Tobacco Prevention programs. The Saint Albans District Office was awarded the Regional Prevention Partnership Grant in July, for \$130,000 a year for three years to support substance use prevention.

**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. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In 2015 we responded to 111 cases of infectious disease in Franklin County. In 2015, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

**Aided communities in emergency preparedness:** In July of 2016 the Saint Albans District Office, in collaboration with Saint Albans Town Educational Center and the Saint Albans Police Department, participated in a large-scale exercise to practice our procedures for distributing medicine to a large number of people in a short period of time. Plans such as these are utilized to keep people from getting sick during a public health emergency. For 2016/17, \$10,000 will be available to fund trainings and purchase supplies for volunteers in the Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps. These volunteers are preparing to respond to a variety of health emergencies in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

Throughout the 2016 summer, Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps members visited numerous state parks in both Franklin and Grand Isle Counties distributing summer go-bags that contained bug spray, sun block, and tools and information for tick removal. Six Medical Reserve Corps Units from all over Vermont worked together to educate Vermonters on precautions one should take to enjoy the bountiful activities that Vermont offers.



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For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov).

Join us on DISTRICT FACEBOOK ADDRESS and follow us on [www.twitter.com/healthvermont](https://www.twitter.com/healthvermont).

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District  
2016 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. 2016 was a great year for the NWSWD -- our efforts resulted in the District successfully diverting more waste from the landfill than any year before! Waste diverted was recycled or reused and helped conserve resources and keep toxic materials out of Vermont landfills.

The District was able to increase our programs and services like composting, hazardous waste, and reuse. We also offered more workshops and increased our ability to pass on useful information through channels like farmer's markets and fairs, and the internet. These efforts helped Franklin and Grand Isle counties reduce the waste they sent to the landfill. We measure our success by looking at the weight of waste that we sent to the landfill and what we were able to divert through reuse and recycling. All this work showed in the amount of waste we diverted from the landfill this year. Some of this year's highlights include:

- All District communities diverted 31% of all waste from the landfill.
- **District operations diverted 1,299 tons of waste from the landfill in 2016! This is a 13% increase from 2015!!**
- Recycled 145 tons of e-waste, a 27% increase
- Held eleven (11) "Backyard Composting" classes for residents
- Increased the number of schools that compost in the district by educating children, setting up systems and collecting food waste in Alburgh, Grand Isle, Isle La Motte, Franklin, Bakersfield, St. Albans City & Town, Fairfield, Enosburg, Grand Isle, Georgia, Sheldon, and Richford
- Collected 45 tons of hazardous material from 1183 Households through our Household Hazardous Waste program. That's over 200 more participants than last year!
- Through our Close the Loop Compost program we collected 310 tons of food scraps from 15 businesses and institutions and 5 residential drop-off points and delivered those scraps to Hudak Farmstand and Greenhouse to be turned into compost.

#### **NWSWD by the Numbers**

In the NWSWD, five District run recycling drop-off sites in Georgia, Montgomery, Bakersfield, St. Albans and North Hero, 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 2016, through recycling, reuse and composting, District residents were able to divert 31% of waste created from the landfill as compared to 26% in 2015! After all of this work the average NWSWD resident sent just 3.9 pounds of waste to the landfill per day. Way to go!

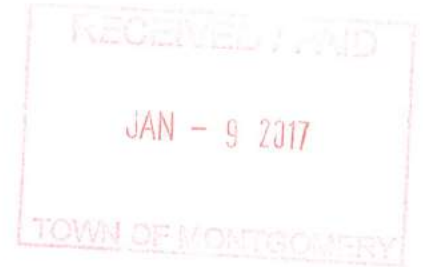
Through our District-operated sites and programs, this year we disposed of 759 tons of trash and recycled or diverted 1,299 tons of material, including 399 tons of blue-bin recyclables setting the diversion rate for District Services at 51%.

All District Staff are available through the District office at (802)524-5986 or [info@nswsd.org](mailto:info@nswsd.org). For more information about the District and our services, how to reduce and recycle your waste, or how to get involved call District staff at the above number or come visit at 158 Morse Drive in Georgia (we even give tours of our Recycling Center.) You can also visit us on the web at [www.nswsd.org](http://www.nswsd.org), find us on Facebook, and sign-up for our e-mail updates. More information can also be found in our Newsletter available at your Town Meeting.

## Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

158 MORSE DRIVE, FAIRFAX, VT 05454  
802-524-5986 • FAX: 802-524-5987

January 1, 2017



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  
FY2018 Assessment

Dear Ms. Robitaille,

The District Board of Supervisors, on December 7, 2016 set the Municipal Assessment at \$1.00 per capita based on the most recent Census population estimates.

Based on the 2014 Vermont Health Dept. Population Estimates, the population of the Town of Montgomery is 1195. 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 FY2018 assessment for the Town of Montgomery is \$1,195.00. All assessments are due by November 15, 2017. An invoice will be mailed to you in July 2017.

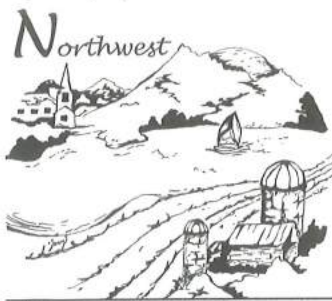
Should you have any questions, please call the District office at 524-5986. You can also speak with your Town Supervisor.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Bolster  
Business Manager

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December 14, 2016

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

Re: FY18 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 \$1.047 per capita for the 2018 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2017. Please include for consideration as a line item in your upcoming budget a Regional Commission request for \$1,258 in support of local and regional planning activities in FY18. This amount is based upon the adopted rate of \$1.047 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 2016 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.

## 2016 Montgomery Projects:

- ☞ Provided zoning technical assistance.
- ☞ Assisted with updating and adoption of the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- ☞ Updated the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with input from the mitigation steering committee.
- ☞ Updated the E-911 poster map.
- ☞ Drafted a Town Plan update, including new flood resiliency section in coordination with the Planning Commission.
- ☞ Coordinated with the Planning Commission to complete a Municipal Planning Grant application to conduct a natural resources inventory.
- ☞ Coordinated engineering for four culvert retrofit/replacement projects to accommodate aquatic organism passage and improve flood resiliency.

Montgomery  
Regional Commissioners:  
Charlie Hancock & One Vacant Seat

Transportation Advisory  
Committee:  
Mark Brouillette

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.



## Town Of Montgomery

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The Selectboard agreed to deny all requests from Social Service agencies in this year's budget but listed those that demonstrated specific benefits to Montgomery and/or received consistent taxpayer support in previous years in the warning for consideration. Those qualifying agencies information are included in this section. Those agencies failing that criteria are included in this section as well

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

Respectfully,  
The Selectboard.



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Town of Montgomery  
Attn: Deanna Robitaille, Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer  
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For more than 40 years, Age Well (formerly CVAA) has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. Age Well are the experts in promoting independence, dignity, and choice for seniors in our diverse towns and communities. Our 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, we have 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 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, Age Well provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

We are writing to request continued support in the amount of \$1800 from the Town of Montgomery, which will be used to continue to help Northwestern Vermonters to Age Well. We thank you for your past support for our programs and services.

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

Sincerely,

Sara Wool  
Director of Development & Communications





FRANKLIN COUNTY

Home Health Agency, Inc.

3 Home Health Circle  
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

Telephone: (802) 527-7531

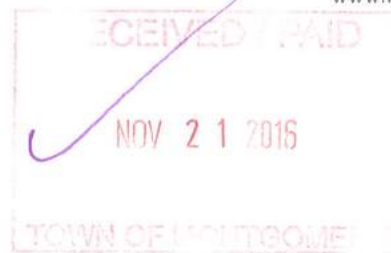
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November 7, 2016

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



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Dear Ms. Robitaille,

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

Our Agency remains deeply committed to providing care to everyone in need, regardless of his or her ability to pay. We once again ask Montgomery to include an allocation of \$2522.10 in your 2017 town budget. This amount reflects a small increase from \$2.00 to \$2.10 and is based on the number of Montgomery residents recorded in the 2010 US Census.

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. We are proud to provide our community with high quality comprehensive home health, hospice, long term care and a variety of health and wellness services. Throughout our 47 year history, we have provided our programs and services to meet the needs of the residents of Franklin County.

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



*Thank you for  
your support!*

**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 proudly provided residents Franklin County with high quality, comprehensive home health, hospice, long term care and wellness services since 1969.

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

Our mission is to provide high quality health care services in home and community settings. We are committed to excellence. 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.

**How many patients did the Agency serve in 2016?**

The Agency made a total of 73,611 visits.

**How many patients were served in Montgomery?**

36 residents of Montgomery received 854 visits valued at \$102,414.

We made the following number of visits by profession to the residents of your community:

210	Nursing
216	Physical Therapy
9	Occupational Therapy
7	Speech-Language Pathology
7	Medical Social Work
55	Licensed Nursing Assistants
350	Care Attendants

**How many people does the Agency employ?**

The Agency currently has a staff of 180 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.

## **What are the Agency's Programs and Services?**

**Home Care:** We provide medically necessary home health services to people of all ages. Examples include individuals who need wound care, 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 services to our community.

## **How are services paid for?**

As a Medicare certified Agency, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurances. In 2016 we received 85 percent of our 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 \$850,000 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](http://www.fchha.org).



FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION



November 17, 2016

Charlie Hancock, Chair  
Montgomery Select Board  
Montgomery Town Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 356  
Montgomery, VT 05471

Dear Charlie:

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.

We would like to thank the Town of Montgomery for investing \$500.00 for economic development in Franklin County. Again, everyone at FCIDC sincerely appreciates your generous contribution, and we welcome comments on our effort and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith  
Executive Director

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FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
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Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation  
Town Report  
Calendar Year 2016

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 the year 2016 the local economy continued to remain strong in most sectors; the overall County unemployment rate is currently 3.6%, wages continue to rise and the manufacturing sector continues to hire and make capital investments. In the largest dairy county in New England milk prices continue to remain low; in turn restricting an otherwise strong local economy. Gas prices and heating fuels continue to remain relatively low, this allows for an increase in disposal income or the ability to reduce debt or add to savings.

During the latter months of 2016 a number of permit applications were filed in hopes of breaking ground on a few major projects come Spring of 2017. If these projects come to fruition and when added to the Northwestern Medical Center and St. Albans hotel construction there could be in excess of 115 million dollars of construction going on in Franklin County throughout 2017.

Two of the most common questions that we get asked are, "did the Energizer facility sell yet" and "when will the hotel open"? The Energizer property did finally sell in December 2016 to a developer who will be trying to attract new businesses to the building. As for the new hotel being built in St. Albans, a project initiated by the City of St. Albans, it is expected to be open in June of 2017.

With all of that good news here is the information that everyone should pay the most attention to and that is, there is a large workforce gap right on our doorstep. As Baby Boomers are retiring and leaving the workforce, the number of individuals graduating from high school has dropped significantly due to a drop in birth rates. Outside of Maine, Vermont has the oldest population with no relief in sight. With a declining workforce any growth in our economy will be difficult in the years to come. The Workforce Investment Board led by Kathy Lavoie is working on a number of initiatives that are focused on workforce training and career education for local high school students.

All things considered I still think Franklin County is in a good place.....as we always tell people 'sure things could be better, but I can guarantee you that we are still a lot better off than most rural communities!'

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 our dairy base.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a very brief overview of FCIDC's activities for 2016. Please feel free to contact the office at (802) 524-2194 with any questions.

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Respectfully,

Timothy J. Smith  
Executive Director



# HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478  
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471

December 27, 2016

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 2016, our 24th 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 \$4,330 enabling 18 children from 7 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past fourteen 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 8, 2017

Town of Montgomery  
P.O. Box 356  
Montgomery Center, 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 board members and wonderful volunteers come from many local sources: school groups, retirees, 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 21,000 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. We regularly host public forums in the watershed – 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.

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 our educational program, 'Bugworks', free of charge to schools within the watershed. In 2016, the MRBA was able to provide a Bugwork session at the Montgomery Elementary School, where students got to learn about stream health and how it is linked to aquatic insects and to fish through both classroom lecture and hand-on activities. The MRBA also assisted with funding for the new trees in Riverwalk Park, providing an attractive buffer that will increase the health of both the park and the river.

In order to continue making programs and activities like these available within our communities, we respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$500 donation. Your donation will 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 2017 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA Chair

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Selectboard  
Chairman  
Town of Montgomery Selectboard  
P.O. Box 356  
Montgomery Center, Vermont 05471

Dear Selectboard:

Last year marked a key moment in the history of the structure that is a landmark of our town – the old Community Baptist Church. In 2016 the Montgomery Town Association, charged with protecting the structure and continuing its mission to serve the community of Montgomery, chose to house the Montgomery Center for the Arts in this grand setting. In doing so, the MTA chose to use this grand building to enhance the creative life of Montgomery. We set as our mission to be a home for anyone in the town who wanted to express themselves through art, and more importantly, teach others.

In just six short months, the Montgomery Center for the Arts has hosted art socials, ballet classes, drawing classes, yoga, meditation and self-improvement classes, and musical performances as well. It is our intention to continue to grow this wonderful institution, and continue to provide a resource to everyone in Montgomery for decades to come.

In the next few years, we will be working to solicit state and national grants to help improve this structure that represents visitors' first impression of our town. We will also work to fund programs that will give children and adults in Montgomery a vital and enjoyable social life. We also recognize our role as a resource to the town, as most evidenced by the fact we waive building use fees for any use by a town agency or board.

We are requesting the town consider a contribution of \$1,000 to help us keep this building open, and to fund additional programs to grow the arts community in Montgomery. Your support will help ensure a vibrant, active Montgomery for generations to come.

On behalf of the board of the MTA, I thank you for your consideration of this worthy program. Please feel free to contact us should you require additional information

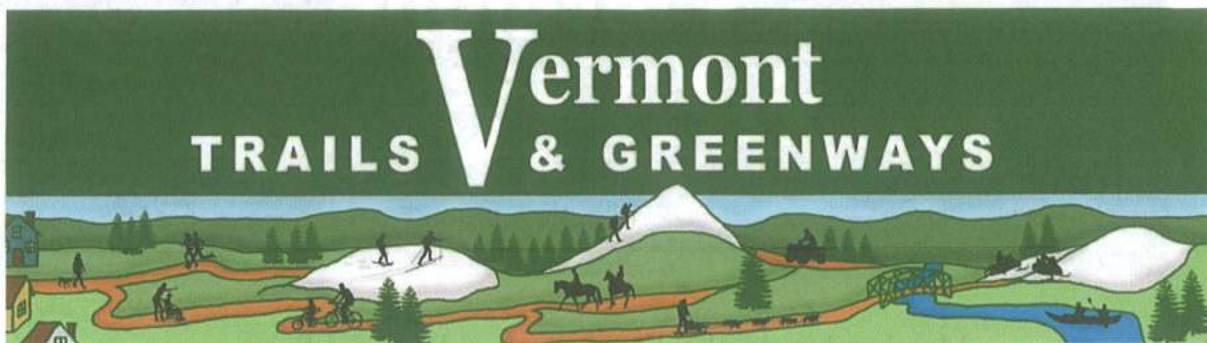
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Drevik".

Darren Drevik  
President, MTA/Montgomery Center for the Arts

**MTA Board**

Everett McGinley, Nick Barletta, Sebastian Araujo, Becca Cummins, Melissa Haberman, Lynn Locher, Great Quinton.



Greetings!

On behalf of the Vermont Trails & Greenways Council, we hope this letter finds you closing out a great 2016 and anticipating a bountiful 2017. We respectfully request your support by including a renewal application with this letter. With every Town in Vermont handling their budget process differently, we hope this request arrives at an appropriate time. Being an organization with state-wide responsibility we are not able to petition each town, so we humbly ask that this small amount be included in your budget.

For over a decade, the Vermont Trails & Greenways Council has been your voice for recreation, trails and conservation issues throughout the state. Our membership is comprised of a wide variety of outdoor groups; organizations that work hard, both statewide and at the community level, to provide comprehensive public access to Vermont's recreation resources. Because the Council embraces a broad spectrum of user groups, we are often able to speak with one voice in our efforts to expand and protect public access to trail lands, acquire State and Federal trail dollars, and steward natural resources.

Your support will provide a voice for trail interests throughout Vermont. The Vermont Trails & Greenways Council is working to shape the future of recreation in Vermont, for all users. Together we represent: walkers and joggers, cross-country skiers, bicyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, snowmobilers, mushers, off-road vehicle users, ATVers, paddlers, municipalities, community path organizations, local and regional planners, land trusts, conservation and recreation committees, guides, and private individuals.

The projects the Vermont Trails & Greenways Council plans to continue to work on include:

- ❖ Hosting quarterly meetings to keep you up-to-date on Vermont events, projects and policies and provide important networking opportunities to share and learn with people across the state,
- ❖ Connecting members through our biannual newsletter. Keeping you informed with trail updates as well as feature articles on issues affecting trails in Vermont.
- ❖ Advising the Vermont Department of Forests, Park and Recreation on revisions to the Vermont Trail System.
- ❖ Developing and distributing the Vermont Trails & Greenways Manual- a resource guide for creating and managing community trails projects.
- ❖ Providing guidance with the Vermont Recreation Trails Fund, an important funding source for trails projects.
- ❖ Advocating for trail users in the Vermont Legislature and with State and Federal Agencies to secure trail funding, ensure public access to trails, and protect trail lands, and
- ❖ Providing community assistance- members of the Council have decades of collective trail experience and can assist you in planning, funding and creating your next trail project.

Please complete the attached form for membership and feel free to contact us with your ideas. By working together we can arrive at solutions which will continue to improve our communities. For more information on how the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council directly supports outreach, education and advocacy work, please contact me at 802-477-5075

We hope you will become involved and help us shape the future of recreation in Vermont.

Sincerely,

Danny Hale, Chair

802-477-5075

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TOWN OF MONTGOMERY



November 19, 2016

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Selectboard  
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Dear Selectboard Members:

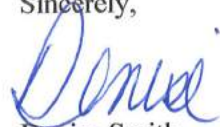
Water quality is on many people's minds these days, specifically, how we protect it and work together to ensure that we are getting the results we want. With the passing of Act 64 and the new regulations on all of the contributions to our waterways, we are all feeling a little concerned about the costs and how we are going to implement these new state policies.

The Friends of Northern Lake Champlain is an organization dedicated to working for clean water for over 14 years. We are a local, small, adaptable organization that has experience working with towns and landowners to identify and implement projects that will improve our water resources. **It is with this in mind that we are asking for a contribution to help us continue our work in our region.**

The Clean Water Fund Board has prioritized helping towns address their road runoff and is committed to seeing towns implement road standards that will help transportation networks be more resilient and improve our waterways.

The Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC) has focused on catalyzing the actions and accountability needed to reduce land-use pollution and securing the essential local, state, and federal funding necessary for successful implementation. Over the past 7 years, our energies have been spent on education, planning, designing, and implementing on the ground solutions for farmlands and municipal stormwater that help to stop non-point source pollution. We want to be your partner in this work to ensure a clean water future and a clean water economy for all.

Please feel free to contact us at [denisefnlc@gmail.com](mailto:denisefnlc@gmail.com) or (802) 355-0694 or visit our website at [www.northernlakechamplain.org](http://www.northernlakechamplain.org) if you have any questions about our organization or our work.

Sincerely,  
  
Denise Smith  
Executive Director  
Friends of Northern Lake Champlain

# Samaritan House, Inc



## TIM'S HOUSE

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October 31, 2016

Charlie Hancock  
Montgomery Select Board  
98 Main Street/VT Route 118  
Montgomery Center, VT 05470

Dear Members of the Montgomery Select Board:

To ensure that Montgomery's upcoming 2017 budget places value on the plight of homelessness in your town, the Samaritan House Inc. respectfully requests the inclusion of a line item for the Samaritan House Inc.. Our modest request of \$500 will mean that our non-profit organization can continue to provide vital emergency and transitional shelter programs to the residents of Montgomery. Although not often visible in our rural communities, the prevalence and severity of homelessness is very real in your community. Often those without safe, affordable, and available housing will "couch-surf", camp out, or sleep in their cars. Often these people in need are families, with children.

In addition to providing food, clothing, and shelter (*either in our Emergency Shelter or one of our Transitional apartments*) everyone accessing our services receive one-on-one case management services, referrals to substance abuse and mental health treatment if needed, employment assistance, training, advocacy, resources on obtaining childcare, assistance with speaking with landlords, and specific life skills coaching. Our case managers work with families and individuals after they are housed for a minimum of one year, often longer if needed to help ensure sustainability. We also contact landlords monthly to make sure clients are paying rent and being good neighbors and tenants

Including the Samaritan House Inc. in your 2017 budget validates our over 25-year presence in your community and your belief that everyone deserves safe shelter, nutritious food, clean water, a comfortable bed, and dignity and respect, especially during their most difficult of times. Together we can we can help reduce homelessness as well as the enormous economic and social costs that we all incur when our neighbors do not have a place to call "home". Don't hesitate to contact me anytime for additional information (802 527-0847).

Sincerely,

  
Joe Le Clair  
Executive Director



October 4, 2016

Ms. Dianna Robitaille  
Town of Montgomery  
98 Main Street  
P.O. Box 356  
Montgomery Ctr, VT 05471

*\* Selectboard*

*Request for funding*



Dear Ms. Robitaille,

Helen Keller, who helped found the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) in 1926, once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Throughout the years we have seen this to be true—especially of our home state's generous municipalities. Last year our local towns and cities provided us with over \$30,000 in support! These funds went directly to services for clients. As we celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> year, we hope the Town of Montgomery will continue to support VABVI so we can successfully carry out our mission of enabling Vermont individuals who are blind and visually impaired to achieve and maintain independence.

For many Vermonters who are blind and visually impaired, our services mean the difference between social isolation and being a vital part of the community; between students being sent out of state to residential schools and being able to attend local schools; between seniors moving to expensive assisted living facilities and staying in the homes they have created for themselves. With offices located in Berlin, Brattleboro, Rutland, and South Burlington, VABVI provides free services to our clients in each of the state's 14 counties. We are the only private non-profit organization in the state to provide comprehensive support and services to the growing population of blind and visually impaired Vermonters.

In order to maximize efficiency, VABVI analyzes and tracks the number of clients we serve each year, which counties they are from, and which counties gravitate towards which services. During Fiscal Year 2016, VABVI worked with 1,578 Vermonters – including 331 children – across Vermont. We provided services to 93 adult clients and 22 students from Franklin County. VABVI has also earned a reputation for managing our funding prudently and in a cost-effective manner; over 91 cents of every dollar donated to VABVI is spent directly on services provided to clients.

Adult Services – From reading, writing, and cooking to hobbies, recreation, and travel, VABVI helps visually impaired adults maintain their independence and dignity. Many of the adults VABVI serve are seniors. Most of these individuals have enjoyed good vision for the majority of their lives, but now suffer from age-related vision loss and need help adjusting to the practical, social, and emotional effects of visual impairment. Certified rehabilitation staff members work with clients at home or in VABVI offices, demonstrating techniques and showcasing aids that will enable these individuals to adapt to and work around their vision loss. Services for adults include: low-vision screenings; orientation and mobility training; assistance in adapting the home



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low-vision requirements; recommendations for service; and training in and procurement of the various aids and appliances necessary for completing everyday tasks without vision. VABVI also manages a volunteer transportation program to provide rides for clients when they cannot arrange transportation for themselves – these trips include medical appointments, shopping at the grocery store, or even visiting family and friends.

Children's Services - Children growing up with a visual impairment need special care, tools, and expertise in order to learn and develop at the same rate as their sighted peers, ensuring that they can mature into productive, independent adults. Students who are blind or visually impaired are expected to learn alongside their sighted peers in an environment designed to accommodate the needs of only sighted students. In order to better accommodate visually impaired students, our Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) begin to work directly with children as soon as the impairment is discovered in order to maximize his or her potential during the early, formative years of growth which are so critical for development.

VABVI's services for children include early intervention work with infants and toddlers, intensive one-on-one instruction with adolescents and teens in the classroom, lessons in Braille, and orientation and mobility training. TVIs provide visual assessments and suggestions for equipment, as well as helping coordinate assistance with other service providers. We also help parents and families learn about available resources, teaching techniques, and adaptive technology that can ensure the successful development of children in their home, school, and community. VABVI provides textbooks, tests, and other classroom materials in alternative formats and as well as offering assistance to teachers and educational aides in learning how to better engage visually impaired students in classroom activities. Once our students mature into young adults our TVIs also assist in the college application and enrollment process, the search for jobs, and provide further instruction in how to adapt to a predominantly sighted workplace using assistive tools and technology. All of these programs share the goal of promoting self-advocacy, independence, and coping skills in our students.

**Request for Funding:** We hope that you will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$500 to help fund our ongoing programs and services. VABVI is the only non-profit organization providing hands-on training and support services to blind and visually impaired Vermonters, and we would cease to exist without the help of supporters like the Town of Montgomery. If you have any questions or would like any more information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (800) 639-5861 extension 233 or by e-mail at [spouliot@vabvi.org](mailto:spouliot@vabvi.org). Together, we can do so much for Vermonters living with vision loss. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steven Pouliot  
Executive Director



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September 22, 2016

Deanna Robitaille  
Montgomery Select Board  
98 Main Street  
PO Box 356  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Dear Members of the Montgomery Select Board:

To ensure that your upcoming 2017 budget places value on the overall health and wellness of your town, please include a line item for the community mental health center that serves you and your children. Our modest request for \$1500 will mean that our non-profit agency can continue to provide vital programs and services to your residents that contribute in unique ways to your town.

Including NCSS in your 2017 budget validates our over 50-year presence in your community and your belief in the individuals who depend on us for outpatient counseling, behavioral intervention in the schools and a wide range of innovative, outcomes-based programming.

We are committed to our values of Safety, Responsiveness, Compassion and Integrity. Together, we can help your community to be a place where people flourish. Don't hesitate to call me anytime for additional information (393-6416).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ted J. Mable", is written over the typed name and title.

Ted J. Mable, Ed.D.  
Executive Director



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region

Town of Montgomery  
Attn: Deanna-Dee Robitaille  
PO Box 356, 98 Main Street  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471



Dear Deanna-Dee,

August 28, 2016 marked the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Irene and the devastation that the storm caused in our state. The Red Cross responded by setting up several shelters around the state, serving more than 15,000 meals, and thousands of bottles of water, and providing many other disaster relief items.

Just as we were there for Irene, we are there when there is a house fire and local families lose everything they own. We offer immediate relief in support in the hours and days immediately following a disaster, no matter its size. We prepare local volunteers to provide relief in the face of disasters. We teach people CPR and other lifesaving skills, and we canvass Vermont neighborhoods to install smoke alarms in an effort to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires. The Red Cross provides 40% of the nation's supply of blood and blood products. Through our Service to the Armed Forces, we support America's military families with a series of specialized programs. These are all the ways that we fill our humanitarian mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

All of our services are **free** and we receive **no** funding from federal or state governments. To provide these services, the American Red Cross reaches out to community partners like the Town of Montgomery for support. That is why the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of **\$500.00** for the upcoming fiscal year.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout our region:

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to **256** local disasters, helping over **1,218** people.
- We installed **1,829** smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- We trained **32,724** people in our health and safety courses like CPR, first aid and water safety.
- We held **5,039** blood drives and collected **95,194** units of blood.
- We connected **628** military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We currently have over **1,300** volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As we learned from Irene, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time with or without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the **Town/City** community to help its residents in times of need. Your donation will help to ensure that your residents receive the support they need when disaster strikes.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the New Hampshire and Vermont Red Cross Region, thank you for considering our request to support our humanitarian work. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

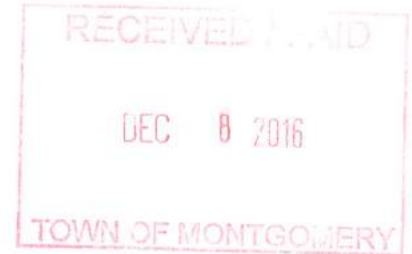
Sincerely,

Emily Poirier  
Executive Coordinator, Vermont

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[www.redcross.org/nhvt](http://www.redcross.org/nhvt)

11/20/2016  
Big Heavy World  
P.O. Box 428  
Burlington, VT 05402-0428

Montgomery Selectboard  
In care of Deanna Robitaille, Town Clerk  
Town of Montgomery  
PO Box 356  
Montgomery, VT 05471



Re: FY18 Appropriation request

Dear Selectboard Members:

This letter is meant to introduce Big Heavy World and to seek your support in Montgomery's FY 2017-2018 town budget.

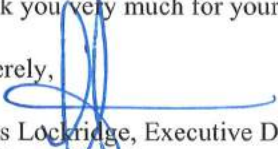
Big Heavy World is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1996 to serve the music community of Vermont. It works to bring the state's musicians together to strengthen their ability to help each other, fosters and champions the contribution of music to the economies of towns across the state, and works to preserve original Vermont-made music for future generations. Our philosophy is to proactively support music of every genre and level of experience, making the organization deeply inclusive of Vermonters everywhere.

We uniquely involve young people on staff, and have created an environment that is educational, contributes to workforce development and is preventive. It's also naturally compelling to young adults because it so thoroughly immerses them in authentic local music. Their participation serves Vermonters by preserving our cultural heritage and uplifting our creative community. We channel their energy into work that reflects well on towns across the state.

We have many successes to report — news and background about the organization can be found at [bigheavyworld.com](http://bigheavyworld.com). Our growing Vermont music archive continues to gather thousands of recordings and a new online catalog is in development; we're collaborating with community partners to produce a strategic economic plan for Vermont's music industry; we provide a tour van to artists as a grant-making program to bring Vermont music to other states; we broadcast Vermont music, including concerts and live in-studio performances on radio and streaming; and in 2016 we brought the international Make Music Day festival to Vermont, joining our state with 700 cities across the world. We're a champion of the 'Music Cities' movement that enlightens us to best practices for music-related community and economic development from other cities and countries. We're a vibrant, volunteer-staffed organization that is dedicated to serving the arts and earnestly developing the capacity to accomplish our mission as comprehensively as possible.

An appropriation of \$250.00 would be a significant contribution to a community-building, economic development and cultural preservation effort that is meant to be supportive of the artists of Montgomery. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
James Lockridge, Executive Director  
Big Heavy World

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FROM THE OFFICERS**

**OF THE**

**MONTGOMERY TOWN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2016**

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## MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

### Moderator

Tim Murphy

### School Directors

Mary Niles	Term Expires	2017
Christina Suarez-Pratt	Term Expires	2017
Cathy Howell	Term Expires	2018
Bruce Mercy	Term Expires	2018
Charles Purrier	Term Expires	2019

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In accordance with Vermont Statutes, the Montgomery Town Auditors and the Montgomery School Directors have agreed that the town auditors need not conduct an audit of school district accounts for fiscal year 2015, 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 – 2016  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 2016 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following business:

Timothy Murphy, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

**ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator.**

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

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

Lynda Cluba nominated Bruce Mercy. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Bruce Mercy.

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

Marijke Dollois nominated Chares Purrier. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Charles Purrier.

**ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$46,604 (25% of the surplus funds from the 2014-2015 school year) into the Capitol Project Fund?**

Charles Fichman made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Lynda Cluba asked for a description of this fund. Charles Purrier, Chairman of the School Board, explained that this fund created at the 2015 Annual Meeting to offset future building repairs and projects. The motion passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of 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 the 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.**

Edward Grossman made a motion to approve as written and was seconded. Lynda Cluba asked if the unification vote in June 2016 will impact this budget. Charles Purrier explained it would not. Barry Kade asked what drove the increase in the per pupil rate. Charles Purrier explained it was primarily due to increases in health care costs.

Barry Kade moved to amend the motion to "Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board expend \$2,649,154 necessary for the support of schools for the 2016-2017 school year" and was seconded. The amendment passed by voice vote. The amended motion passed by voice vote.

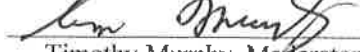
**ARTICLE 6: To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.**

Colin Sorenson requested space for a public notice board at the school.

Colin Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 P.M and was second. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

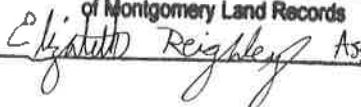
True records this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016

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 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 20 16 at 8 o'clock - min. A M  
and Recorded in Vol. Misc 10 Page 477  
of Montgomery Land Records  
Attest  Elizabeth Reigley Asst Town Clerk

**WARNING**  
**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, March 13, 2017**

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 13, 2017, 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.  
(Mary Niles' term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.  
(Christina Suarez-Pratt's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,000 into the Capital Project Fund?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,671,504, 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 \$12,884 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.64% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 6. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called and held for that purpose on January 9, 2017.

  
Cathy Howell

  
Bruce Mercy

  
Mary Niles

  
Charles Purrier

  
Christina Suarez-Pratt

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

**Beginning Balance 07/01/16**

General Fund Checking	470,744.70	
Food Service Checking *Merged mid-year	<u>30,395.11</u>	
		\$501,139.81

**General Fund Receipts:**

Town of Montgomery - Property Taxes	1,942,119.82	
State of Vermont	323,806.94	
Interest	596.86	
Grants	203,572.00	
E-Rate Reimbursements	3,730.96	
Tuition Reimbursements	0.00	
Uses - Rental of School	301.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,974.55</u>	
		\$2,477,102.13

**Food Service Receipts:**

State of Vermont	1,470.81	
Federal	71,027.40	
Food Sales (Meals, A La Carte, Catering)	23,260.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>4,033.72</u>	
		\$99,792.59

**EXPENSES**

Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,638,131.62</u>
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<b>Ending Balance 06/30/17</b>	Checking Account	<u><u>\$439,902.91</u></u>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Treasurer

## MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

#### Enrollment as of October 1, 2016

Grades	PK-3	PK-4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	16	11	12	15	19	13	16	13	13	13	7					148
Enosburg Falls Middle and High School-----												6	3	10	8	22
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School-----												1	3	0	2	6
North Country Union High School-----												4	1	2	4	11
Lamoille Union High School-----												1	0	0	0	1
BFA-----												0	0	0	0	0
St. Johnsbury Academy-----												2	0	3	0	5
Stanstead College-----												4	2	2	3	11
																204

#### Blueprint for Learning

##### Mission

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

##### Vision

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

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

##### Targets

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

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

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

- The number of students who reach proficient and/or higher on the Mathematics assessments will increase by 5% each testing year.

- The percentage of students who move up proficiency levels with the NECAP Mathematics assessments will increase by 5% each testing year.
- The number of students who demonstrate minimum of one year's growth in one teaching year's time in Mathematics as demonstrated by NECAP assessment results will increase by 5%. (As measured by Scaled Scores).

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

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

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

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

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### Superintendent's Report

Jay Nichols

"In a time of drastic change it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists." – Eric Hoffer

As I write this report, I am about half-way through my eighth year as Superintendent of Schools in Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union. During that time, much has changed in Vermont public education. We are steadily moving from a teacher-centric instructional design to a student-centric approach to learning. Our schools are becoming much more individualized with personalized instruction an important part as to how we do business on a day-to-day basis. At the same time, as a state, we are moving toward proficiency-based graduation requirements. It is no longer enough for high school students to sit at a desk for a certain number of hours and thus be awarded "credit" toward graduation. In our ever-developing global economy, it is more about what you are able to do than in previous generations in which rote memorization was often enough for school and life success. It is our responsibility to assist all of our students as best we can so that they can become productive members of our society. Effective public education benefits us all.

While our support staff, teachers, and administrators work daily to provide our students with the highest quality educational experience we can, we are also mindful of our citizens' ability to afford the continued increase in cost of public education. As most people now understand, a state tax system pays for our schools. Decisions made throughout the state have impact on the costs of education for all citizens. Our current complex and inefficient governance system of schools, puts local school boards in a tough dynamic: they try to exercise local control to address concerns of costs over which they often have very little decision-making authority.

One of these major decisions was the enactment of ACT 46 (education funding/spending /equity/governance law). At this point (just before Christmas), although many of those that campaigned against the law have said the law would be repealed or greatly changed, there is no credible movement in that direction at this time. Our school boards have essentially taken a "wait and see" position to the law given the defeat of our vote last June to form one school district with our five towns.

Our Boards' job is to keep spending down as best they can budget-to-budget while providing students with the necessary resources to have a high quality public education. On behalf of our School Boards and administrators, I thank our communities for supporting our schools. We will continue to work hard to provide the best schools we can at the lowest cost feasible for our communities.

## Curriculum

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

All across Vermont, school districts are working to transform education as required by Act 77. This law, known as the Flexible Pathways Act, requires that schools provide students with personalized pathways for progressing through grade levels and to graduation. Students will graduate when they demonstrate proficiency with skills and knowledge, rather than by earning credits based on “seat time.” This approach ensures that every student graduates with the knowledge and skills he or she needs to be successful in college or other post-secondary education, career, and life in general. The Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements (PBGR) includes the content areas of literacy, math, science, global citizenship, physical education, health, and artistic expression. Here are examples of content-based Graduation Requirements:

- *Produce clear and coherent writing for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.*
- *Use various mathematical structures such as graphs, equations, diagrams, and scatterplots, to represent mathematical and real-world situations.*
- *Understand and evaluate how the arts convey meaning.*

Another new aspect of proficiency-based learning is the assessment of the student’s ability in the areas of communication, problem solving, self-direction, citizenship, collaboration, and thinking. These are known as the “Transferable Skills.” Here are examples of performance indicators for transferable skills:

- *Take responsibility for personal decisions and actions.*
- *Analyze the accuracy, bias, and usefulness of information.*
- *Persevere in solving challenging problems and learn from failure.*

Changing to a system of generating and verifying evidence that a student is proficient at these knowledge and skill requirements will be a multi-year process. In FNESU, we have dedicated our collaborative effort and attention to designing systems and structures that support this new vision of learning. Teachers are beginning to align their instruction to changing expectations by teaching students to be more independent, self-directed learners from the earliest grade levels. Changing graduation requirements means changing the way learning occurs from pre-school all the way up through high school. Students are learning to compare their work to clear criteria in order to decide if they have met the standard or if there are things they need to improve. They are also engaged in learning how to choose the best ways to show their knowledge and skills based on their personal interests and strengths. Personal Learning Plans (PLP) for middle and high school students provide a place to set goals and track progress. We will continue to refine and improve the systems and structures over the next several years as we transition from credit-based graduation to proficiency-based graduation.

As we navigate this complex process, we will keep a close eye on student learning. We are encouraged by recent data showing that our students are making gains in their achievement on the SBAC, a standardized assessment all Vermont students in grades 3-8 and 11 take each year. We believe that we will see growth again this spring.

For more information on Proficiency-Based Learning in Vermont, visit the Agency of Education website at <http://education.vermont.gov/student-learning>.

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## Continuum of Supportive Services

### Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs

In 2014, the Vermont State Legislature mandated the centralization of special education expenses under Act 153. Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) is now in its second year of implementation and we are experiencing many benefits from this consolidation. Staff vacancies may now be filled by moving special educators between towns without the lengthy process of posting vacancies, interviewing, etc. Our two school psychologists now provide services in all of our schools instead of being placed in the school that has, in the past, funded them. All schools are benefiting from their combined expertise on a variety of fronts. Educational resources are also being

shared between schools without the deterrent of individual ownership. All in all, the move to centralize special education to the Supervisory Union has been a positive shift.

In 2016, we saw a decrease in the number of our identified special education students by approximately 3%. While this is not a large number, it is definitely a step in the right direction. I believe this decrease is, in large part, due to the systematic strengthening of our Tier II intervention teams in all of our schools; most particularly, in our elementary schools. Tier II intervention provides direct, explicit instruction by highly qualified literacy and math coaches to all students based on need for short intervals of time. As students respond to intervention, this service is eliminated, making room for others that might require a boost in instruction. This tiered level of support is not tied to the strict regulations under IDEA (Individuals With Disabilities Act) and is meant to help identify struggling students earlier, thus preventing the need for more intensive and lengthy remediation. I commend all of our building principals and their staff for the time, energy, and attention they have given in strengthening these systems.

In addition, FNESU is piloting a new training program to provide our support staff with skills needed to work with our students who have significant emotional/behavioral needs. Eleven paraeducators (chosen by their building principals) are participating in a 40-hour program, to prepare them to become certified Registered Behavioral Technicians (RBT). At this time, there are only 15 RBT's who are registered in Vermont placing FNESU on the cutting edge of investing in our employees and recognizing that rising costs need to be maintained across all five towns. Our intent is to begin another cohort next fall thus creating a pool of qualified RBT's to address the needs of our most challenging students, which hopefully results in fewer out-of-district placements in therapeutic day treatment schools.

FNESU continues to seek innovative ways to contain costs and provide quality services to students with disabilities. If you have any questions regarding any of our programs or the direction that we continue to pursue, I would be very happy to hear from you.

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### Technology Report

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director

In the modern-day world, technology use has become ubiquitous. In Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), we strive to give students access to the tools they need in order to be prepared for the technological world around them. The devices we provide for students maximize their exposure to various educational opportunities, as well as provide the connectivity to become global learners.

With 1:1 computing, many students are given their "own" device to use by their school. 1:1 computing is a broad term based around the idea of having one device per student. As the cost of mobile devices has continued to decrease, FNESU schools have been able to continue to grow our 1:1 programs. We regularly evaluate devices as new ones become available to try to provide our students with the best learning experience possible, while at the same time keeping our budgets and local taxpayers in mind.

While in the past we have had a mixture of laptops, iPads and Chromebooks for student use, recent years have seen our schools favoring Chromebooks more and more. While there are still quite a few iPads being used at this point, the lower price of Chromebooks, along with the ease of maintenance, larger screen and physical keyboard have made them a very attractive option. FNESU is far from alone in this thinking, as Chromebooks have become the most popular device in schools nationwide in recent years.

Having a large number of computing devices in schools has also become a necessity when it comes to testing. Our students are required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments. While students would take traditional paper and pencil style tests in the past, the SBAC tests are electronic and require compatible devices and a stable Internet connection.

While technology has great benefits in its role as a learning tool, we must also keep in mind that technology itself can lead to many potential career paths for students. With the creation of many new jobs which require Computer Science degrees being projected for the near future, it is our responsibility to show our students that these potential career paths exist. Many classrooms across FNESU have participated in the Hour of Code the past few years, which

is an annual event designed to introduce and promote coding to students. We have also seen an increase in Maker (learn by creating) projects, including the use of 3D Printing in several of our schools.

Many technological tools other than student devices are used throughout FNESU as well. 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 G Suite (formerly Google Apps for Education) 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.

As the use of technology continues to grow, safety must be kept as a focus. Both teachers and students need to be educated in safe and appropriate use of technology. The first link in the list below is a good resource for anyone looking for tips on Internet safety.

Technology Education Resources:

- <https://www.common sense media.org/> (Internet safety/digital citizenship resource)
- <https://www.google.com/edu/products/productivity-tools/> (G Suite for Education)
- <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium)
- <http://hourofcode.com/us> (The Hour of Code)

FNESU is fortunate to have communities that understand the value of technology in education and the importance of preparing our students for the world that will be waiting for them when they graduate.

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions pertaining to technology in FNESU schools at [dderosia@fnesu.net](mailto:dderosia@fnesu.net) or by phone at 848-7661 x 21.

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## **LEAPS**

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

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

Maria Gleason, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Director

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.

For the thirteenth 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 seventh 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 third 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.

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, career readiness 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 2015-2016 school year, our project served 940 students in all five sites, 671 of these students were regular attendees defined by attending 60 or more program hours. The amount of attendees is up by almost 20 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, 71% of students who are enrolled in LEAPS after-school programs are regular attendees. Specifically, at Montgomery Elementary: 123 students attended the program of which 106 were regular attendees. This means that approximately 86% of those students who attended the program were regular attendees. The number of attendees has almost doubled from the previous year with tremendous efforts coming from the Site Coordinator, Renee Roddy and Principal, Sandy Alexander who are now in their second year at Montgomery Elementary.

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, VT National Guard, Enosburg Art Gallery, Berkshire Recreational Department, Green Heron Farm, UVM Extension Service, Berkshire PTO, Snyder's Academy of TKD, Hannaford, Montgomery Adventures, the VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, VT Department of Fish/Wildlife, and the NOTCH Program. Thank you for all of your support.

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### **Principal's Report**

**Sandra Alexander, Principal**

Kicking off my second year as the Principal of Montgomery Elementary School has been exciting, yet in a different sense. Just to know students' names as they came back in September and be able to comment on how much they had grown was such a great feeling. It was also wonderful to see how truly excited students are to come back to Montgomery Elementary in the Fall, and this year, I was able to share the same feeling. Montgomery Elementary School is a special place and the community of Montgomery continues to amaze me, so please allow me to state again how happy and thankful I am to be here.

The student enrollment at MES continues to hold steady with the total number of students at 149, which includes Pre-school and Play-school. Also, we commenced the school year with several new staff members. Megan Schindler was hired as our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher to take over for Claudia Woodward, who is now full-time Pre-school /Play-school teacher. We also welcomed George Hambleton as Special Educator, Danielle Berg as art teacher, Christine Muratore as guidance counselor, Maryanne Wood as food service cook, Hilary Roberts as speech language pathologist, and Lauren O'Connell, Ligia Courneya-Carrick and Elsa Schafer as para-educators. We have, an amazing, professional, and dedicated staff, who consistently give 110% to make sure our students get a fantastic, well-rounded education.

There are a few positive changes that have come alive this year at Montgomery Elementary, which contribute to their well-rounded education. First, teachers collaborated together at a two-hour workshop last Spring to create a "Code of Character" that was introduced in the Fall. All students and staff understand the meaning of each and every trait, and are expected to "Live the Code" on a regular basis. The following traits are focused on daily at Montgomery Elementary School, and we encourage families to recognize students using these traits at home.

**Integrity, Respect  
Responsibility, Empathy and Compassion  
Collaboration, Perseverance  
Craftsmanship**

Another positive to recognize would be the changes made to our Pre-school and Play-school program this year. First, we have expanded the hours and Pre-school for 4-year-olds is now three full days on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and Play-school for 3-year-olds is Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 1:30. The implementation of Act 166 requires schools to offer a minimum of ten hours of pre-school for children age three to five, and this plan offers almost twice the number of hours required for four-year-olds. Both groups of students have lunch in the cafeteria, playtime in the gym, recess outside on the brand new preschool playground, and the Pre-school day even incorporates a much-needed naptime. It's wonderful to see these young children walking through the hallways as a part of our MES family, and it's heartwarming to know that our 3-year-olds have the potential to be with classmates at MES for eleven years before heading off to high school!

Another change to note would be the improvement of the intervention services offered at Montgomery Elementary. Lara Morales shifted from her role of Special Educator to full-time Literacy Coach and Interventionist. She assesses and identifies student's who are not quite where they should be in terms of reading ability, then works with them and tracks their progress until they are reading at grade level. This is a very important boost for students in their early years of education. Lara is highly qualified for this position, and we are already very pleased with the progress we have seen.

This is Montgomery's third year with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant, which provides funding for our before-and-after-school programming known as LEAPS. Our Site Coordinator, Renee Roddy, has worked hard to create a nice line up of enrichment offerings for our students, and the program is very well attended, with approximately 84% of our students participating in some fashion. The LEAPS staff includes parent and high school volunteers, MES staff members, as well as various community members. Students have the choice of many quality enrichment activities such as cooking, gardening, chess, outdoor games, art, drama, science, yoga, Zumba, Tae Kwon Do, and ballet. If you would like more information or would like to share your expertise through our LEAPS program, please contact Renee at [rroddy@montgomeryk8.net](mailto:rroddy@montgomeryk8.net).

Once again, last Spring, the state of Vermont participated in the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) literacy and math assessment to measure student progress toward meeting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). In Montgomery, students in grades 3-8 were tested, and below you will find average scores for each grade in both literacy and math for Vermont, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union, and Montgomery. As you can see, Montgomery's scores continue to prove what rigor, high expectations, hard work and dedication can do.

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	54%	62%	50%	56%	61%	44%
4	54%	51%	58%	50%	50%	67%
5	58%	64%	85%	43%	47%	85%
6	56%	51%	79%	41%	42%	79%
7	58%	49%	86%	46%	38%	86%
8	59%	62%	94%	44%	49%	78%

It is important to mention that so many things we do today involve technology, including the SBAC assessments that are completely computer-based. As of last year, with the purchase of Chromebooks for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Montgomery Elementary now has computers in the hands of every student in grades 3-8. In addition, thanks in part to the proceeds from the fabulous craft fair that is hosted at Montgomery Elementary through the efforts of Sue Wilson, we have also purchased a set of twenty Chromebooks to be shared K-2. Thank you to Sue and her crew for making that happen!

On another note, I am happy and proud to announce that our 2<sup>nd</sup> (now annual) school-wide Penny War raised approximately \$1,000 again this year! The Penny War was initiated by the SMILE (Students Making Ideal Living Everywhere) committee, in an effort to raise money to help Montgomery families in need during the holidays. Students took part in raising and counting the money, as well as purchasing gifts for anonymous families. This year, our efforts branched out as members of the Montgomery Community offered to take part in our holiday gift giving. Thank you to Lynn Locher and Lynne Drevik for joining us in this worthwhile cause!

In conclusion, I would like to remind everyone that my door is always open. There is always so much going on at Montgomery Elementary School, and often community members are unaware. Come on in! Take a look! Have a listen! I am sure you will be amazed and leave with a smile on your face. You are welcome to stop for a visit, volunteer in our classrooms, become a substitute teacher, or offer your expertise in our LEAPS program. We hope to see you soon!

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**Montgomery Town School District**  
**Teacher Quality Data**  
**2015-2016**

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	25/25	0/25	100%	0%	0/11	0%

**Professional Qualifications of Teachers**

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

## Business Manager's Report

Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

### Expenses Paid by the Supervisory Union

Act 153 of 2010 requires most special education costs, district audits, and transportation of students to and from school to be paid by FNESU and assessed to the individual school districts. Beginning with this budget, the revenue associated with these costs will come directly to FNESU, and will no longer be split out by district. In this budget you will see that revenue is reduced or removed (lines 10-14 on the Revenue page) but the net assessment from FNESU (lines 107 and 127) is reduced as well.

### 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 \$10,076, 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 \$137,500 may be eligible for a reduction in their residential property tax bill.** In 2015, 283 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 FY18 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, 2016. 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  
Cathy Howell, Clerk  
Mary Niles  
Christina Suarez-Pratt

Administration

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

Proceeds	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
QSP (mags)	\$2,067.00	\$1,793.55	\$1,443.20	\$1,585.38	\$1,185.15	\$621.00	\$1,128.04	\$237.60
MF Regular			\$2,869.00	\$2,568.95	\$1,899.95	\$1,317.10	\$1,771.40	\$574.44
Cookie Sales		\$1,055.00			\$770.80	\$1,206.14	\$834.40	\$1,089.20
Pizza	\$3,424.25	\$3,775.15	\$2,145.43	\$2,085.87	\$1,673.39	\$1,653.71	\$1,481.19	\$548.57
Seeds					\$1,043.15	-	\$623.70	\$415.05

2015-16 SALARIES AND WAGES

<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	
Sandra Alexander	\$72,500
Beth O'Brien	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,500</b>

<u>TEACHERS</u>	
Marjorie Nyland-Funke	\$20,867
Kristina Bowen	\$42,844
Jeffrey Ward	\$36,193
Kathryn Gray	\$31,256
Susan Zeineth-Collins	\$57,269
Laura Linek	\$2,692
Pamela Krout-Voss	\$3,344
Steven Moran	\$58,737
Sara Caldwell	\$44,618
Susan Ruprecht	\$5,186
Claudia Woodward	\$47,668
Lara Morales	\$7,770
Eric Hoh	\$17,732
Nicole Lacharite	\$36,489
Irene Rippon	\$12,133
Taylor Rivard	\$15,728
Jessica Tandy	\$32,292
Melissa Weselmann	\$1,055
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$473,873</b>

<u>TREASURER</u>	
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$4,007

<u>PARAEDUCATORS</u>	
Carol Clokey	\$18,429
Robin Pelkey	\$23,626
Megan Bosley	\$13,740
Phyliss Charbonneau	\$8,523
Angela Paquette	\$17,184
Emily Fleury	\$14,733
Kristin Baker	\$1,304
Kristi Charron	\$4,711
Kasey Ede	\$6,067
Jennifer Plantier	\$9,663
Irene Rippon	\$10,363
Renee Roddy	\$7,358
Karen Westcom	\$1,853
Maryanne Wood	\$3,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140,923</b>

<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	
Robin Bryce	\$17,425

<u>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL</u>	
Lara Morales	\$1,500

<u>CUSTODIANS</u>	
James Buttendorf	\$495
Andrew Smith	\$32,239
Colin Wood	\$32,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,826</b>

<u>SECRETARY</u>	
Ruthanne Little	\$33,777

<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	
Robert Anderson	\$8,288
Wendy Howard	\$12,471
Dawn Reed	\$28,052
Mary Jane Kinney-Harness	\$1,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,168</b>

<u>GUIDANCE</u>	
Lindsey Waldman	\$2,599

<u>COACHES</u>	
Megan Bosley	\$450
David Burns	\$450
Timothy Lagasse	\$900
Nelson Mayhew	\$900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>

<u>SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS</u>	
Mary Niles	\$600
Charles R. Purrier	\$600
Bruce Mercy	\$600
Christina Suarez	\$600
Catherine Howell	\$600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

<u>NURSE</u>	
Rachael Hardy	\$18,219

**2015-16 SALARIES AND WAGES**

**Substitutes**

Kristin Baker	\$258
Phyllis Charbonneau	\$69
Carol Clokey	\$269
Pauline Cosgrove	\$43
Patricia Cummins	\$338
Sharon Devries	\$808
Kasey Ede	\$22
Emily Fleury	\$37
Marie Gray	\$190
Beverly Haase	\$1,190
Wendy Howard	\$380
Pamela Krout-Voss	\$135
Jeff Moore	\$38
Lauren O'Connell	\$1,888
Jennifer Plantier	\$74
Irene Rippon	\$52
Marlene Stewart	\$142
Cassandra Westcom	\$363
Maryanne Wood	\$719
Total	\$7,015

**2015-16 TUITION PAYMENTS**

North Country Union High School	\$87,000
Enosburg Falls High School	\$334,794
Bellows Free Academy Union High School	\$11,072
Cold Hollow Career Center	\$10,014
Richford High School	\$64,602
St. Johnsbury Academy	\$47,985
North Country Career Center	\$7,938
Stanstead College	\$100,079
Lamoille Union High School	\$13,238
Green Mountain Technology and Career	\$5,808
Oak Meadow	\$1,848
Northwest Technical Center	\$589
Total	\$684,967

**Montgomery Town School District  
FY18 General Fund  
Projected Revenue and Tax Rates**

	FY17 Reported	FY18 Estimated	FY17-18 Change
<b>Private and Local Revenue</b>			
Use of Unreserved Fund Balance	\$139,813	<b>\$87,306</b>	(\$52,507)
Interest	\$1,000	<b>\$500</b>	(\$500)
Medicaid Funds	\$20,629	<b>\$20,000</b>	(\$629)
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	<b>\$2,500</b>	(\$500)
<b>Total Private and Local Revenue:</b>	<b>\$164,442</b>	<b>\$110,306</b>	(\$54,136)
<b>State Aid</b>			
Small Schools Grant	\$81,866	\$67,445	(\$14,421)
State Transportation Aid	\$58,475	\$0	(\$58,475)
Special Education Mainstream Block Grant	\$63,371	\$0	(\$63,371)
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	\$74,823	<b>\$69,151</b>	(\$5,672)
Special Education Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Essential Education Grant	\$14,686	\$0	(\$14,686)
<b>Total State Aid:</b>	<b>\$293,221</b>	<b>\$136,596</b>	(\$156,625)
<b>Projected Tax Rates</b>			
	FY17 Reported	FY18 Estimated	FY17-18 Change
Budgeted Expenditures	\$2,649,154	<b>\$2,671,504</b>	\$22,350
less Local and Grant Revenue	\$457,663	<b>\$246,902</b>	(\$210,761)
equals Education Spending	\$2,191,491	<b>\$2,424,602</b>	\$233,111
divided by Equalized Pupils	183.09	<b>188.19</b>	5.1
equals Per Pupil Education Spending	\$11,969	<b>\$12,884</b>	\$914
divided by Dollar Yield	\$9,701	<b>\$10,076</b>	\$375
equals Equalized residential school tax rate	\$1.2338	<b>\$1.2787</b>	\$0.0448
divided by Common Level of Appraisal	100.20%	<b>100.46%</b>	0.26%
<b>Local Residential Education Tax Rate:</b>	<b>\$1.2314</b>	<b>\$1.2728</b>	\$0.0414
Non-Residential School Tax Rate	\$1.5350	<b>\$1.5500</b>	\$0.0150
divided by Common Level of Appraisal	100.20%	<b>100.46%</b>	0.26%
<b>Local Non-Residential Education Tax Rate:</b>	<b>\$1.5319</b>	<b>\$1.5429</b>	\$0.0110

# Montgomery Town School District

## FY18 General Fund Budget

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY17 to Dec 31	FY18 Proposed	FY17-18 Change
<b>1 EXPENSES</b>					
<b>2 Elementary Instruction</b>					
<b>3 Personnel</b>	\$333,602	\$346,813	\$135,450	<b>\$356,839</b>	\$10,026
<b>4 Benefits</b>	\$89,963	\$96,588	\$48,716	<b>\$104,078</b>	\$7,490
<b>5 Contracted Services</b>	\$1,534	\$6,300	\$1,789	<b>\$3,500</b>	(\$2,800)
<b>6 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$5,456	\$4,150	\$2,091	<b>\$5,400</b>	\$1,250
<b>7 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$178	\$650	\$319	<b>\$650</b>	\$0
<b>8 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$21,786	\$18,300	\$15,092	<b>\$26,500</b>	\$8,200
<b>9 Total Elementary Instruction</b>	<b>\$452,519</b>	<b>\$472,801</b>	<b>\$203,457</b>	<b>\$496,967</b>	<b>\$24,166</b>
<b>10</b>					
<b>11 Secondary Instruction</b>					
<b>12 Personnel</b>	\$102,046	\$104,192	\$40,177	<b>\$108,213</b>	\$4,021
<b>13 Benefits</b>	\$24,272	\$29,040	\$11,319	<b>\$27,666</b>	(\$1,374)
<b>14 Contracted Services</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>15 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>16 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>17 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>18 Total Secondary Instruction</b>	<b>\$126,318</b>	<b>\$133,232</b>	<b>\$51,496</b>	<b>\$135,879</b>	<b>\$2,647</b>
<b>19</b>					
<b>20 Co-Curricular</b>					
<b>21 Personnel</b>	\$3,675	\$6,050	\$970	<b>\$6,050</b>	\$0
<b>22 Benefits</b>	\$320	\$90	\$96	<b>\$135</b>	\$45
<b>23 Contracted Services</b>	\$1,155	\$600	\$740	<b>\$600</b>	\$0
<b>24 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>25 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$6,068	\$6,350	\$0	<b>\$6,500</b>	\$150
<b>26 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$500	\$1,750	\$0	<b>\$1,800</b>	\$50
<b>27 After School Program</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$10,000</b>	\$10,000
<b>28 Total Co-Curricular</b>	<b>\$11,718</b>	<b>\$14,840</b>	<b>\$1,806</b>	<b>\$25,085</b>	<b>\$10,245</b>
<b>29</b>					
<b>30 Guidance</b>					
<b>31 Personnel</b>	\$24,695	\$25,031	\$6,527	<b>\$16,945</b>	(\$8,086)
<b>32 Benefits</b>	\$2,028	\$2,473	\$1,053	<b>\$4,835</b>	\$2,362
<b>33 Contracted Services</b>	\$0	\$150	\$285	<b>\$150</b>	\$0
<b>34 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>35 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>36 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$142	\$200	\$0	<b>\$200</b>	\$0
<b>37 Total Guidance</b>	<b>\$26,865</b>	<b>\$27,854</b>	<b>\$7,865</b>	<b>\$22,130</b>	<b>(\$5,724)</b>
<b>38</b>					
<b>39 Health Services</b>					
<b>40 Personnel</b>	\$18,333	\$19,146	\$7,364	<b>\$19,720</b>	\$574
<b>41 Benefits</b>	\$20,260	\$12,690	\$10,668	<b>\$22,205</b>	\$9,515
<b>42 Contracted Services</b>	\$75	\$150	\$0	<b>\$150</b>	\$0
<b>43 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>44 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>45 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$938	\$1,000	\$75	<b>\$1,000</b>	\$0
<b>46 Total Health Services</b>	<b>\$39,606</b>	<b>\$32,986</b>	<b>\$18,107</b>	<b>\$43,075</b>	<b>\$10,089</b>
<b>47</b>					

# Montgomery Town School District

## FY18 General Fund Budget

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY17 to Dec 31	FY18 Proposed	FY17-18 Change
<b>48 Paraeducators</b>					
<b>49 Personnel</b>	\$48,884	\$59,934	\$17,308	<b>\$51,694</b>	(\$8,240)
<b>50 Benefits</b>	\$16,906	\$19,110	\$1,839	<b>\$5,309</b>	(\$13,801)
<b>51 Contracted Services</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>52 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>53 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>54 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>55 Total Paraeducators</b>	<b>\$65,790</b>	<b>\$79,044</b>	<b>\$19,147</b>	<b>\$57,003</b>	<b>(\$22,041)</b>
<b>56</b>					
<b>57 Library</b>					
<b>58 Personnel</b>	\$17,765	\$18,153	\$7,192	<b>\$18,947</b>	\$794
<b>59 Benefits</b>	\$2,699	\$1,941	\$624	<b>\$9,936</b>	\$7,995
<b>60 Contracted Services</b>	\$249	\$250	\$0	<b>\$250</b>	\$0
<b>61 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>62 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>63 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$2,831	\$3,200	\$1,422	<b>\$3,200</b>	\$0
<b>64 Total Library</b>	<b>\$23,544</b>	<b>\$23,544</b>	<b>\$9,238</b>	<b>\$32,333</b>	<b>\$8,789</b>
<b>65</b>					
<b>66 Technology</b>					
<b>67 Personnel</b>	\$0	\$4,200	\$560	<b>\$4,200</b>	\$0
<b>68 Benefits</b>	\$0	\$355	\$46	<b>\$0</b>	(\$355)
<b>69 Contracted Services</b>	\$3,845	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>70 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	<b>\$3,000</b>	\$0
<b>71 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>72 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$9,260	\$8,800	\$1,180	<b>\$10,000</b>	\$1,200
<b>73 Total Technology</b>	<b>\$13,105</b>	<b>\$16,355</b>	<b>\$1,786</b>	<b>\$17,200</b>	<b>\$845</b>
<b>74</b>					
<b>75 School Directors</b>					
<b>76 Personnel</b>	\$7,597	\$7,721	\$5,342	<b>\$7,021</b>	(\$700)
<b>77 Benefits</b>	\$581	\$537	\$411	<b>\$0</b>	(\$537)
<b>78 Contracted Services</b>	\$334	\$5,000	\$90	<b>\$3,000</b>	(\$2,000)
<b>79 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>80 Other Services</b>	\$8,498	\$8,800	\$7,922	<b>\$8,500</b>	(\$300)
<b>81 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$6,795	\$6,750	\$312	<b>\$6,700</b>	(\$50)
<b>82 Total School Directors</b>	<b>\$23,805</b>	<b>\$28,808</b>	<b>\$14,077</b>	<b>\$25,221</b>	<b>(\$3,587)</b>
<b>83</b>					
<b>84 Superintendent's Office</b>					
<b>85 Assessment</b>	\$68,907	\$86,996	\$41,498	<b>\$102,713</b>	\$15,717
<b>86 Total Superintendent's Office</b>	<b>\$68,907</b>	<b>\$86,996</b>	<b>\$41,498</b>	<b>\$102,713</b>	<b>\$15,717</b>
<b>87</b>					
<b>88 Principal's Office</b>					
<b>89 Personnel</b>	\$104,728	\$108,161	\$53,509	<b>\$113,473</b>	\$5,312
<b>90 Benefits</b>	\$21,587	\$22,841	\$10,854	<b>\$23,293</b>	\$452
<b>91 Contracted Services</b>	\$2,053	\$1,000	\$417	<b>\$0</b>	(\$1,000)
<b>92 Facilities/Rent</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
<b>93 Transportation/Mileage</b>	\$1,013	\$1,000	\$209	<b>\$1,000</b>	\$0
<b>94 Supplies/Equipment/Other</b>	\$4,214	\$3,000	\$2,493	<b>\$3,000</b>	\$0

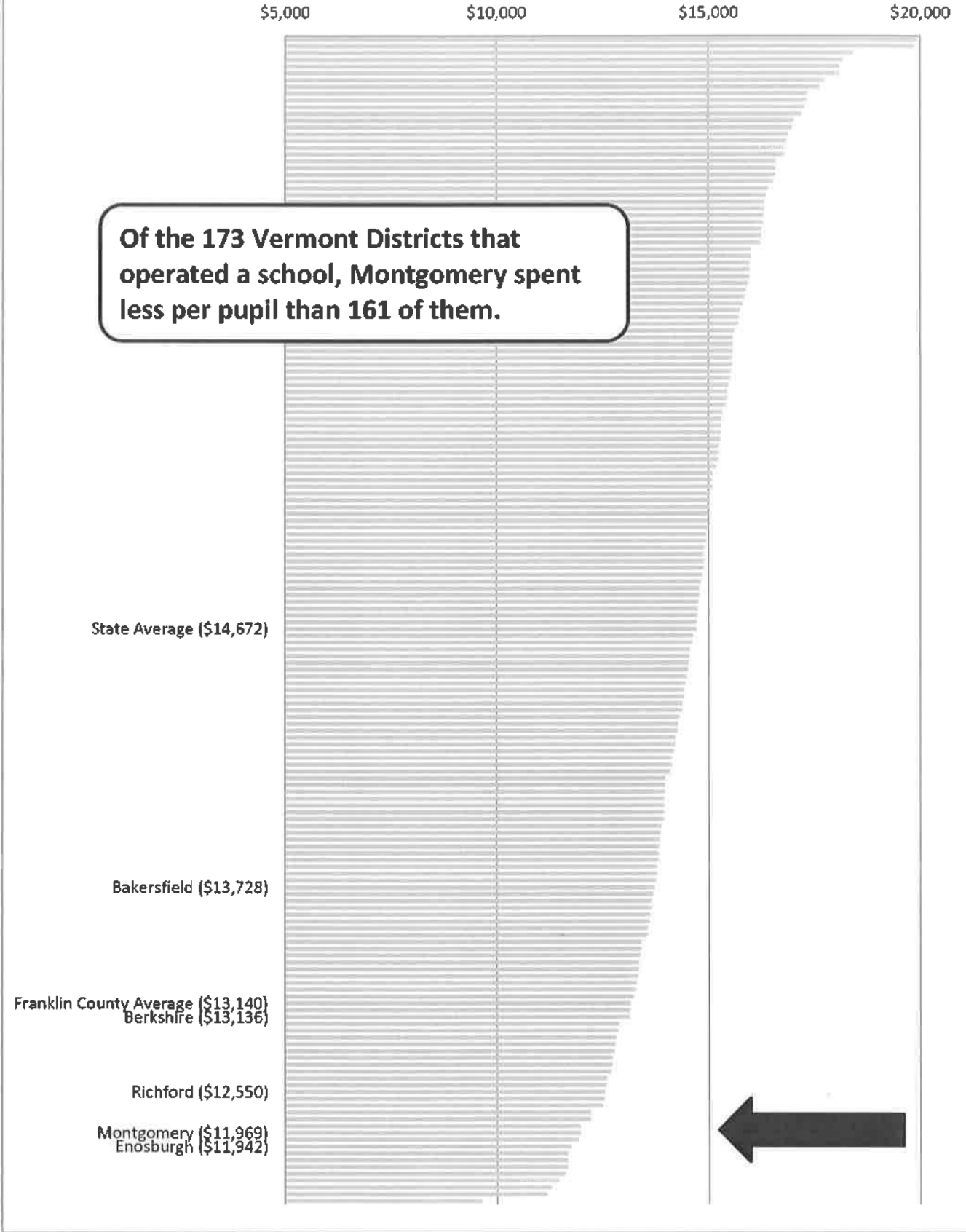
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95 <b>Total Principal's Office</b>	\$133,595	\$136,002	\$67,482	<b>\$140,766</b>	\$4,764
96					
97 <b>Operation of Plant</b>					
98 Personnel	\$64,958	\$69,452	\$33,706	<b>\$71,926</b>	\$2,474
99 Benefits	\$18,250	\$19,052	\$9,813	<b>\$19,954</b>	\$902
100 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
101 Facilities/Rent	\$24,866	\$23,400	\$14,652	<b>\$23,300</b>	(\$100)
102 Other Services	\$2,865	\$3,700	\$1,313	<b>\$3,300</b>	(\$400)
103 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$52,662	\$49,000	\$17,198	<b>\$45,000</b>	(\$4,000)
104 <b>Total Plant</b>	<b>\$163,601</b>	<b>\$164,604</b>	<b>\$76,682</b>	<b>\$163,480</b>	(\$1,124)
105					
106 <b>Transportation</b>					
107 Transportation To/From School	\$96,802	\$135,900	\$67,950	<b>\$104,800</b>	(\$31,100)
108 <b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$96,802</b>	<b>\$135,900</b>	<b>\$67,950</b>	<b>\$104,800</b>	(\$31,100)
109					
110 <b>Debt Service</b>					
111 Interest	\$29,832	\$23,330	\$10,431	<b>\$20,221</b>	(\$3,109)
112 Principal	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	<b>\$65,000</b>	\$0
113 <b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$94,832</b>	<b>\$88,330</b>	<b>\$75,431</b>	<b>\$85,221</b>	(\$3,109)
114					
115 <b>Tuition</b>					
116 Public HS Tuition	\$510,706	\$549,955	\$262,474	<b>\$584,000</b>	\$34,045
117 Private HS Tuition	\$149,912	\$262,972	\$0	<b>\$256,000</b>	(\$6,972)
118 Tech Center Tuition	\$72,818	\$75,172	\$19,920	<b>\$73,300</b>	(\$1,872)
119 Prior Year Tuition	\$6,875	\$0	\$4,207	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
120 Prior Year Tech Tuition	(\$1,199)	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
121 <b>Total Tuition</b>	<b>\$739,112</b>	<b>\$888,099</b>	<b>\$286,601</b>	<b>\$913,300</b>	\$25,201
122					
123 <b>Special Education</b>					
124 Personnel	\$78,188	\$69,558	\$38,204	<b>\$94,417</b>	\$24,859
125 Benefits	\$10,025	\$7,928	\$4,591	<b>\$9,901</b>	\$1,973
126 Contracted Services	\$28,534	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
127 FNESU Assessment	\$176,908	\$139,023	\$69,512	<b>\$137,948</b>	(\$1,075)
128 Transportation/Mileage	\$761	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
129 Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
130 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$994	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
131 <b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$295,410</b>	<b>\$216,509</b>	<b>\$112,307</b>	<b>\$242,266</b>	\$25,757
132					
133 <b>Early Education</b>					
134 Personnel	\$22,620	\$74,290	\$3,543	<b>\$10,316</b>	(\$63,974)
135 Benefits	\$4,758	\$16,009	\$735	<b>\$1,219</b>	(\$14,790)
136 Contracted Services	\$300	\$0	\$0	<b>\$28,228</b>	\$28,228
137 Facilities/Rent	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0
138 Transp/Mileage/Tuition	\$391	\$9,000	\$0	<b>\$6,700</b>	(\$2,300)
139 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$573	\$500	\$730	<b>\$600</b>	\$100
140 <b>Total Early Education</b>	<b>\$28,642</b>	<b>\$99,799</b>	<b>\$5,008</b>	<b>\$47,063</b>	(\$52,736)
141					

## Montgomery Town School District FY18 General Fund Budget

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142	Early Education SPED					
143	Personnel	\$8,291	\$3,074	\$4,571	\$13,773	\$10,699
144	Benefits	\$929	\$377	\$568	\$1,692	\$1,315
145	Contracted Services	\$2,278	\$0	\$0	\$1,537	\$1,537
146	Facilities/Rent	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
147	Transportation/Mileage	\$34	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
148	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
149	Total Early Education SPED	\$11,532	\$3,451	\$5,139	\$17,002	\$13,551
150						
151	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,415,703	\$2,649,154	\$1,065,077	\$2,671,504	\$22,350

**FY17 Education Spending Per Pupil**



District: <b>Montgomery</b>		<b>T128</b>		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil	
County: <b>Franklin</b>		<b>Franklin Northeast</b>		<b>10,076</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
				<b>11,875</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$2,649,154	\$2,671,504	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,579,775	\$2,592,657	\$2,649,154	\$2,671,504	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,579,775</b>	<b>\$2,592,657</b>	<b>\$2,649,154</b>	<b>\$2,671,504</b>	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
<b>Revenues</b>						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$496,461	\$499,436	\$457,663	\$246,902	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$496,461</b>	<b>\$499,436</b>	<b>\$457,663</b>	<b>\$246,902</b>	13.
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$2,083,314</b>	<b>\$2,093,221</b>	<b>\$2,191,491</b>	<b>\$2,424,602</b>	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	181.01	181.33	183.09	187.80	15.
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$11,509.39</b>	<b>\$11,543.71</b>	<b>\$11,969.47</b>	<b>\$12,910.55</b>	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$538.45	\$522.98	\$482.44	\$454	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to now SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	NA	-	\$19.66	\$18	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	Threshold = \$16,166	Threshold = \$17,103	Allowable growth	Threshold = \$17,386	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$16,166.00	\$17,103.00	\$11,993.36	\$17,386.00	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$11,509	\$11,544	\$11,969	\$12,910.55	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	123.957% based on \$9,285	122.039% based on \$9,285	123.384% based on yield \$8,791	128.132% based on yield \$10,076	28.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$12,910.55 ÷ (\$10,076.00 / \$1.00)]	\$1.2148 based on \$9.98	\$1.2082 based on \$9.99	\$1.2338 based on \$1.00	\$1.2813 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Montgomery equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.28)	\$1.2148	\$1.2082	\$1.2338	\$1.2813	31.
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	102.14%	100.71%	100.20%	100.46%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.2813 / 100.46%)	\$1.1893 based on \$9.98	\$1.1997 based on \$9.99	\$1.2313 based on \$1.00	\$1.2754 based on \$1.00	33.
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 30) [(\$12,910.55 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%]	2.23% based on 1.80%	2.20% based on 1.80%	2.20% based on 2.00%	2.17% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.17%)	2.23% based on 1.80%	2.20% based on 1.80%	2.20% based on 2.00%	2.17% based on 2.00%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

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**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/>

**FY2016 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 / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Newton School	PK - 8	127	10.90	1.00	11.65	127.00	10.90
	Folsom Ed and Community Ctr	PK - 8	134	13.80	1.00	9.71	134.00	13.80
	Glover Community School	PK - 8	134	10.30	1.00	13.01	134.00	10.30
	<b>Montgomery Elementary School</b>	<b>PK - 8</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>9.80</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>14.08</b>	<b>138.00</b>	<b>9.80</b>
< - Larger	Irasburg Village School	PK - 8	140	11.41	1.00	12.27	140.00	11.41
	Waterford Elementary School	PK - 8	152	12.74	1.00	11.93	152.00	12.74
	Bakersfield School	PK - 8	156	13.40	1.00	11.64	156.00	13.40
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>119.00</b>	<b>11.34</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>10.49</b>	<b>120.46</b>	<b>11.48</b>

**School District:** Montgomery  
**LEA ID:** T128

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

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

**FY2015 School District Data**

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

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

**Cohort Rank by FTE**  
 (1 is largest)  
 10 out of 34

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
Smaller ->	Stratford		PK-8	124.24	\$13,325
	South Hero		PK-8	124.56	\$19,446
	Glover		PK-8	120.29	\$13,083
	<b>Montgomery</b>		<b>PK-8</b>	<b>132.53</b>	<b>\$10,596</b>
< - Larger	Irasburg		PK-8	141.50	\$11,120
	Bakersfield		PK-8	143.72	\$11,885
	Waterford		PK-8	147.69	\$14,133
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>				<b>117.56</b>	<b>\$13,967</b>

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.

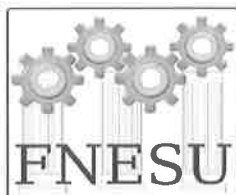
**FY2017 School District Data**

LEA ID		School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			of prorated member district rates		
				SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
				Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
				Use these tax rates to compare towns' rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs.		
Smaller ->	T116	Lunenburg	PK-8	180.12	13,651.80	1.4073	1.4073	103.54%	1.3592
	T161	Putney	PK-8	182.82	17,025.61	1.7550	1.7646	101.24%	1.7430
	T013	Barton ID	PK-8	163.00	12,604.10	1.2993	1.3677	102.10%	1.3396
	T128	Montgomery	PK-8	163.00	11,969.47	1.2338	1.2338	100.20%	1.2313
	T192	South Hero	PK-8	194.91	14,906.87	1.5366	1.5366	100.89%	1.5230
	U037	Millers Run USD #37	PK-8	197.54	16,302.71	1.6805	-	-	-
	T007	Bakersfield	PK-8	210.10	13,727.86	1.4151	1.4151	99.29%	1.4252

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 FY18 Central Office Budget

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY17 to Dec 31	FY18 Proposed	FY17-18 Change	Montgomery Share
1 <b>EXPENSES</b>						
2 <b>ELL</b>						
3 <b>Personnel</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$3,909
4 <b>Benefits</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,575	\$26,575	\$2,416
5 <b>Other</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6 <b>Total ELL</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,575	\$69,575	\$6,324
7						
8 <b>Curriculum and Instruction</b>						
9 <b>Personnel</b>	\$31,630	\$32,760	\$16,990	\$50,762	\$18,002	\$4,614
10 <b>Benefits</b>	\$11,653	\$13,033	\$6,134	\$19,288	\$6,255	\$1,753
11 <b>Other</b>	\$320	\$0	\$366	\$0	\$0	\$0
12 <b>Total Curriculum</b>	\$43,603	\$45,793	\$23,490	\$70,050	\$24,257	\$6,368
13						
14 <b>Administration</b>						
15 <b>Personnel</b>	\$310,695	\$332,040	\$160,898	\$332,588	\$548	\$30,232
16 <b>Benefits</b>	\$116,552	\$126,834	\$60,022	\$124,210	(\$2,624)	\$11,291
17 <b>Contracted Services</b>	\$49,778	\$39,300	\$12,921	\$47,843	\$8,543	\$4,349
18 <b>Facilities/Rent</b>	\$15,958	\$23,300	\$23,297	\$23,996	\$696	\$2,181
19 <b>Other Services</b>	\$18,205	\$26,700	\$17,327	\$27,700	\$1,000	\$2,518
20 <b>Supplies/Equipment</b>	\$34,290	\$59,400	\$40,367	\$61,200	\$1,800	\$5,563
21 <b>Other</b>	\$8,719	\$8,000	\$6,635	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$818
22 <b>Total Administration</b>	\$554,197	\$615,574	\$321,467	\$626,537	\$10,963	\$56,952
23						
24 <b>Business Services</b>						
25 <b>Personnel</b>	\$188,724	\$192,533	\$95,615	\$261,599	\$69,066	\$23,779
26 <b>Benefits</b>	\$86,105	\$95,668	\$45,725	\$125,200	\$29,532	\$11,381
27 <b>Other</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
28 <b>Total Business Services</b>	\$274,829	\$288,201	\$141,340	\$386,799	\$98,598	\$35,160
29						
30 <b>Transportation To/From School</b>						
31 <b>Contracted Services</b>	\$997,575	\$1,030,600	\$753,185	\$1,053,000	\$22,400	\$165,000
32 <b>Total Transportation</b>	\$997,575	\$1,030,600	\$753,185	\$1,053,000	\$22,400	\$165,000
33						
34 <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$1,870,204	\$1,980,168	\$1,239,482	\$2,205,961	\$225,793	\$269,804
35						
36 <b>REVENUES</b>						
37 <b>Transportation Aid</b>	\$37,563	\$0	\$17,808	\$465,000	\$465,000	\$60,200
38 <b>Medicaid</b>	\$24,363	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$2,000
39 <b>Erate</b>	\$2,260	\$2,000	\$2,159	\$0	(\$2,000)	\$0
40 <b>Transfer from SPED</b>	\$27,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
41 <b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$976	\$2,000	\$270	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	\$91
42 <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$92,162	\$26,000	\$20,237	\$488,000	\$462,000	\$62,291
43						
44 <b>DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS</b>						
45 <b>Bakersfield</b>	\$196,328	\$211,900	\$105,950	\$182,102	(\$29,798)	\$207,513
46 <b>Berkshire</b>	\$287,372	\$308,940	\$153,470	\$266,383	(\$40,557)	
47 <b>Enosburgh</b>	\$731,551	\$770,925	\$385,543	\$675,522	(\$95,403)	
48 <b>Montgomery</b>	\$165,709	\$218,896	\$109,448	\$207,513	(\$11,383)	
49 <b>Richford</b>	\$381,417	\$445,506	\$210,809	\$386,442	(\$59,064)	
50 <b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$1,762,377	\$1,954,167	\$965,220	\$1,717,962	(\$236,205)	

# HELPFUL TOWN INFORMATION

Tax Due Dates 2017: August 10<sup>th</sup> & October 13<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm

*\*Postmarks are not accepted*

2010 State of Vermont Census 1201

Registered Voters 929

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 .....326-2021

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

## Who Meets Where and When

Group	Day	Time	Place
Listers	Thursday & Friday	8:00am - 12:00pm	Public Safety Bldg
Budget Committee	January 'til needed	As Needed	Public Safety Bldg
Cemetery Commissions	As needed	As Needed	Public Safety Bldg
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday	5:00pm	Public Safety Bldg
Development Review Bd	By Appointment	As Needed	Public Safety Bldg
Fire Department	Every Other Tuesday	Evening	Fire Station
Library Trustees	Second Monday	6:30pm	Library
Planning Commission	Second Tuesday	7:00pm	Public Safety Bldg
Recreation Board	First Monday	5:30pm	Rec Center
Rescue Squad	As needed	As Needed	Ambulance Office
School Board	Second Monday	6:00pm	School
Selectboard/Water Comm	First & Third Monday	6:30pm	Public Safety Bldg
Zoning Administrator	Monday	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Public Safety Bldg

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