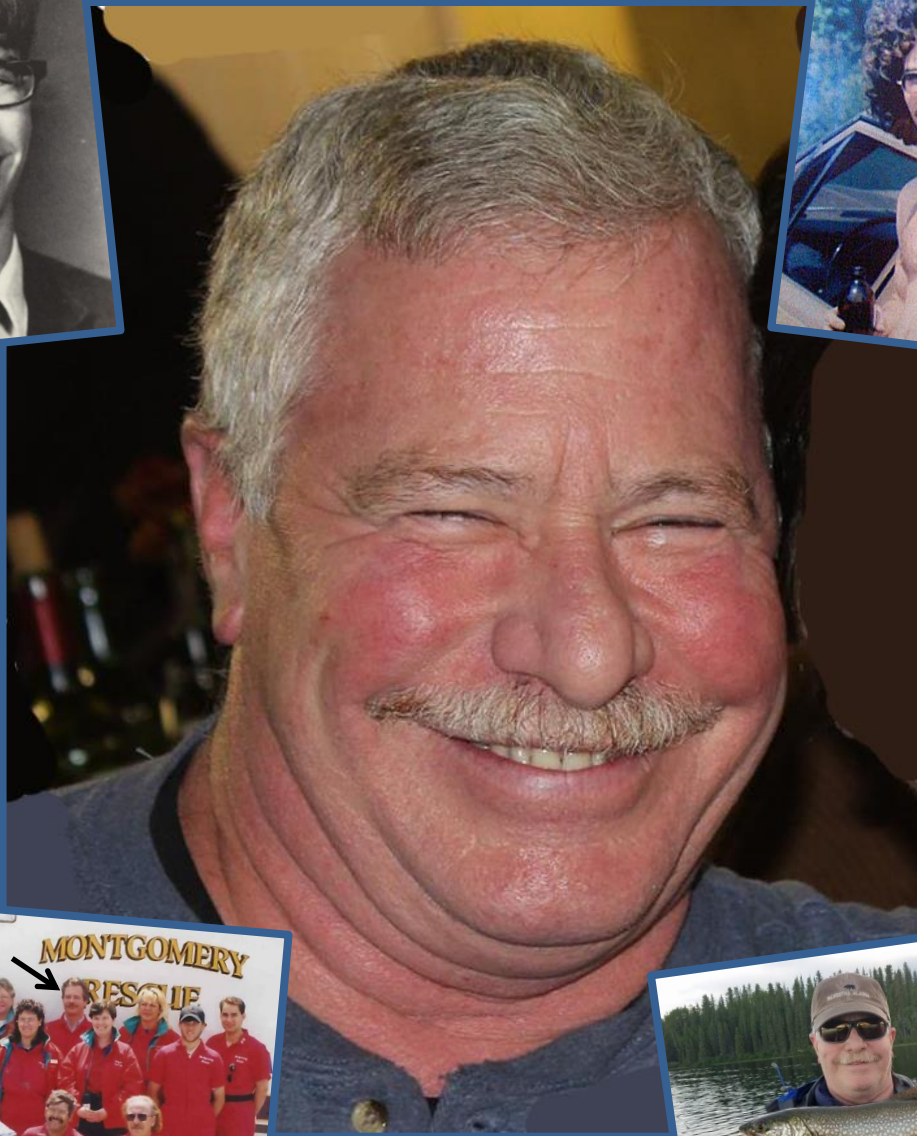


# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY & MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018 REPORTS



**Brent Godin**



## **2018 Town Report Honoree Brent Godin**

Montgomery's population in 1950 was almost the same as it is now, but it was declining. Bucking the trend, in 1952 Henry and Hilda Godin brought newborn Brent Henry home from the hospital to their home at the bottom East Hill in the Center. He was five when East Hill was extended to the new ski area, in second grade when it was paved, and almost a teenager when it officially became Vermont Route 242. It was no longer the dusty, sleepy, dead end road of Brent's early childhood.

Brent attended Montgomery Elementary School, a short walk, or bike ride, from his home. He then went on to Enosburg Falls High School graduating in 1970 the same year Montgomery's modern population would bottom out at 651. He and several friends enlisted in the Navy after graduation. Brent agreed to a longer than usual service commitment of six years to ensure his career field and training as a Data Systems Technician.

Six years as a sailor was enough and Brent returned home eventually working and managing the Radio Shack store in St. Albans making it one of the most successful franchises in the country. He worked there for nearly 30 years, from 1978 to his retirement in 2007.

In 2010, lured by tales of monster fish, he moved to Washington State, and later relocated to Oregon. While few trout escaped his tackle, he couldn't escape the pull of family and friends in Montgomery and made his way back to our community in 2013, setting up residence just south of the Center, not far from his family home.

His service in Town government, and the community at large, includes the fledgling Rescue Squad, Selectman, Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Director, and Constable, a position he currently holds. He's the guy to call to report an infestation of white rats on Hill West – West Hill (true story), or concern for a neighbor's health.

His technical expertise made him the go-to guy for lighting and sound for any event held at the Town (Grange) Hall or any other Town venue. During the 1997 flood recovery Brent went from home to home cleaning out basements, shoveling silt, disinfecting walls, doing whatever was asked of him. Even now he's always willing to lend a hand to anyone that needs help.

Community is more than the sum of its parts, and Brent is part of the special sauce that makes Montgomery unique, paved roads or gravel. Thank you Brent.

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## MONTGOMERY MILESTONES

**First Settlers: 1793. Joshua and Abigail Clapp.**

**First Child born: 1793 - Joel Clapp.**

**First Girl born: 1796 - Harriet Clapp.**

**First Town Meeting: 1802. At the home of Reuben Clapp.**

**First Religious Group to Organize: 1802. Congregationalists would eventually build a church which is now the Town Hall.**

**First Schooling Appropriation: 1804. \$22.**

**First School Building: 1809. In the Village (District 1).**

**First Post Office: 1812. In the Center.**

**First Church Built: 1835. By the Episcopalians. Now Pratt Hall.**

**First Civil War Casualty: 1861. Charles Haile.**

**First Library organized: 1895. Approved at Town Meeting.**

**First Electricity: circa 1898. Nelson and Hall Mill electrified.**

**First Telephone: 1909. 24 X 7 service established in 1943.**

**First "Year Ahead" Budget in Town Report: circa 1925. School Section.**

**First Car: circa 1910. Less than 20 in 1913. First garage opened in 1926.**

**First Textual Reports in Town Report: 1919. Other than Auditors.**

**First Budget Committee: 1936. For one year. Reinstated in 1959.**

**First Photo on the cover of the Town Report: 1940. Covered Bridge. First color photo 2005. Billy Baker Jr.**

**First "Year Ahead" Budget in Town Report: 1959. Municipal Section.**

**Sources: Town Reports; "Montgomery, VT: The History of a Town", Taylor and Branthoover; "The Vermonter" magazine June/Jul 1913; "The New England Town Meeting as Icon and Ethnographic Object" Averill Leslie.**

*We are 200 members strong! Why not join us?*

*The Montgomery Historical Society Board is...*

*Scott Perry, Marijke Dollois, Sue Wilson, Bill McGroarty, Tim Chapin, Andre LaBier, Bob Cummins, Elsie Saborowski, John Beaty, Jo Anne Bennett, Pat Farmer, Patty Perl, & John Kuryloski*

**Montgomery Offices, Terms, & Incumbents**

4/20/2018

<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Town Meeting Moderator	1 year	Tim Murphy	2019
Town Clerk	3 years	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2021
Town Treasurer	3 years	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2021
Selectboard			
1	3 years	Darren Drevik	2020
2	3 years	Charlie Hancock	2019
3	3 years	Mark Brouillette	2021
4	2 years	Leanne Barnard	2020
5	2 years	Jacob Racusin	2019
School Meeting Moderator	1 Year	Tim Murphy	2019
School Board			
1	2 years	John Witherspoon	2020
2	2 years	Mary Niles	2019
3	3 years	Christina Suarez	2020
4	3 years	Catherine Howell	2021
5	3 years	Charles Purrier	2019
Listers			
1	3 years	Deanna Dee Robataille	2019
2	3 years	Lynda Cluba	2021
3	3 years	Parma Jewett	2020
Deliquent tax Collector	3 years	Anita Woodward	2020
First Constable	1 year	Brent Godin	2019
Town Agent	1 year	Barry Kade	2019
Town Grand Jurors			
1	1 year	Selectboard	2019
2	1 year	Selectboard	2019
3	1 year	Selectboard	2019
4	1 year	Selectboard	2019
5	1 year	Selectboard	2019

Cemetery Commission - Village			
1	5 years	Vivian Deuso	2019
2	5 years	Jo Ann Lanphear	2020
3	5 years	Lois Lumbra	2021
4	5 years	Penny Lumbra	2022
5	5 years	Joy Bosley	2019
Cemetery Commission - Center			
1	5 years	Lyndol Elkins	2020
2	5 years	LyndaCluba	2023
3	5 years	Annie Purrier	2019
4	5 years	Charles R. Purrier	2021
5	5 years	Earl Lumbra	2022
Library Trustees			
1	3 years	Patty Hathaway	2022
2	3 years	Cheryl Wisel	2022
3	3 years	Marijke Dollois	2019
4	3 years	Patty Perl	2021
5	3 years	Jane Pressler	2019
6	3 years	Claire Draper	2021
7	3 years	Rita Kalsmith	2021
Fire Commissioners			
1	2 years	William Baker Sr.	2020
2	2 years	Joe Zatarian	2019
Planning Commission			
1	3 years	Alissa Hardy	2019
2	3 years	Joe Sherman	2020
3	3 years	Roberta Baker	2020
4	3 years	Kenny Miller	2021
5	3 years	Barry Kade	2021
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			

<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Expires</b>
<b>Water Commission</b>			
1	3 yr	Darren Drevik	2020
2	3 yr	Charlie Hancock	2019
3	2 yr	Jacob Racusin	2019
4	3 yr	Mark Brouillette	2021
5	2 yr	Leanne Barnard	2020
<b>Development Review Board</b>			
1	4 years	Mark Brouillette	2019
2	4 years	Howard Tatro	2020
3	4 years	Lynda Cluba	2021
4	4 years	Merle Van Gieson	2021
5	4 years	Parma Jewett	2019
6	4 years	Barry Kade - A	2021
7	4 years	Sue Wilson - A	2021
8	4 years	Roberta Baker - A	2022
<b>Agent To Convey Real Estate</b>	1 year	Barry Kade	2019
<b>Budget Committee</b>			
1	1 year	Scott Perry	2019
2	1 year	Mark Brouillette	2019
3	1 year	Sue Wilson	2019
4	1 year	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2019
5	1 year	Charlie Hancock	2019
<b>Dir Disaster Prep/Emergency Mgt</b>	1 year	Greg Lucas	2019
<b>Dep Dir Disaster Prep/Emergency Mgt</b>	1 Year	Brent Godin	2019
<b>Fence Viewers</b>			
1	1 year	Listers	2019
2	1 year	Listers	2019
3	1 year	Listers	2019
<b>Fire Warden</b>	5 years	William Baker Sr.	6/30/2022
<b>Deputy Fire Warden</b>	5 years	Joseph Zartarian	6/30/2022
<b>Health Officer</b>	3 year	Sue Wilson	3/31/2019
<b>Insptr Of Lumber, Shingles &amp; Wood</b>	1 year	Wendy Howard	2019
<b>NW Regional Planning Reps</b>			
1	3 year	Vacant	2020
2	3 year	Mark Brouillette	2020
<b>Animal Control Officer (Dogs)</b>	1 year	Kieth Sampietro	2019
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	2 year	Mark Brouillette	2019



NW Solid Waste Dist.WD Rep	3 years	Barry Kade	2020
Transportation Advisory Comm Rep 1	1 year	Mark Brouillette	2019
Transportation Advisory Comm Alt. Rep	1 year	Michael Snider	2019
Clean Water Advisory Comm. Rep 1	1 Year	Michael Snider	2019
Clean Water Advisory Comm. Rep 2	1 Yer	Mark Brouillette	2019
Tree Warden	1 year	Charlie Hancock	2019
Recreation Dept Board			
1	3 year	Peg Doheny	2021
2	3 year	Nelson Mayhew	2021
3	3 year	Lisa Perry	2021
4	3 year	Marsha Phillips	2020
5	3 year	Lyli Powers	2019
6	3 year	Corbin Erwin	2019
7	3 year	Brendon O'Shea	2019
Weigher Of Coal	1 year	Jacob Racusin	2019
Zoning Administrator	3 years	Ann Lavery	2017
Rep To MRBA Wild & Scenic		Pending Planning Comission Coord.	
1	1 year	Michelle McCartney	2019
2	1 year	Leanne Barnard	2019
Community Garden Board			
1	1 year	Parma Jewett	2019
2	1 year	Melissa Haberman	2019
3	1 year	Remi Gratton	2019
4	1 year	Wendy Howard	2019
5	1 year	Mary Temple	2019
6	1 year	Leanne Barnard	2019
7	1 year	George Hambleton	2019
Conservation Commission			
1	4 year	Charlie Hancock	2019
2	4 year	Michelle McCartney	2022
3	4 year	Sue Wilson	2021
4	4 year	Todd Lantery	2020
5	4 year	Joan Hildreth	2020
6	4 year	Carissa Stein	2021
7	4 year	Monica Hill	2022
Town Newsletter Editor	1 Year	Suzanne Dollois	2019
Financial Controls Officer	3 Year	Sue Wilson	2019

All terms expire the last day of March unless indicated otherwise or until new appointment is made.

Board of Civil Authority is comprised of the Selectboard, Town Clerk, and JPs.

Board of Abatement is comprised of Treasurer, Selectmen, Listers, & JPs

If you are interested in serving in any office please submit your name to the Town Clerk or Selectboard.

Financial Controls Off. opens bank statements and balances accounts. Reviews orders.

Assists Treasurer as directed.

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## TOWN MEETING PROCEDURE

A distillation of 700 pages of *Robert's Rules of Order*, thousands of pages of Vermont legislation and judicial decisions, and 350 years of New England tradition as edited by Timothy Murphy.

- Any citizen on the voter's checklist has the right to speak on any debatable subject. Others not on the checklist may observe, but not participate, unless granted permission by 2/3 vote.
- First, be recognized by the moderator;
- Second, rise and identify yourself to the assembly and the Town Clerk for the record;
- Third, speak clearly for all to hear.

Following is a brief summary of those motions most commonly utilized to assure an orderly meeting and complete the work that needs to be done by the assembled citizens of the Town.

Main Motion: introduces an article for consideration by the assembly.

Subsidiary Motions: alters or eliminates the main motion.

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

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

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

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

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

General rules of debate:

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

MOTIONS BY RANK

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

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

## **Town of Montgomery Annual Town Meeting Minutes – 2018**

Moderator, Timothy Murphy, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**1) Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year (Tim Murphy – term expires)**

Tosca Smith nominated Timothy Murphy. Hearing no other nominations, Timothy was elected by voice vote.

The Moderator, hearing no objections, recognized Cynthia “Cindy” Weed of Enosburg, State Representative. Cindy gave a short summary of notable items in and out of the Government Operations Committee in Montpelier.

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

Charles Hancock made a motion to accept the reports and was seconded. Discussion ensued and Charles made a motion, and was seconded to make the following amendments to the report:

- 1) Correction to the Minutes of Town Meeting 2017, Article 5, Item L (found on page 10) to read “Cheryl Wisell was re-elected by voice vote.”
- 2) Corrections on page 28. Line 9 to read \$448,700 and 38% and Line 18 to read \$129,029 and 11%.

The amendment passed by voice vote. The reports of Town Officers, as amended, were accepted by voice vote.

**3) Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:**

**a. A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot (Leanne Barnard, appointed to fill remainder of Colin Sorenson’s two year term – term expires)**

Tosca Smith nominated Leanne Barnard. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast a single ballot to elect Leanne Barnard.

**b. A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot (Mark Brouillette – term expires)**

Suzanne Wilson nominated Mark Brouillette. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast a single ballot to re-elect Mark Brouillette.

**c. A Town Clerk for a term of three years by ballot (Deanna-Dee Robitaille – term expires)**

Suzanne Wilson nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast a single ballot to re-elect Deanna-Dee Robitaille.

**d. A Town Treasurer and Collector of Current Taxes for a term of three years by ballot (Deanna-Dee Robitaille – term expires)**

Wendy Howard nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast a single ballot to re-elect Deanna-Dee Robitaille.

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

Deanna-Dee Robitaille nominated Lynda Cluba. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast a single ballot to re-elect Lynda Cluba.

**f. A First Constable for a term of one year (Brent Godin – term expires)**

Suzanne Wilson nominated Brent Godin. Hearing no other nominations, Brent Godin was re-elected by voice vote.

**g. An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year (Barry Kade – term expires)**

Wendy Howard nominated Barry Kade. Hearing no other nominations, Barry Kade was re-elected by voice vote.

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

Wendy Howard nominated the Selectboard. Hearing no other nominations, the Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.

**i. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Lynda Cluba– term expires)**

Wendy Howard nominated Lynda Cluba. Hearing no other nominations, Lynda Cluba was re-elected by voice vote.

**j. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Joy Bosley – term expires)**

Wendy Howard nominated Joy Bosley. Hearing no other nominations, Joy Bosley was re-elected by voice vote.

Charles Hancock made a motion to suspend the rules to correct the term length for items **k.** through **m.** Hearing no objection, the rules were suspended with a two-thirds voice vote. Charles made a motion to correct the terms of each item from “five years” to “three years” and was seconded. The motion to amend passed by voice vote.

- k. **A Library Trustee for a term of three years (Patricia Perl – term expires)**  
Patricia Hathaway nominated Patricia Perl. Hearing no other nominations, Patricia Perl was re-elected by voice vote.
  - l. **A Library Trustee for a term of three years (Claire Draper – term expires)**  
Marijke Cordes-Dollois nominated Claire Draper. Hearing no other nominations, Claire Draper was re-elected by voice vote.
  - m. **A Library Trustee for a term of three years (Rita Kalsmith – term expires)**  
Merle VanGieson nominated Rita Kalsmith. Hearing no other nominations, Rita Kalsmith was re-elected by voice vote.
  - n. **A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years (William Baker Sr. – term expires)**  
Suzanne Wilson nominated William Baker, Sr. Hearing no other nominations, William Baker, Sr. was re-elected by voice vote.
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- o. **A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Kenneth Miller, appointed to fill remainder of Abe Barnard's three year term – term expires)**  
Roberta Baker nominated Kenneth Miller. Hearing no other nominations, Kenneth Miller was elected by voice vote.
  - p. **A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Barry Kade – term expires)**  
Patricia Hathaway nominated Barry Kade. Hearing no other nominations, Barry Kade was re-elected by voice vote.

**4) Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Police/Constable Operating Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance to the general fund. All future expenditures paid through General Fund, Town Officers?**

Suzanne Wilson made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Discussion ensued. Charles Hancock stated that the origins of this reserve fund went back to when Montgomery had a Police Department and the Town received funds that were granted explicitly for police use. He further stated that those funds have been completely spent down and that, for accounting purposes, it does not make sense to continue the process of an annual appropriation to fund a Constable service that we can and should fund directly from the General Fund. Hearing no further discussion, the motion as written was passed by voice vote.

**5) Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Rescue Department Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance to the general fund. All future expenditures paid through Rescue Operating Expenses and Contracted Services?**

Charles Hancock made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Charles gave a brief speech recognizing Morgan Daybell and Kevin Scheffler for their years of service and dedication to providing Montgomery with Rescue service for a combined 47 years. The traditional gift for extended service to the Town, inscribed trunnels, were displayed as both Morgan and Kevin were not available to accept them. Discussion continued regarding the future of Emergency Services. Hearing no further discussion, the motion as written passed by voice vote.

Jacob Racusin made a motion to suspend the rules to recognize guest, Paul Costello from Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). Hearing no objection, the rules were suspended and Mr. Costello gave an overview of the program that Montgomery has been competitively chosen to participate in. This process is slated to begin later in 2018 and extensive outreach will be provided by VCRD with the assistance of the Selectboard.

**6) Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Hectorville Bridge Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance. All future expenditures paid through the general fund?**

Wendy Howard made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Merle Van Gieson gave a brief statement summarizing the origins of the Hectorville Bridge Committee, it's plan to place the bridge at the Recreation Center, and that the impetus for disbanding the Committee was their inability to raise capital. Merle asked for volunteers to resurrect the committee. Barry Kade made a motion to amend the motion to include "to the general fund" and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Merle again asked for volunteers. The Moderator stated that resurrecting the committee was not in the purview of the Article in question and suggested that, if the Article were to fail, then that discussion could be had. Jacob Racusin stated that this project may be considered by the Town during the VCRD process. Hearing no further discussion, the motion as amended passed by voice vote.

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

**a. Fire Department: 2017 - \$28,000; 2018 - \$34,000**

Merle VanGieson made a motion for \$34,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

**b. Rescue Department: 2017 - \$29,600; 2018 - \$0**

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$0 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

- c. **Machinery Replacement Fund: 2017 - \$10,000; 2018 - \$32,000**  
Wendy Howard made a motion for \$32,000 and was seconded. Charles Hancock stated that the increase seen here represents a down payment for a new pumper truck for the Fire Department. Motion passed by voice vote.
- d. **Infrastructure Replacement Fund: 2017 - \$87,000; 2018 - \$52,700**  
Mark Brouillette made a motion for \$52,700 and was seconded. Following discussion about future projects to be paid from this fund, the motion passed by voice vote.
- e. **Library Operating Expenses and Payroll: 2017 - \$18,917; 2018 - \$19,032**  
Marijke Cordes-Dollois made a motion for \$19,032 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- f. **Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2017 - \$25,000; 2018 - \$50,000**  
Charles Hancock made a motion for \$50,000 and was seconded. Following discussion about the use of these funds and the status of the former Town Offices and Post Office building, the motion passed by voice vote.
- g. **Recreation Department: 2017 - \$22,000; 2018 - \$20,000**  
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- h. **Reappraisal Fund: 2017 - \$6,000; 2018 - \$8,000**  
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$8,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- i. **Conservation Commission: 2017 - \$750; 2018 - Same**  
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$750 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- j. **Emergency Management: 2017 - \$1,200; 2018 - \$1,200**  
Wendy Howard made a motion for \$1,200 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- k. **Restoration of Records: 2017 - \$2,500; 2018 - \$4,000**  
Wendy Howard made a motion for \$4,000 and was seconded. Following discussion regarding the current level of investment and use of the fund, the motion passed by voice vote.
- l. **Police/Constable Operating: 2017 - \$500; 2018 - \$0**  
Merle Van Gieson made a motion to passover and was seconded. Motion to passover passed by a two-thirds voice vote.

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

- a. **Town Clerk: 2017 - \$16,500; 2018- \$18,000**  
Tosca Smith made a motion for \$18,000 and was seconded. Following discussion, motion passed by voice vote.
- b. **Town Treasurer: 2017 - \$14,500; 2018 - \$16,000**  
Tosca Smith made a motion for \$16,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.
- c. **Each Selectboard Member: 2017 - \$1,000 + thanks; 2018 - Same**  
Wendy Howard made a motion for \$1,000 and was seconded. Barry Kade made a motion to amend to \$1,000 and THANKS" and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.
- d. **Listers: 2017 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$15.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$18.00/hr. 2018 - same**  
Charles Hancock made a motion for 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$15.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$18.00/hr. and was seconded. The motion was amended to add "and beyond" after second year members. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.
- e. **Board of Civil Authority: 2017 - \$10.00/hr.; 2018 - Vermont Minimum Wage**  
Suzanne Wilson made a motion for Vermont Minimum Wage and was seconded. Following discussion, Barry Kade made a motion to add "and our thanks." and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.
- f. **Board of Abatement: 2017 - \$10.00/hr.; 2018 - Vermont Minimum Wage**  
Wendy Howard made a motion for Vermont Minimum Wage and was seconded. Following discussion, Barry Kade made a motion to add "and our thanks." and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.
- g. **All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties, and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?**  
Jacob Racusin made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 9) **Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?**  
Scott Perry made a motion to suspend the rules and take up Article 9 in its entirety and was seconded. Motion to suspend the rules passed by a two thirds voice vote. Suzanne Dollois asked to amend item h to read “Montgomery Center for the Arts” and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Article 9 passed in its entirety, as amended, by voice vote.
- a. **Age Well (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging) 2017 - \$1,800; 2018 - requested \$2,000**
  - b. **Franklin Home Health 2017 - \$2,522; 2018 – requested \$2,522**
  - c. **Franklin County Industrial Development 2017 - \$500; 2018- requested \$500**
  - d. **Hazen’s Notch Association 2017 - \$1,000; 2018 – requested \$1,000**
  - e. **Missisquoi River Basin Association 2017 - \$500; 2018 – requested \$500**
  - f. **Green Up Day Vermont 2017 - \$0; 2018 – requested \$100**
  - g. **Green Mountain Transit 2017 - \$0; 2018 – requested \$568**
  - h. **Montgomery Center For the Arts 2017 - \$1,000; 2018 – requested \$1,000**

Loretta Heimbecker, resident and member of the Franklin County Home Health Board of Directors, gave thanks to the assembly for their generosity and support.

- 10) **Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$458,758 for Contingent Selectboard? 2017 - \$460,043**

Barry Kade made a motion for \$458,758 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 11) **Shall the town recommend the Selectboard adopt the *Vacant and Dangerous Building Ordinance* as proposed, appearing elsewhere in this report?**

Marijke Cordes-Dollois made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Darren Drevik summarized the impetus for this proposed ordinance. Following discussion and recommendations for amendments to the Selectboard, the motion for this advisory vote passed by hand vote 43-19. Charles Hancock provided the Selectboard’s email address and encouraged correspondence for further suggestions and edits,

- 12) **Shall the town recommend the Selectboard publish the full Delinquent Tax Collector’s Report (including names and amounts of delinquent property owners) as of December 31, 2018 in the *Town of Montgomery & Montgomery School District 2018 Report(s)*.**

Suzanne Wilson made a motion, as written, and was seconded. The requestor of this article, Bernadette Early, summarized her request and reasoning. Following discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

- 13) **Shall the town recommend the Selectboard publish a list of Delinquent Water Accounts (including names and amounts of those delinquent accounts) as of December 31, 2018 in the *Town of Montgomery & Montgomery School District 2018 Report(s)*.**

Merle Van Gieson made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Following discussion, the motion failed by voice vote.

- 14) **Shall the town vote to approve a half cent increase in the tax rate to be allotted to a fund for conservation, hereby establishing a Conservation Reserve Fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804. The fund will be saved and used to leverage additional monies to conserve land in the public interest. Priorities will be placed on community projects, and/or projects that are not traditionally funded by local, state, or federal conservation entities or agencies. This money may be held in reserve over a number of years before being used for a specific project. Public hearing(s) will be held prior to the use of any monies from the Conservation Reserve Fund, awarded at the discretion of the Selectboard, by recommendation of the Conservation Commission. This appropriation would be contingent on the annual approval by the voters of Montgomery.**

Patrick Farmer made a motion, as written, and was seconded. By request, Charles Hancock addressed questions on this topic and summarized how the program could be used. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 15) **Shall the Town vote to change the final Property Tax installment date to the second Friday in November (currently the second Friday in October) to better accommodate the Vermont Department of Taxes Homestead Declaration and State Payment download schedule?**

Tosca Smith made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Following discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.



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

Deanna-Dee Robitaille asked for a show of hands for the continued publication of Vital Statistics in the Annual Town Report. There has been an increased concern across the state that these reports could aid in identity theft and may infringe on privacy now that the reports are published online. Support of the assembly to continue publication passed by voice vote.

Brent Godin requested that the Selectboard provide a more detailed accounting of the Highway expenditures.

Roberta Baker noted that the Planning Commission now meets at 6PM and not 7PM.

Barry Kade asked the assembly to instruct our federal delegation to support the following language:

“Prohibition – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may not use the Armed Forces of the United States to conduct a first-use nuclear strike unless such a strike is conducted pursuant to a declaration of war by Congress that expressly authorizes such strike.” The assembly supported the language as written by voice vote.

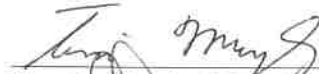
Tosca Smith made a motion to adjourn at 12:18pm and was seconded. Motion to adjourn passed by voice vote.

A true record this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Attest:

  
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

Attest:

  
Charles Hancock, Selectboard Chair

MONTGOMERY TOWN CLERK OFFICE  
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March 9<sup>th</sup> A.D. 2018 at 8 o'clock - min. A M

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Attest

  
Elizabeth Reghly, Asst. Town Clerk



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## STATE of the TOWN 2019

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:

### FY19 Budget Summary

Montgomery remains financially sound, and continues to effectively manage its accounts and debts, while providing effective service and investing in future needs. However, this year we find ourselves facing a budget increase which outpaces the projected growth in non-tax revenue for FY19. Due to this we subsequently expect to see an anticipated increase in the tax rate.

The proposed 2019 Municipal Budget is \$1,259,192 (up approximately 6% from FY18). Approximately \$808,875 will need to be raised by taxes, an increase from the FY18 Budget of about \$120,000. This will bring the projected municipal tax rate to \$0.5034, an increase of \$ 0.0649 from 2018. In practical terms, this means an increase of about \$65 for every \$100,000 in assessed value.

Below are highlights in changes in projected Revenue and Expenses; *However, first an explanation of the Unreserved Funds number*, reflected in Ln. 2 of the budget at -\$23,094. This negative balance represents a deficit which resulted from the expenditure associated with the Rt. 58 paving project, the grant revenue for which was not received in 2018. The expenditure burned through our unreserved funds, and caused us to dip into the Infrastructure Reserve fund to make up the difference. Grant revenue anticipated for FY19 (explained below) will put us right side up, but the negative balance must be reflected here nonetheless as we kick off FY19.

**Revenue:** Non-tax revenue, less reserve funds, shows a decrease of about \$69,000 (for a total of \$300,958). This is largely due to 1) reprogrammed funds from three reserve accounts not being included in the FY19 budget (which were in FY18), 2) nor does it include the anticipated trade-in value for the 2009 truck, plus additional rebate (also included in the FY18 budget). Excluding these two line items non-tax revenue is actually up by around \$6,000.

When we look at Total Revenue less property taxes (and accounting for the unreserved fund number we're carrying over), we actually see an increase from FY18. This is driven by the anticipated receipt of three outstanding grant payments totaling close to \$170,000, mentioned above. These include approximately \$156,000 from the Rt. 58 paving project, \$8,000 for ditching work on North Hill, and \$4,702 for the new hydro-seeder. Total revenue is anticipated to be up by approximately \$90,000 over last year.

**A Note on Tax Revenue:** 2018 actual property taxes collected were down 12% from 2017, and were 82% of what was budgeted for 2018 (representing an approximately \$120,000 deficit). We continue to see a

high balance of delinquent taxes, significantly impacting realized revenue from the FY18 budget projections.

**Expenses:** The greatest drivers of the FY19 budget increase come from the following areas:

- The cost of audit services (a must-pay) are up considerably. We will also be paying a portion of the 2017 audit cost in 2019.
- Employee health insurance costs are up, as is our workman's compensation insurance. This is largely driven by an increase in highway wages (the result of a new hire and insurance stipend expenditure). We should note that our insurance rate actually declined slightly, a testament to our crew's exceptional safety record.
- We're looking at about \$25,000 in required match costs associated with two grants we expect to receive in 2019, the first for culvert work on Rt. 58, and the second for work on Hill West Road. It should be noted that given the budget increase, the budget committee is not recommending moving forward with re-paving work on West Hill at this time, nor the purchase of a new tractor associated with mowing needs (which will be handled via equipment rental).
- Our debt service remains almost level. The budget does reflect (as in FY18) a \$22,000 allocation to the machinery replacement fund for a down payment on a new Tanker for the fire department. The decision was made last year to maintain the allocation equivalent to the prior debt service payment on the existing pumper. This continues that.
- Town Office Personnel (contained within Ln. 34 of the Budget). An explanation of this can be found below under *Proposed Changes to the Position of Town Clerk and Treasurer*

### **How Do We Compare?**

Data from the Vermont Dept. of Taxes shows we remain well below the median tax rates compared to other Vermont towns. Our 2018 Effective Municipal Tax Rate (.4385), which is used for an "apples to apples" comparison to other Vermont towns, ranked us the 9<sup>th</sup> lowest in the county out of 15 Towns/Cities/Villages. Montgomery's 2018 Municipal tax rate was the 77<sup>th</sup> lowest of 250 towns. This would be in the lowest 30%. Bear in mind that some of those towns with lower rates include places with ski areas, wind farms, and gores. For example Lowell's municipal rate is zero, and Sheffield and Milton's are also low. Jay's rate was .2966, Stowe's was .4178, and Killington was .4127. Our projected Municipal Tax Rate of .5034 would rank us the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest compared to the rest of the Franklin County's 2018 values.

### **Proposed Changes to the Position of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer**

As reflected in this year's Warning, the board is proposing making two significant changes to Town Administration, the first being a move from an elected Town Clerk and Treasurer (items to appear in the Warning for consideration by the voters), and the second, moving these positions from being salaried (approved by the voters at Town Meeting each year), to being paid at an hourly rate, set by the board.

The Board's reasons for these proposed changes are as follows:

- *Moving to an appointed Town Clerk and Town Treasurer will allow the town to seek out the best possible candidates for these positions, regardless of residency status.* The responsibilities of these positions have grown enormously in the past ten years, with ever increasing requirements

from the state, and needs of the town. These include state and federally mandated changes to Elections, Vital Records, Grant Administration, Public Records Act and Retentions, and Employment and Human Resource Laws. Familiarity with the growing technological requirements of these duties is also key. Under state law, elected Clerks and Treasurers must live in the town they serve. This can limit our opportunity to recruit and retain highly qualified people to serve in these roles. It's imperative that the persons holding these positions already possess a wide range of professional skills beyond simply being residents in order to ensure that all statutory requirements and daily operations are met at the standard our town deserves.

- ***Our present compensation structure is not adequate.*** The current salary for the Town Clerk is \$18,000/year. The current salary for the Treasurer is \$16,000/year. This is pegged to a 15 hour work week for both positions, which is not realistic given the responsibilities of both, and hours actually worked. When calculating the actual hours worked, we presently compensate these positions at between \$15.38 and \$17.30/hr. The proposed FY19 budget adjusts the compensation structure to allow for an hourly rate more commensurate with the work, set at 30 hrs/wk. for the Clerk, and 24 hrs/wk. for the Treasurer. The clerk position, as in the past, would also be eligible for health insurance benefits under the existing town policy for all employees. *The Board feels that if we are to attract and retain the caliber of employees we both desire and need; the compensation structure must be amended.*
- ***Moving to an hourly rate provides greater transparency re: compensation for hours worked and accountability.*** Moving to appointed positions compensated at an hourly rate would also allow the board to adjust compensation levels to be commensurate with experience should staffing change, rather than being locked into a set salary approved annually. This system will provide the Select board with some accountability for how the office is operated. While the current perception among many is that the board controls and dictates hours, processes, policies and actions relating to the town office, it currently does not under the elected system.

### **Budget Cycle**

Another proposal offered by the board is to move from a Calendar Year (*January 1 to December 31*) to a Fiscal Year Budget Cycle (*July 1 to June 30*). The Board proposes this change for the following reasons. Under a Fiscal Year:

- The budget voted at Town Meeting takes effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 months after being passed by the voters instead of 2 months into the calendar year as presently structured, operating without affirmed consent from the voters.
- Budget preparation can commence anytime from July to December, eliminating the January scramble to formulate a budget, making planning for the Town Report more manageable.
- Annual audits could be performed prior to the Town Report for the period being reported, lending additional piece of mind and validity to the Treasurers Reports.
- Municipal taxes would be billed in the same cycle as Education taxes. This would greatly simplify property transfer calculations.

- Collection of tax revenue would occur closer to the start of the fiscal year instead of the end of the fiscal year, when most expenses have already occurred.
- Future planning of contractual obligations (payroll, raises, healthcare options, etc.) would be easier.

We hope the community sees the value in these changes and votes to adopt this proposed change. Additional information on such a change can be found at: <https://www.vlct.org/calendar-year-fiscal-year-budget-process>

### **Montgomery Thrives**

All the task forces which came out of the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visits program have been meeting regularly since December. The work of these task forces focus on the following areas, as voted upon by the community during this process: ***Improve Village and Center Traffic Flow and Pedestrian Safety; Develop Community Wastewater Infrastructure; and Improve Cell and Broadband Infrastructure***. Each task force is working to create surveys to see the best way to serve the community, and the wastewater task force has drafted a non-binding resolution for Town Meeting, as you'll see in the Warning. These are only the first steps in an exciting process that will help ensure the growth and vibrancy of our community in the future. Don't forget that you can pick up a full report from the Community Visits program at the Clerk's office, and if you're interested in getting more involved with one of the task forces please let us know. The board would also like to extend a *huge* thank you to Alissa Hardy, whose work as Chair of the steering committee has kept us all moving forward together.

### **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 updates" under the resources tab. As always, warnings, agendas, minutes and other town information are available at the Center Post Office lobby, Village Post Office, and PSB/Library Lobby. Also, if you ever want to contact the board don't forget you can reach us at [montgomeryselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:montgomeryselectboard@gmail.com). Regular meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 6:30pm, held at the PSB Conference Room.

Respectfully,

The Montgomery Selectboard and Water Commission

Charlie Hancock, Chair

Darren Drevik, Vice Chair

Mark Brouillette

Jacob Racusin

Leanne Barnard

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2019**

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 5<sup>th</sup> of day of March, 2019 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 (Tim Murphy – term expires)
2. Accept the reports of Town Officers
3. “Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e?” (Deanna Robitaille – term expires 2021)
4. “Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?” (Erin Kopacz appointed following resignation of Deanna Robitaille)
5. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot (Jacob Racusin – term expires)
  - b. A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot (Charlie Hancock – term expires)
  - c. A Town Treasurer and Collector of Current Taxes, to fill the remainder of a three year term by ballot (Erin Kopacz appointed – term expires 2021)
  - d. A Lister for a term of three years by ballot (Rob Barnard, appointed to fill vacancy created by resignation of Deanna Robitaille – term expires)
  - e. A Lister for the remainder of a term of three years by ballot (Parma Jewett resigned - term expires 2020)
  - f. A First Constable for a term of two years (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 Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Vivian Deuso – term expires)
  - j. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Ann Purrier – term expires)
  - k. A Library Trustee for a term of three years (Marijke Dollois – term expires)
  - l. A Library Trustee for a term of three years (Jane Pressler – 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 (Alissa Hardy – term expires)
6. Shall the Town vote to establish a designated reserve account for Flood or Emergency Road repairs (currently included in Contingent Selectboard)?
7. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:
- a. Fire Department: 2018 - \$34,000; 2019 – same
  - b. Machinery Replacement Fund: 2018 - \$32,000; 2019 - \$27,000
  - c. Infrastructure Replacement Fund: 2018 - \$52,700; 2019 – same
  - d. Library Operating Expenses and Payroll: 2018 - \$19,032; 2019 – same
  - e. Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2018 - \$50,000; 2019 - \$30,000
  - f. Recreation Department: 2018 - \$20,000; 2019 – same
  - g. Reappraisal Fund: 2018 - \$8,000; 2019 – same
  - h. Conservation Commission: 2018 - \$750; 2019 – same
  - i. Emergency Management: 2018 - \$1,200; 2019 – same
  - j. Restoration of Records: 2018 - \$4,000; 2019 - \$0
  - k. Flood or Emergency Road Repairs: 2019 - \$5,000
8. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?
- a. Each Selectboard Member: 2018 - \$1,000 + thanks; 2019 – Same
  - b. Listers: 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> year members \$15.00/hr, 2<sup>nd</sup> year members \$18.00/hr.  
2019 – same
  - c. Board of Civil Authority: 2018 - \$10.00/hr.; 2019 – Vermont Minimum Wage
  - d. Board of Abatement: 2018 - \$10.00/hr.; 2019 - Vermont Minimum Wage
  - e. All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties, and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?
9. Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?
- a. Age Well (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging) 2018 - \$2,000; 2019 - requested \$2,000
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  - e. Missisquoi River Basin Association 2018 - \$500; 2019 – requested \$500
  - f. Green Up Day Vermont 2018 - \$100; 2019 – requested \$100

- g. Green Mountain Transit 2018 - \$568; 2018 – requested \$568
- h. Montgomery Center for the Arts 2018 - \$1,000; 2019 – requested \$1,000

10. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$601,703 for Contingent Selectboard? 2018 - \$458,758

11. Shall the Town vote to purchase a new Fire Tanker, and authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$240,000 for a term of 5 years, with the balance to be paid out of the Machinery Replacement fund?

12. Shall the Town vote to change the fiscal year from January 1 – December 31, to a fiscal year from July 1 - June 30, effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1683(c)?”

13. Shall the town vote to approve a half cent increase in the tax rate to be allotted to the Conservation Reserve Fund (established by the voters in 2018) in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804.

14. Shall the voters of The Town of Montgomery advise the Selectboard to support the exploration, through a feasibility study to be funded by a municipal planning grant, of the development of a municipal wastewater system to include the center and/or village?

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

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018 AD

Selectboard

  
Charlie Hancock, Chairman

  
Darren Drevik, Vice Chairman

  
Mark Brouillette

  
Jacob Racusin

  
Loanne Barnard

Attest:  Asst. Clerk Date: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019  
Deanna Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk/Treasurer



PROPOSED  
2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	CHANGE 19-18 BUDGET
1							
2	Unreserved Funds	\$135,128	\$105,135	\$105,135	-\$23,094	-\$23,094	(\$128,229)
3	<b>SUB TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$135,128</b>	<b>\$105,135</b>	<b>\$105,135</b>	<b>-\$23,094</b>	<b>-\$23,094</b>	<b>(\$128,229)</b>
4	Delinquent Taxes	\$109,722	\$85,503	\$69,435	\$75,002	\$77,898	\$8,463
5	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$24,647	\$24,773	\$20,000	\$21,285	\$20,000	\$0
6	State Aid - Roads	\$80,182	\$80,529	\$80,000	\$80,519	\$80,000	\$0
7	Water Dept Fee	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
8	Judicial Fines	\$923	\$450	\$0	\$66	\$0	\$0
9	Rent - US Postal Service	\$12,892	\$11,999	\$12,000	\$11,454	\$12,000	\$0
10	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0	\$2,200	\$1,100
11	Licenses & Vital Records	\$7,063	\$6,752	\$6,000	\$5,706	\$6,000	\$0
12	Recording Fees	\$6,151	\$8,558	\$7,500	\$8,098	\$7,500	\$0
13	Office Fees	\$1,434	\$2,043	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
14	Copier/Fax	\$357	\$123	\$100	\$337	\$100	\$0
15	Interest	\$251	\$353	\$250	\$844	\$250	\$0
16	Zoning Fees	\$2,220	\$2,430	\$2,000	\$1,818	\$2,000	\$0
17	Taxes on State Owned Land (e.g. State Forest et al.)	\$16,819	\$16,792	\$16,000	\$16,764	\$16,000	\$0
18	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$60,496	\$57,100	\$55,000	\$67,191	\$60,000	\$5,000
19	PILOT (State Garage)	\$1,518	\$1,605	\$1,500	\$1,687	\$1,500	\$0
20	Town Hall Revenue	\$2,000	\$860	\$250	\$300	\$250	\$0
21	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
22	Leased Land	\$1,080	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$0
23	Reprogrammed from Reserve Accounts	\$0	\$0	\$45,161	\$47,654	\$0	(\$45,161)
24	Miscellaneous	\$746	\$3,641	\$41,000	\$50,538	\$2,500	(\$38,500)
25	<b>SUB TOTAL LESS UNRESERVED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$337,600</b>	<b>\$315,870</b>	<b>\$370,056</b>	<b>\$402,021</b>	<b>\$300,958</b>	<b>(\$69,098)</b>
26	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
27	Other Grants	\$2,196	\$0	\$0	\$12,276	\$169,452	\$169,452
28	Federal Excise Tax Refund, Highway	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$3,000	(\$3,000)
29	<b>SUB TOTAL REVENUE LESS PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$474,924</b>	<b>\$421,005</b>	<b>\$481,191</b>	<b>\$391,203</b>	<b>\$450,316</b>	<b>(\$30,875)</b>
30	Property Taxes	\$491,247	\$644,363	\$688,630	\$568,086	\$808,875	\$120,246
31	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$966,170</b>	<b>\$1,065,368</b>	<b>\$1,169,821</b>	<b>\$959,289</b>	<b>\$1,259,192</b>	<b>\$89,370</b>

PROPOSED  
2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	CHANGE 19-18 BUDGET
32							
33	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
34	Town Officers	\$66,240	\$70,437	\$80,166	\$77,173	\$98,880	\$18,714
35	Social Security/Medicare	\$5,162	\$5,632	\$6,167	\$6,214	\$7,564	\$1,398
36	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$14,394	\$13,788	\$19,150	\$19,214	\$25,500	\$6,350
37	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$6,159	\$4,002	\$6,000	\$6,585	\$7,000	\$1,000
38	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/MERS (Clerk)	\$16,940	\$17,105	\$19,702	\$10,699	\$27,000	\$7,299
39	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$12,154	\$12,772	\$13,000	\$10,767	\$13,890	\$890
40	Ins-Property & Liability (All Dept except Water)	\$25,809	\$31,999	\$31,000	\$32,644	\$33,000	\$2,000
41	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$13,912	\$16,908	\$16,500	\$16,930	\$17,000	\$500
42	Town Office IT (Purchase and Support)	not broken out	\$8,301	\$5,000	\$6,408	\$6,500	\$1,500
43	Town Reports & Postage	\$1,221	\$1,207	\$1,500	\$2,332	\$1,500	\$0
44	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$5,730	\$4,846	\$10,000	\$7,047	\$10,000	\$0
45	Audit Services	\$3,100	\$10,100	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$22,000	\$12,000
46	Website	\$5,380	\$4,614	\$6,000	\$3,909	\$5,000	(\$1,000)
47	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$176,200</b>	<b>\$201,712</b>	<b>\$224,184</b>	<b>\$207,422</b>	<b>\$274,835</b>	<b>\$50,850</b>
48	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>						
49	County Tax	\$13,790	\$14,374	\$13,143	\$13,197	\$13,565	\$422
50	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,196	\$1,195	\$1,195	\$1,195	\$1,197	\$2
51	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$2,271	\$2,349	\$2,400	\$2,399	\$2,400	\$0
52	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$1,221	\$1,258	\$1,292	\$1,292	\$1,330	\$38
53	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$375	(\$375)
54	<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$18,853</b>	<b>\$19,176</b>	<b>\$18,780</b>	<b>\$18,833</b>	<b>\$18,867</b>	<b>\$87</b>
55	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
56	Debt service: Public Works Bldg Bond	\$35,904	\$35,400	\$35,400	\$34,694	\$35,400	\$0
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	\$22,880	\$22,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
59	Debt Service: Highway Loader	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$0	\$18,403	\$0	\$0
60	Debt Service: 2016 International	\$0	\$28,288	\$28,288	\$27,847	\$27,847	(\$441)
61	Debt Service: 2018 International	\$0	\$0	\$44,230	\$46,553	\$46,553	\$2,323
62	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$90,924</b>	<b>\$118,268</b>	<b>\$121,655</b>	<b>\$141,234</b>	<b>\$123,537</b>	<b>\$1,882</b>

PROPOSED  
2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	CHANGE 19-18 BUDGET
63							
64	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>						
65	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>						
66	Labor/Wages (Summer, Winter, Construction, Repair, Bridges)	\$118,251	\$117,109	\$120,000	\$126,825	\$137,531	\$17,531
67	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$63,104	\$58,306	\$70,000	\$58,963	\$56,076	(\$13,924)
68	Overtime	not broken out	\$12,052	\$14,000	\$10,788	\$12,792	(\$1,208)
69	Public Works Bldg Ops	\$15,175	\$15,412	\$15,000	\$12,988	\$14,000	(\$1,000)
70	Public Works Bldg Fuel	\$2,719	\$4,857	\$5,000	\$5,442	\$5,500	\$500
71	Materials(Sand/Gravel/Culverts etc)	\$61,961	\$64,285	\$70,000	\$82,584	\$80,000	\$10,000
72	Projects/Miscellaneous	\$4,313	\$606	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
73	Contracted Services	\$3,804	\$10,257	\$10,000	\$4,049	\$7,500	(\$2,500)
74	Machinery Rental	\$650	\$3,983	\$5,000	\$7,585	\$10,000	\$5,000
75	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$52,586	\$30,741	\$30,000	\$21,167	\$25,000	(\$5,000)
76	Diesel Fuel	\$20,224	\$27,247	\$25,000	\$31,317	\$32,000	\$7,000
77	<b>SUB TOTAL LABOR, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$342,786</b>	<b>\$344,854</b>	<b>\$364,000</b>	<b>\$361,708</b>	<b>\$389,399</b>	<b>\$25,399</b>
78	* Infrastructure Replacement (Bridges, Paving, Culverts etc)	\$25,000	\$87,000	\$52,700	\$52,700	\$52,700	\$0
79	Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
80	* Flood/Emergency Road Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,049	\$5,000	\$5,000
81	* Machinery Replacement	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$27,000	(\$5,000)
82	<b>SUB TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$387,786</b>	<b>\$441,854</b>	<b>\$448,700</b>	<b>\$450,457</b>	<b>\$499,099</b>	<b>\$50,399</b>
83	<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>						
84	Labor/wages	\$10,841	\$11,454	\$11,500	\$12,032	\$12,000	\$500
85	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$5,245	\$5,926	\$5,100	\$5,291	\$5,297	\$197
86	Office Building (Post Office)	\$8,021	\$5,465	\$6,500	\$4,819	\$6,000	(\$500)
87	Office Building Fuel (Post Office)	\$1,179	\$1,702	\$2,000	\$2,255	\$2,500	\$500
88	Town Hall - Grange	\$10,136	\$3,487	\$4,000	\$2,826	\$4,000	\$0
89	Town Hall Fuel	\$1,050	\$1,834	\$2,000	\$1,966	\$2,000	\$0
90	Public Safety Building / Library	\$9,193	\$8,064	\$9,000	\$10,523	\$9,000	\$0
91	Public Safety Building / Library Fuel	\$3,376	\$4,725	\$5,000	\$7,241	\$7,500	\$2,500
92	Street Lights	\$13,852	\$13,933	\$14,000	\$13,676	\$14,000	\$0
93	Mowing / Grounds	\$5,610	\$6,792	\$6,400	\$5,516	\$6,000	(\$400)
94	<b>SUB TOTAL BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$68,500</b>	<b>\$63,382</b>	<b>\$65,500</b>	<b>\$66,145</b>	<b>\$68,297</b>	<b>\$2,797</b>
95	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maintenance Fund	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	(\$20,000)
96	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$506,286</b>	<b>\$530,236</b>	<b>\$564,200</b>	<b>\$566,602</b>	<b>\$597,396</b>	<b>\$33,196</b>



PROPOSED  
2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	CHANGE 19-18 BUDGET
97							
98	OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND EXPENSE CTRS						
99	MISCELLANEOUS						
100	Delinquent Taxes	\$100,841	\$99,529	\$99,529	\$111,209	\$111,209	\$11,680
101	Licenses & Vital Records	\$3,380	\$3,517	\$3,500	\$3,061	\$3,000	(\$500)
102	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$7,636	\$4,142	\$6,500	\$5,846	\$6,500	\$0
103	Miscellaneous	\$3,827	\$1,756	\$7,500	\$1,922	\$2,000	(\$5,500)
104	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,683</b>	<b>\$108,945</b>	<b>\$117,029</b>	<b>\$122,038</b>	<b>\$122,709</b>	<b>\$5,680</b>
105	* Reappraisal Fund	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
106	* Restoration of Records	\$0	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	(\$4,000)
107	* Conservation Reserve Fund				\$803	\$800	
108	<b>SUB TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$127,683</b>	<b>\$117,445</b>	<b>\$129,029</b>	<b>\$134,038</b>	<b>\$131,509</b>	<b>\$2,480</b>
109	TOWN DEPARTMENTS						
110	* Library Operating Expense	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$19,032	\$19,032	\$19,032	\$0
111	* Police/Constable Operating Expenses	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
112	* Recreation Operating Expenses	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
113	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$0
114	Rescue Operating Expenses and Contracted Services	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$28,800	\$24,424	\$29,376	\$576
115	* Conservation Operating Expenses, Speakers, and Projects	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
116	* Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
117	<b>SUB TOTAL DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>\$97,267</b>	<b>\$100,967</b>	<b>\$103,782</b>	<b>\$99,406</b>	<b>\$104,358</b>	<b>\$576</b>
118	<b>TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS &amp; EXPENSE CTRS</b>	<b>\$224,950</b>	<b>\$218,412</b>	<b>\$232,811</b>	<b>\$233,444</b>	<b>\$235,867</b>	<b>\$3,056</b>
119	SOCIAL AGENCY REQUESTS						
120	* Age Well formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
121	* Franklin County Home Health	\$2,402	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$0
122	* Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
123	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
124	* Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
125	* Green Up Day Vermont	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
126	* Green Mountain Transit	\$568	\$0	\$568	\$568	\$568	\$0
127	* Montgomery Center for the Arts		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
128	* VCRD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
129	<b>TOTAL REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$6,370</b>	<b>\$7,322</b>	<b>\$8,190</b>	<b>\$8,190</b>	<b>\$8,690</b>	<b>\$500</b>
130							
131	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,023,584</b>	<b>\$1,095,127</b>	<b>\$1,169,821</b>	<b>\$1,176,725</b>	<b>\$1,259,192</b>	<b>\$89,370</b>
	* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting						
	Contingent Selectboard = (TOTAL 2019 EXPENSES at Line 131) minus ((2019 REVENUES LESS PROPERTY TAXES at Line 29) plus (total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on or highlighted by asterisk * ))						
	Contingent Selectboard =	\$601,703					

## 2019 Proposed Budget Percentage Breakdown

### Proposed Municipal Budget Revenue

Non-Property Tax Revenue	\$450,316.00	35.76%
Property Taxes	\$808,875.00	64.24%
<b>Total Municipal Budget</b>	<b>\$1,259,191.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Proposed Municipal Budget Percentages By Major Expense Category

Administration	\$274,835.00	21.83%
Assessments	\$18,867.00	1.50%
Debt Service	\$123,537.00	9.81%
Highways	\$499,099.00	39.64%
Buildings and Grounds	\$68,297.00	5.42%
Bld Capital Improvement	\$30,000.00	2.38%
Library	\$19,032.00	1.51%
Recreation	\$20,000.00	1.59%
Fire	\$34,000.00	2.70%
Conservation Commission	\$750.00	0.06%
Emergency Management	\$1,200.00	0.10%
Misc Expense Centers	\$160,885.00	12.78%
Social Agency Requests	\$8,690.00	0.69%
<b>Total Municipal Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,259,192.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Proposed Municipal School Budgets

Total Proposed School Budget	\$2,720,817.00	68.36%
Total Proposed Municipal Budget	\$1,259,192.00	31.64%
<b>Total 2019 Town Budget</b>	<b>\$3,980,009.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE SINCE 1993					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL ** AGREEMENT TAX RATE	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
		Vet. Exempt.		(Set by State)	
	*	**			
2019 Projected					
Homestead	\$0.5034	\$0.0017	\$0.5051	\$1.1686	\$1.6737
Non-Homestead	\$0.5034	\$0.0017	\$0.5051	\$1.5794	\$2.0845
2018 Actual					
Homestead	0.4298	0.0016	\$0.4314	1.1881	\$1.6195
Non-Homestead	0.4298	0.0016	\$0.4314	1.5794	\$2.0108
2017 Actual					
Homestead	0.4368	\$0.0014	\$0.4382	\$1.2650	\$1.7032
Non-Homestead	0.4368	\$0.0014	\$0.4382	\$1.5280	\$1.9662
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					



**Kittell Branagan & Sargent**

*Certified Public Accountants*

Vermont License #167

February 15, 2019

To the Selectboard  
Town of Montgomery, Vermont

This letter is to update you as to the status of the Town of Montgomery, Vermont's audit for the year ended December 31, 2017.

As of the date of this letter, we have completed our fieldwork for the financial audit and have begun the work necessary to finalize the financial statements. Our schedule is to have a completed copy of the financial statements prepared so that final copies of the audit reports are available by March 31, 2019, for any resident of the Town to review.

Sincerely,

KITTELL, BRANAGAN & SARGENT

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - LIABILITIES**  
**As of 12/31/18**

**Public Works**

<u>Public Works Building Bond:</u> (Final Year – 2030)	Bank of New York – Principal \$300,000	
	Payment due 6/01/19	\$ 4,289.45
	Payment due 12/1/19	\$29,289.45
<u>2016 International Truck:</u> (Final Year – 2021)	Community Bank – Principal \$78,000	
	Payment due 5/30/19	\$28,200.00
	(Estimated Interest Included – 2,200.00)	
<u>2018 International Truck:</u> (Final Year – 2022)	Community Bank – Principal \$191,956	
	Payment due 12/23/19 *Paid Jan 2019	\$40,489.00

**Water Department**

Water Project: USDA-Rural Development

Bond #1: Final Year 2041	Principal Balance \$116,933.80	
	Payment due 5/13/19	\$ 3,758.00
	Payment due 11/13/19	3,758.00
Bond #2: Final Year 2041	Principal Balance \$288,444.99	
	Payment due 5/13/19	\$10,625.00
	Payment due 11/13/19	10,625.00
Bond #3: Final Year 2047	Principal Balance \$280,663.52	
	Payment due 6/10/19	\$ 8,718.00
	Payment due 12/10/19	8,718.00



**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY****Officer Salaries - 2018****SELECTBOARD**

Charles Hancock	\$1,000.00
Mark Brouillette	\$1,000.00
Darren Drevik	\$1,000.00
Leanne Barnard	\$1,000.00
Jacob Racusin	\$1,000.00
Elizabeth Reighley - Clerk	\$530.26
Suzanne Dollois - Assistant	\$817.50

\$6,347.76

**TOWN CLERK & TREASURER**

Deanna-Dee Robitaille	Clerk	\$18,492.51
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	Treasurer	\$8,729.63
Erin Kopacz	Treasurer	\$7,421.88
Elizabeth Reighley	Assistant	\$21,702.72
Joey Buttendorf	Assistant	\$4,244.89

\$60,591.63

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR**

Anita Woodward 4% of Delq Tax collected

\$6,820.50

**LISTERS**

Lynda Cluba	\$4,828.50
Parma Jewett	\$5,665.50
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$1,672.00
Rob Barnard	\$1,380.00

\$13,546.00

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Christina Bilodeau	\$1,426.50
Berry Kade	\$41.94
Ellen Fox	\$1,776.25

\$3,244.69

**BCA/ELECTIONS**

Misty McCartney

\$147.00

**DOG OFFICER**

Keith Sampietro	\$15.00
Lynda Cluba	\$107.25

\$122.25

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Sue Wilson

\$150.00

**CONSTABLE**

Brent Godin

\$1,064.00

**Total Town Officers Payroll:****\$92,033.83****PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Michael Snider	Public Works Director	\$53,853.18
Lawrence Kneen III	Road Foreman	\$20,766.27
Mark Guilmette	Road Crew	\$42,962.76
Shane Reed	Road Foreman	\$27,709.75
Robert Baker	Road Crew	\$246.50
Joseph Michaud	Snow Removal	\$651.00

**Total Public Works Payroll:****\$146,189.46**

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY**  
**2018 Report of Reserve Funds**

**Restoration of Records**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	27,417.58
	<u>27,417.58</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	
Revenue	
Expenses	
	<u>22,921.56</u>

**Reappraisal**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	39,862.49
	<u>39,862.49</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	39,862.49
Revenue	16,202.50
Expenses	0
	<u>56,064.99</u>

**Infrastructure Replacement**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	-31,967.46
	<u>-31,967.46</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	-31,967.46
Revenue	52,700.00
Expenses	-241.88
	<u>20,490.66</u>

**Capitol Improvement**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	27,073.84
	<u>27,073.84</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	27,073.84
Revenue	50,000.00
Expenses	0.00
	<u>77,073.84</u>

**Machinery Replacement**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	10,590.43
	<u>10,590.43</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	10,590.43
Revenue	32,000.00
Expenses	0.00
	<u>42,590.43</u>

**Police**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	244.75
	<u>244.75</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	244.75
Revenue	0
Expenses	-244.75
	<u>0.00</u>

**Conservation Commission**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	8,923.30
	<u>8,923.30</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	8,923.30
Revenue	3,046.80
Expenses	-1,226.66
	<u>10,743.44</u>
<i>* see budget for detail</i>	

**Community Gardens**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	1,244.42
	<u>1,244.42</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	1,244.42
Revenue	1103
Expenses	-848
	<u>1,499.42</u>

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY**  
**2018 Report of Reserve Funds**

<u>Hectorville Bridge Committee</u>		<u>Emergency Management</u>	
<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>		<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	
Reserve	2738.28	Reserve	2,396.76
	<u>2738.28</u>		<u>2,396.76</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>		<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	
Previous Balance	2738.28	Previous Balance	2,396.76
Revenue	0	Revenue	1200
Expenses	<u>-2,738.28</u>	Expenses	<u>-3909.2</u>
	<u>0.00</u>		<u>-312.44</u>
<b><u>Total Reserve Funds Balance:</u></b>		<b><u>231,071.90</u></b>	

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY**  
**2018 Report of Unreserved Funds**  
General Fund Checking Account

Bank Statement Balance	406,629.71
Outstanding Deposits	67,650.97
Outstanding Checks	<u>-144,833.46</u>
<b>Checking Balance:</b>	<u>329,447.22</u>

**Summary of All Reserve Balances**

Fire	33514.32
Recreation	50692
Library	<u>37263</u>
<b>Department Reserve Balance: * see budgets</b>	<u>121,469.32</u>
<b>Reserves Fund Balance: *see report</b>	<u>231,071.90</u>
<b>Total of all Reserve Funds:</b>	<u>352,541.22</u>
<b>Total Unreserved Funds:</b>	<u>-23,094.00</u>

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018**

NAME	PARCEL ID	TAX AMOUNT
<b>2017 TAXES</b>		
**171234 Canada Inc.	00303.008X	\$ 3,063.46
Banks, Sandra	00010.012X	\$ 448.94
**Davidson, Dale and Savoy, Dawn	0S118.157X	\$ 4,583.21
**Flaherty, Ted	00242.054B	\$ 2,866.72
Francis, Andrew	00019.020X	\$ 3,511.64
Kaja Holdings 2, LLC	00058.009X	\$ 2,021.25
Manchester, Stewart	00001.044X	\$ 4,030.71
Mills, Leo and Diane	0N118.036X	\$ 1,602.72
Morrell, Robert and Sandra	0S118.175A	\$ 2,062.65
<b>TOTAL 2017 TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 24,191.30</b>
<b>2018 TAXES</b>		
171234 Canada Inc.	00303.008X	\$ 3,411.91
Abramowitz, Michael and June	00018.005X	\$ 1,572.55
Banks, Sandra	00001.008X	\$ 668.20
Barkyoub, Ronald and Sandra	00058.059X	\$ 478.26
Beemer, Teresa	00051.012X	\$ 1,962.34
Bergeron, Craig and Desiree	00028.065X	\$ 705.29
*Birrell, Emily and Altrui, Jeffrey	00005.015X	\$ 6,431.35
Butterfield, Grant and Suzanne	00303.007X	\$ 2,976.05
Cota, Marty, Dana and James	00018.024X	\$ 396.90
**Darlyn, Inc.	0N118.024X	\$ 5,227.31
Davidson, Dale, Savoy, Dawn and Eric	0S118.157X	\$ 2,757.23
Dentone, Archie and Diane	00042.020X	\$ 2,987.88
Deuso, Alan and Sandra	00043.004X	\$ 1,382.51
Deuso, Alan and Sandra	00043.012X	\$ 2,546.11
Deuso, Olive - c/o Allen Deuso	00043.014X	\$ 9.86
*Dollois, Suzanne	00025.013B	\$ 1,073.00
Domina, Kenneth and Pudvah, Kathy	00001.011X	\$ 1,303.63
Duculon, Stacey	00011.036X	\$ 2,363.89
Federal National Mortgage Association	00011.038X	\$ 2,106.31
Flaherty, Ted	00242.054B	\$ 2,875.47
Fleckenstein, Sandra and Abramowitz, Michael	00018.011X	\$ 1,318.41
**Fleming, Danielle	00012.039X	\$ 597.39
Francis, Andrew	00019.020X	\$ 3,522.35
**Gadpaille, Eric	00301.001X	\$ 2,881.39
**Gadpaille, Eric	00301.010X	\$ 1,822.32
Gendron, Nicole	00011.052A	\$ 329.36
Gratton, Raymond	00033.077A	\$ 112.42
**Gratton, Raymond, Alphonse and Anne	00033.077X	\$ 2,463.27
*Green, Justin	0N118.056X	\$ 874.67
Hill, Susan	00242.097X	\$ 1,051.25
Kaja Holdings 2 LLC	00058.009X	\$ 2,027.42
Lantern Keepers, LLC	0N118.138X	\$ 9,473.89
Lareau, Matthew	00012.006B	\$ 940.74
Leach, Nancy	00012.048Z	\$ 1,295.74
* Lucia, Jeremy and Penny	00030.008X	\$ 262.30
Lumbra, Dale	00033.058X	\$ 1,098.02
Malaussena, William	0S118.135X	\$ 1,258.26
Manchester, Stewart	00001.044X	\$ 4,043.02

Mandigo, Edwin	00242.007X	\$ 1,028.54
Manosh, Roland and Peggy	0S118.178X	\$ 692.25
Marshall, Henry and Sherry	00020.046X	\$ 1,841.30
McDonald, Ryan	0S118.013X	\$ 2,920.82
Mills, Leo and Diane	0N118.036X	\$ 1,491.01
Morrell, Robert and Sandra	0S118.175A	\$ 1,965.67
Nalette, Sean	00028.019X	\$ 1,130.07
*Nolan, Christopher and Erin	0N118.184X	\$ 399.92
Orndorff, James	00020.017X	\$ 1,159.66
Patrick, Kathleen	00242.021X	\$ 2,859.70
Pattullo, Christopher	00058.028X	\$ 901.30
**Peel, Diane and Arcoleo, Adam	00242.117X	\$ 832.42
Perry, Nonna	00010.005X	\$ 635.05
Perry, Nonna	00010.007X	\$ 264.27
Robitaille, Jacques	0N118.093X	\$ 1,855.22
Robitaille, Rosaire and Rachel	0N118.095X	\$ 768.08
Shimek, Joseph	0N118.134X	\$ 1,806.53
**Snider, Lisa Carr	0S118.006X	\$ 1,175.93
TD Bank	0N118.021X	\$ 178.83
Van Billiard, Reed	00058.073X	\$ 3,801.22
**Waterhouse, Jason	00025.013A	\$ 1,055.13
**Williams, Harold and Cheryl	00050.004X	\$ 456.95
Wilson, Peter and Michelle	00019.037X	\$ 1,640.87
Woodworth, Nicole	00242.092X	\$ 1,811.83
<b>TOTAL 2018 TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 111,280.84</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXES DUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019</b>		<b>\$ 135,472.14</b>
*Paid in full between January 1 and January 28, 2019		
**Partial paid between January 1 and January 28, 2019		

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2018**

<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>NNING ICE TAX DUE</u></b>	<b><u>TAX COLLECTED</u></b>	<b><u>BALANCE DUE</u></b>	<b><u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u></b>	<b><u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u></b>
2015	\$1,885.21	\$ 1,885.21	\$0.00	\$ 150.82	\$ 565.71
2016	\$8,637.86	\$ 8,637.86	\$0.00	\$ 691.01	\$ 1,179.75
2017	\$88,669.99	\$ 64,478.69	\$24,191.30	\$5,158.22	\$4,199.66
2018	<u>\$208,343.57</u>	<u>\$ 97,062.73</u>	<u>\$111,280.84</u>	<u>\$7,764.94</u>	<u>\$1,574.52</u>
TOTALS	\$307,536.63	\$172,064.49	\$135,472.14	\$ 13,764.99	\$ 7,519.64

Taxes Collected: \$172,064.49

8% Penalty Collected: \$ 13,764.99

Interest Collected: \$ 7,519.64

Total Paid to the Treasurer in 2018 by A. Woodward: \$193,349.12

## **MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **State of the Fire Department**

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The Montgomery Fire Department responded to a total of 42 calls in 2018 and has seen a substantial increase in call volume for the fifth consecutive year. Our volunteers have met the challenge, and continue to train and maintain operational readiness, to serve both our community and the mutual aid requests from surrounding departments. Our roster currently stands at sixteen members, of which, seven are Pro-Board Certified Firefighter I or II through the Vermont Fire Academy. This is one of the highest ratios of certification for a volunteer department in Vermont!

This year we replaced eight expired carbon fiber air tanks for our SCBA's (air packs) and purchased a second 4-gas meter. We also mounted a dual purpose deck gun/ground monitor and two SCBA mounts on Engine 1 for a faster and more efficient fire attack. We have identified a potential site for a new dry hydrant in our Westfield coverage area and hope to have it installed this summer.

Our Tanker is a 1986 International which has served the town both as a plow truck for years and a converted tanker. Unfortunately it must be retired as the frame is failing and the past 32 years have taken their toll on this truck. This year we are planning to place an order for a new Tanker with a baffled 2000-gallon tank, automatic transmission, pumping/drafting capability, as well as more horsepower to climb the steep hills of our coverage area. A new tanker will better serve our needs with larger water capacity, faster response time, and safer operation to meet the steadily increasing call volume.

We would like to thank our community for all of the donations and continued support we receive. We consider it an honor to serve in times of need.

Thank you,

Doug Kopacz

Lieutenant/Training Officer, MFD

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2019 BUDGET**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Budget 18/19</b>
Town of Montgomery	28,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	0
Town of Westfield	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	6,966	4,000	10,038	4,000	0
Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Reserve Funds		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>38,966</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>48,038</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Payroll	500	4,000	500	4000	0
Social Security	38	300	38	300	0
Office supplies	107	250	347	250	0
Training	735	1,250	1,148	1,250	0
Telephone	164	700	374	700	0
Association Dues	365	700	637	700	0
Dispatch Fees	5,537	11,300	11,295	11,690	390
New Equipment	5,500	6,000	7,440	6,000	0
Vehicle Repairs	9,231	5,500	7,464	5,500	0
Vehicle Fuel	378	500	298	500	0
Radio Repair	1,767	2,200	1,317	2,200	0
Building Maintenance	1,467	500	444	500	0
Fundraising Expense	1,643	2,000	1,638	2,000	0
Miscellaneous	2,061	2,800	1,527	2,410	-390
Dry Hydrant Reserve	0	4,000	0	4000	0
Equipment Replacement	0	0	9,190	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>29,492</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>43,658</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**Reserve Fund**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/18**

Reserve	24,438.32	
Dry Hydrant	4,696.00	
Capital Improvement	0	
		<u>29,134.32</u>

**Ending Balance 12/31/18**

Beginning Reserve	24,438.32	
Revenue-Expenses	4,380.00	
Current Reserve	28,818.32	
Dry Hydrant	4,696.00	
Capital Improvement	0	
Ending Fund Balance		<u>33,514.32</u>

**Report of Activities**

<b>Structure Fire</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Mutual Aid Structure</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Chimney</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Brush Fire</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Fire</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Alarm Activation</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Gas Detection</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Medical Assist</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total Calls</b>	<u><b>42</b></u>





*"Praise Recreation!" – Jim Abbott*

## 2018 REPORT

The Montgomery Recreation Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the coaches, instructors, parents, volunteers, donors, umpires, refs, yearly and seasonal staff for your dedication and commitment throughout the year.

### 2018 HIGHLIGHTS:

Ice Skating: Ice skating has moved up to the Ice Haus Tuesday and Wednesday at Jay Peak for the 2018/2019 winter season. Public skate is free for Montgomery residents.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: Montgomery was once again the spot to be for the fourth of July. The parade was a success followed by music from Missisquoi River Band and a chicken bbq at the rec center. The Fire Dept once again did a great job with the bbq and all money generated from this event went to support 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.

Multi Use Trail System/ Pump Track: Work began in 2018 on the multi use path that connects the school to the rec center. A bridge was built and the trail has some really fun berms and other features. It is a big hit with the day camp bikers. Work was also done to the old pumphouse site at the rec center. The fencing was taken down and a great pump track was hand built by Members of The grateful Treads Mountain bike club.

Riverwalk: The VYCC spent a week at Riverwalk Park (thanks in part to a grant from the Missisquoi / Trout Wild and Scenic River.) While there the crew built a stone staircase that leads down the steep bank to the beach and also did work to the trail that leads to the beach on the West Hill Brook.

### FUNDRAISING IN 2018:

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.

#### WHATS NEW:

The rec dept plans to continue to fundraise and leverage its existing funds to seek new grants to raise money for projects in 2019. A new roof is needed on the pavilion and the tennis courts also need maintenance. More trails are also being planned for the rec center and there is also a possibility day camp will become a five day affair. More info on these topics and more as the summer approaches.

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

Nelson Mayhew

Peg Doheny

Lisa Perry

Corbin Erwin

Marsha Phillips

Lily Powers

Brendan O'Shea

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2019 BUDGET  
RECERATION DEPARTMENT**

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Budget 18/19</b>
Town of Montgomery	22,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Rentals	22,800	2,000	300	2,000	0
Summer Sessions	10,789	8,000	9,446	8,500	500
Arts For the Parks	5,893	5,500	9,249	7,000	1,500
Projected Activities	881	1,500		1,500	0
Guidebook	1,461	500	1,119	500	0
Grants			5,000	12,500	12,500
Use of Reserve / Misc	0		1,485	7,042	7,042
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>63,824</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>46,598</b>	<b>59,042</b>	<b>21,542</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Payroll & SS	7,651	11,625	11,163	11,627	2
Office & Postage	146	100	28	50	-50
Telephone & Internet	963	950	970	950	0
Electricity	905	950	798	950	0
Heating Fuel	520	1,300	575	1,000	-300
Water	260	340	450	340	0
Equipment	0	500	79	350	-150
Building Maintenance	1,640	2,000	75	15,000	13,000
Port-o-lets	1,248	1,300	1,168	1,300	0
Rubbish Removal	540	575	540	575	0
Grounds Maintenance	887	700	2,522	500	-200
Lawn Care	4,255	4,500	4,311	4,500	0
Tennis Maintenance	3,168	500		9,200	8,700
Activities	739	410		400	-10
Skating Rink	323	500		0	-500
Daycamp	562	700	262	550	-150
Summer Sessions	7,695	8,000	7,718	8,000	0
Playground & Riverwalk Projects	0	0			0
Fundraising Exp	<i>not previously broken out</i>		1,200	1,200	1,200
Capital Improv/Playground Fund	21,630	2,000	7,500	2,000	0
Miscellaneous	410	300	1,317	300	0
Guidebook Reimbursement	896	250	559	250	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>54,438</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>41,235</b>	<b>59,042</b>	<b>21,542</b>

**Reserve Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/2018:</b>	Capital Improvement	23,130	
	Reserve	22,198	
	Beginning Balance		<u>45,328</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2018:</b>	Beginning Reserve	22,198	
	Revenue-Expenses	5,364	
	Current Reserve	27,562	
	Capital Improvement	23,130	
	Ending Fund Balance		<u>50,692</u>



## *Montgomery Town Library*

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January 30, 2019

Our library is a successful and bright spot in our town and continues to be a popular place for patrons to browse our book and DVD collections, use the computers and relax in comfy chairs to read or work on their laptops. Circulation is steady with an increase in the number of patrons borrowing e-books and audio books using Overdrive, available through the Green Mountain Library Consortium.

Marlene has been busy this year promoting the library with new programs and keeping the library collections up-to-date, scheduling volunteer hours and taking care of the administration. She is a fount of information to our patrons and is adept at researching for answers and the best buys on-line. The library is in very good hands with Marlene on board!

Our library is participating in THE GREAT AMERICAN READ, which is an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the prism of American's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey). The library had most of the books on the shelves, but thanks to a grant from the Friends of the Library we were able to complete the collection – all shelved on a book cart with clear signage – ready to be borrowed.

The library continues to co-host programs with The Child Parent Center (formerly Building Brighter Futures); it's amazing how many small children are in our town who participate! The Summer Reading Program with the theme "Libraries Rock" was a huge success with a large attendance at the pizza party on the final day. The monthly book-to-film program continues to be very popular with regular participation. The Friends of the Library hosted another writing contest in the Fall with the topic "Mystery of the Lost..." for Montgomery's 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Thanks to the Friends of the Montgomery Town Library and the grant of a generous donor the Library has received 4 new computers, monitors and printer for public use. The Library Board had planned on replacing the old computers over a period of 4 years, one by one, as they were slow and required constant maintenance at a substantial annual cost. Now the Library has the fastest computers in the County, connected by WiFi to the printers, and they provide savings in the budget. The Friends of the Montgomery Town Library was able to secure this grant made in honor of Rosalind and Sidney Sundell, former residents of Montgomery Center, who believed the tools of literacy and learning should be available to everyone in the community.

We are excited to offer a new service (the first in the State!) free with your library card – **Kanopy**, an on-demand streaming video platform for public libraries and universities that offers viewers a large collection of award-winning films and documentaries. Kanopy includes children's programming with its subdivision Kanopy Kids. Over 30,000 films entirely free with your library card.

The library has hosted twice this year a book sale for the Friends of the Library, which has proven to be a very popular fundraising event; we see many folk who do not regularly use the library come in to buy books and it also provides an opportunity to sign in new patrons.

Our biggest fundraiser – the silent auction in July – continues to be the major source of funding the operating costs of the library; it was a huge success this year thanks to all the donors and volunteers and especially to Darren and Lynne Drevik of Phineas Swann for hosting.

All operating expenses are paid for through fundraising, such as our annual auction, personal donations, the Eastman Foundation Grant, and supporting financial help from the Friends of the Library – without these generous contributions the library could not operate. Nor could we do without the work of Marlene and the time that our volunteers put in to help keep the library open and, of course, the enthusiastic support of our patrons. Thank you all!

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 - 2019 BUDGET

## LIBRARY

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Change
<u>Revenue</u>	2017	2018	2018	2019	Budget 18/19
Town of Montgomery	18,917	19,032	19,032	19,032	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	4,857	4,475	4,553	4,475	0
Memorial Gifts	21,781			0	0
Auction	9,972	9,000	10,494	9,000	0
Grants	2,750	2,500	3,000	2,500	0
Use of Reserve Funds	0	3,839	2,827	2,064	-1,775
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>58,277</b>	<b>38,846</b>	<b>39,906</b>	<b>37,071</b>	<b>-1,775</b>
<u>Expenses</u>					
Payroll & SS & Benefits	18,597	19,871	19,910	19,871	0
Supplies	502	400	666	700	300
Fundraising Expenses	1,318	1,550	1,300	1,500	-50
Postage	258	475	699	600	125
Mileage Reimbursement	92	250	82	150	-100
Utilities(Phone & Internet)	427	500	457	500	0
Equipment & Repairs	704	2,900	4,392	900	-2,000
Book Supplies	1,113	1,100	1,014	700	-400
Furniture & Shelving	746	700	161	1,000	300
Building Maintenance	388	400	1,318	400	0
Programming	1,584	2,000	1,634	1,500	-500
Capitol Improvement Fund	21,781	0	0		0
Workshops & Memberships	764	1,000	1,092	1,200	200
Books & Subscriptions	5,193	4,900	6,302	6,200	1,300
Miscellaneous	482	300	878	550	250
Movie Streaming	<i>not previously broken out</i>			700	700
Web Design & Maintenance	<i>not previously broken out</i>			600	600
Grant Expenditures	2,039	2,500			-2,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>55,988</b>	<b>38,846</b>	<b>39,906</b>	<b>37,071</b>	<b>-1,775</b>

## Reserve Fund

### Beginning Balance 01/01/2018:

Reserve	18,309
Capitol Improvement	21,781
Beginning Balance	<u>40,090</u>

### Ending Balance 12/31/2018:

Beginning Reserve	18,309
Revenue-Expenses	<u>-2,827</u>
Current Reserve	15,482
Capitol Improvement	<u>21,781</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>37,263</u>

	Budget	Actual	Proposed Budget	Change Budget
	2018	12/10/2018	2019	2018-19
<b><u>REVENUE:</u></b>				
Town support	19,032	0	19,032	0
Book sales	0	14	0	0
Late fees	175	131	175	0
Copier/Printer	200	174	200	0
Fund raising	4,000	3,745	4,000	0
Auction	9,000	10,494	9,000	0
Memorial gifts	0	0	0	0
Replacement/Lost items	0	0	0	0
Misc. revenue	100	343	100	0
Grants	2,500	3,000	2,500	0
Reserve funds	1,339	0	2,164	825
<b>Total revenue:</b>	<b>36,346</b>	<b>17,901</b>	<b>37,171</b>	<b>825</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES - Personnel:</u></b>				
Librarian wages	17,680	16,189	17,680	0
Janitor	780	750	780	0
FICA, Medi	1,411	1,296	1,411	0
	<b>19,871</b>	<b>18,235</b>	<b>19,871</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES - Operating:</u></b>				
Book Supplies	1,100	689	700	(400)
Office Supplies	400	666	700	300
Fundraising Expenses	1,500	1,300	1,500	0
Postage	400	517	600	200
Shipping/Handling	75	87	100	25
Mileage Reimbursement	250	82	150	(100)
Telephone	500	382	500	0
Garbage Removal	200	200	200	0
Equipment	2,500	2,877	300	(2,200)
Equipment repair & maintenance	400	1,515	500	100
Furniture	700	162	1,000	300
Building Maintenance	200	1,043	200	0
Programming	2,000	924	1,500	(500)
Printing	50	0	50	0
Professional Education	300	35	200	(100)
Professional membership	700	1,057	1,000	300
Capital improvements	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions	200	129	200	0
Replacement	100	137	100	0
Miscellaneous	300	176	500	200
Movie streaming	0	0	700	700
Web design & maintenance	0	42	600	600
	<b>11,875</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>(575)</b>

Books: Children	300	521	400	100
Books: Adult	3,000	3,119	4,000	1,000
Books: Young Adult	600	281	700	100
DVD's	700	799	900	200
	<u>4,600</u>	<u>4,720</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,400</u>
<b>Total - Operating Expenses:</b>	<b><u>16,475</u></b>	<b><u>16,698</u></b>	<b><u>17,300</u></b>	<b><u>825</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses - Personnel &amp; Operating:</b>	<b>36,346</b>	<b>34,933</b>	<b>37,171</b>	<b>825</b>
<b>Total Revenue less Total Expenses:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(17,032)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2019 BUDGET  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Budget 18/19</b>
Town of Montgomery	750	750	750	750	0
Fundraisers	116	200	462	200	0
Membership	2,360	1,800	1,835	1,800	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Reserve / Misc	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,226</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>3,047</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Event Guests & Speakers	75	1,800	625	1,800	0
Event Supplies	20	250	113	250	0
Postage	130	200	71	200	0
Printing	301	200	83	200	0
Fundraising Costs	0	200	235	200	0
Membership Fees	0	100	100	100	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>0</b>

**Reserve Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/2018:</b>	8,923	
	<u>8,923</u>	<u>8,923</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/20</b>		
Beginning Reserve	8,923	
Revenue-Expenses	<u>1,820</u>	
Ending Fund Balance		<u>10,743</u>



# TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2019 WATER DEPT BUDGET

Adopted Water Commission January 7th 2019							
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Change Budget
Revenues	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2018-19
Water Usage Fees	\$56,848	\$67,000	\$62,100	\$65,000	\$70,876	\$65,000	\$0.00
Interest	\$63	\$50	\$39	\$25	\$32	\$25	\$0.00
Service Fees	\$1,590	\$500	\$2,239	\$500	\$79	\$500	\$0.00
Use of Reserve Funds	\$19,826	\$4,530	\$19,088	\$6,365	\$5,046	\$7,965	\$1,600.00
<b>Operations Sub Total</b>	<b>\$78,327</b>	<b>\$72,080</b>	<b>\$83,467</b>	<b>\$71,890</b>	<b>\$76,034</b>	<b>\$73,490</b>	
User Bond Receipts	\$31,854	\$32,000	\$36,032	\$32,000	\$33,852	\$34,000	\$2,000.00
Town of Montgomery	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0.00
<b>Bond Sub Total</b>	<b>\$45,591</b>	<b>\$45,737</b>	<b>\$49,769</b>	<b>\$45,737</b>	<b>\$47,589</b>	<b>\$47,737</b>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$123,918</b>	<b>\$117,817</b>	<b>\$133,236</b>	<b>\$117,627</b>	<b>\$123,623</b>	<b>\$121,227</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
Expenses							
Town Admin Assess	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0.00
Tech equip/support	\$9,113	\$2,000	\$10,453	\$3,000	\$4,759	\$3,000	\$0.00
Utilities	\$12,858	\$13,000	\$11,302	\$11,000	\$11,164	\$9,500	-\$1,500.00
Contracted Services	\$37,220	\$38,040	\$44,332	\$40,000	\$44,387	\$45,000	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$378	\$500	\$728	\$500	\$262	\$500	\$0.00
Tools	\$0	\$500	\$1,011	\$500	\$31	\$500	\$0.00
Water Testing	\$660	\$600	\$400	\$500	\$455	\$500	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$895	\$1,000	\$1,160	\$1,000	\$1,023	\$1,100	\$100.00
Equipment/Spares	\$2,601	\$2,000	\$628	\$2,000	\$1,126	\$2,000	\$0.00
Facilities Maintenance	\$6,063	\$2,750	\$5,948	\$2,500	\$4,202	\$2,500	\$0.00
VT Fees	\$593	\$600	\$897	\$800	\$515	\$800	\$0.00
Association Dues	\$210	\$225	\$220	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$0.00
Chemicals	\$124	\$400	\$956	\$400	\$273	\$400	\$0.00
Annual Bond Payment	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$123,917</b>	<b>\$117,817</b>	<b>\$133,238</b>	<b>\$117,627</b>	<b>\$123,623</b>	<b>\$121,227</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
Beginning Balance 01/01/18							
Checking	\$6,424						
Savings	\$88,752						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95,176</b>						
Ending Balance 12/31/18							
Checking	\$2,366.48						
Savings	\$93,516.91						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95,883.39</b>						
<b>Total Balance of Delinquent Water Bills as of 12/31/18</b>			<b>\$9,690.88</b>				

## 2018 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Our 2018 equalization study showed that our **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** at 103.59 % and our **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)** at 10.69%. 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.

Some major changes with the board of listers this year. As many of you know Deanna has resigned due to a new job. The town is very fortunate in that Robert Barnard Jr. came on board in October. Rob has picked up on the job very quickly and is looking forward to this spring upcoming classes.

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

Robert Barnard Jr.

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

**Financial Report 2018**

<b>Beginning Balance 1/1/18</b>	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	22,981.48	
			22,981.48
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Interest	8.10	
	Donations	0.00	
	Sale of Lots/Perpetual Care	0.00	
	Corner Post	0.00	
			8.10
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Lawn care * Paid by Town	0.00	
	Repairs	127.20	
			-127.20
			22,862.38
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	22,425.92	
			22,862.38

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Kopacz, Town Treasurer

**MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

**Financial Report 2018**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/18</b>	Checking	32,129.86	
	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	
			\$85,973.63
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Interest Income	1,794.12	
	Donations	0	
	Lots Sold	960	
			\$2,754.12
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Grounds Maintenance	3,275.00	
	Bank Service Charges		
			\$3,275.00
			\$85,452.75
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18</b>	Checking	31608.98	
	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	
			\$85,452.75

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Kopacz, Town Treasurer

## **HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual Report to the 2019 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. About 20 lots have been purchased in the New Section, and about 85 remain available. The current price of a lot is \$525, which includes the four required cornerstones that mark the boundary of the lot.

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. Bylaws were drafted and authorized in the 1960s, and the Association has ably administered the cemetery since that time. The Association holds an annual meeting each June, and the agendas and minutes of all meetings are publicly posted on the town bulletin boards and website in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

In 2016 and 2017 the Association reviewed its Bylaws and Rules and launched a thorough revision and updating to reflect current practices and realities. After several drafts had been considered, the Association approved new Bylaws and Rules at a Special Meeting in September 2017. Major changes in the reorganized Bylaws were: inclusion of a statement of the purpose and auspices of the cemetery; more complete descriptions of officer positions and duties; more complete descriptions of the procedures for annual and special meetings; more complete descriptions of financial aspects and procedures. Major changes in the reorganized Rules included: incorporation of cornerstones in the cost of plots; specification of the number of caskets and cremains that may be placed in a plot; clarification of Association responsibilities and membership.

The 2018 Annual Association Meeting was held on June 27. Approved were the 2017 minutes, the President's report and the Treasurer's report. Elected were: President, Jeffrey Jewett; Vice President, Earl Lumbrá; Clerk, Titus L. Presler; Treasurer, Nancy Lumbrá; and Trustees: Wayne Jewett, Gary Jewett, Earl Lumbrá, Michael Jewett, Nancy Lumbrá and Titus L. Presler. The meeting reiterated its opposition to the proposed consolidation of town cemetery commissions into one commission, and there was consensus that the Association is happy to continue to manage this town-owned cemetery on behalf of the Town of Montgomery.

The Association was pleased that the 2018 Memorial Day observance for the town was held at Hill West Cemetery on Sunday, May 27. There was a good turnout on a very blustery day!



Titus L. Presler  
Clerk

**HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**Financial Report 2018**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	Checking - Jan. 1, 2018	\$1,010.08	
	Savings - Jan. 1, 2018	\$1,675.99	
	CD - Jan. 1, 2018	<u>\$16,564.36</u>	
		\$19,250.43	\$19,250.43
<b>Income:</b>	Dues & Donations	\$328.00	
	Town of Montgomery Support	\$150.00	
	Lot Sales	\$525.00	
	Interest	<u>\$99.96</u>	
		\$1,102.96	\$1,102.96
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Maintenance(Thank you, Wayne Jewett for 2 free mowings)	\$375.00	
	Corner Markers	<u>\$120.00</u>	
		\$495.00	-\$495.00
			<u>\$19,858.39</u>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	Checking - Dec. 24, 2018	\$1,217.47	
	Savings - Dec. 20, 2018	\$2,076.56	
	CD	<u>\$16,564.36</u>	
		\$19,858.39	<u>\$19,858.39</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Lumbra, Treasurer

**JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE**  
**Financial Report 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018**

<b>Beginning Balance: 1/1/18</b>	TD Bank Checking	\$8,359.69	
	Certificates - TD Banknorth	\$3,042.63	
	Other Checking	\$353.05	
		<u>                    </u>	\$11,755.37
<b>Income:</b>	Interest	\$4.02	
		<u>                    </u>	\$4.02
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Care of Old Cemetery	\$340.00	
	Bank Service Charges	\$10.00	
	Office Supplies - Checks	\$14.45	
		<u>                    </u>	\$364.45
<b>Ending Balance: 12/31/18</b>	Community Bank Checking	\$11,394.94	
		<u>                    </u>	\$11,394.94
Respectfully submitted, Erin Kopacz, Successor Trustee			

**HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

**Financial Report 2018**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			
	Checking - Jan. 1, 2018	\$1,010.08	
	Savings - Jan. 1, 2018	\$1,675.99	
	CD - Jan. 1, 2018	\$16,564.36	
		<u>                    </u>	
		\$18,584.52	\$19,250.43
<b>Income:</b>			
	Dues & Donations	\$328.00	
	Town of Montgomery Support	\$150.00	
	Lot Sales	\$525.00	
	Interest	\$99.96	
		<u>                    </u>	
		\$1,102.96	\$1,102.96
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
	Maintenance(Thank you, Wayne Jewett for 2 free mowings)	\$375.00	
	Corner Markers	\$120.00	
		<u>                    </u>	
		\$495.00	-\$495.00
			<u>                    </u>
			\$19,858.39
<b>Ending Balance:</b>			
	Checking - Dec. 24, 2018	\$1,217.47	
	Savings - Dec. 20, 2018	\$2,076.56	
	CD	\$16,564.36	
		<u>                    </u>	
		\$19,858.39	\$19,858.39
Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Lumbra, Treasurer			

### 2018 Births

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>
January 5th	Leo Stewart Hambleton	Marlene Hambleton	George Hambleton III
January 26th	Claire Mae Pratt	Megan Bosley	Connor Pratt
February 21st	Eloise Autumn Starr	Amanda Starr	Joseph Starr
February 26th	Alexis Beverly Fletcher	Kristin Fletcher	Isaiah Fletcher
March 16th	Mackenzie Reagan Fuller	Alyssa Fuller	Dana Fuller
March 27th	Hudson Posey Vallender	Alysa Vallender	Martin Vallender
April 9th	Brennan Mark Grohocki	Tabatha Grohocki	
April 27th	Kira Luna Guild	Genevieve Lodol	Jason Guild
May 23rd	Wyatt Joseph Stanley	Megan Stanley	Avery Stanley
June 2nd	Silas Sol Muir Mullin	Katharine Muir	James Mullin III
June 11th	Ellis Tyler McAllister	Kristin Baker	Roy McAllister II
August 28th	Adriel Kelenna Agim	Cynthia Pelkey	Kelenna Agim
September 5th	Asher Grey West	Krysta West	Travis West
September 23rd	Ursula Maria Carroll	Carmen Carroll	Ryan Carroll
November 20th	Marlee Grace Sylvester	Jenny Lanphear	Benjamin Sylvester
November 25th	Carson Robert Scott	Melissa Lampkins	Ian Scott
December 27th	Wylla Rae Barnard	Jade Salvas	Abram Barnard

### 2018 Deaths

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
April 20th	Evelyn Florence Brouillette
May 30th	Adam Mykel Sylvester
June 1st	Andrew John Massey
June 10th	Stanley Howard Feldman
August 15th	George Morgan Kernan Jr
August 18th	Shirley Ena Mudgett
August 20th	Christopher R W Delisle Jr
August 28th	Alan James Marshall
October 2nd	Lee Stuart Farrar
October 8th	Lois Marie Chauvin
December 8th	Kathy Leona Cota-Chase

### 2018 CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Applicant A</u>	<u>Applicant B</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
February 6th	Charles Arthur Hancock	Austin Lyn Moore	Montgomery VT
April 2nd	Lee Thomas Post	Cindy Anne Martin	Putnam CT
April 28th	Katherine Alessandra Berleth	Kevin Anthony Wignall	Cranston RI
June 9th	Alison Lea Dennis	Andreas Thomas Untershuetz	Malaga WA

June 16th	Jennifer Mary Domina	Christopher Jon Cox	Montgomery VT
June 23rd	Amber Lynette Clark	Troy Alen Hoot	New Philadelphia OH
July 11th	Steven Vandewyer Sackett	Jocelyn Arresga Balansag	Montgomery VT
July 21st	Robert Francis Elbe	Vivian Charlotte Deuso	Montgomery VT
July 28th	Mark Anthony Brulotte	Robin Joy Mayes	Montgomery VT
August 3rd	Thomas Elan Durivage	Kerrienne Maura Little	Rensselaer NY
September 22nd	Garrett Doolin McCarthy	Ebonie Monique Howard	Melrose MA
September 30th	Valerie Ryton Hanna	Brandon James McComber	Montreal CA
October 27th	Joseph James Jones	Mara Cyrius-Firmin	Montgomery VT
November 24th	Sandra Ann Sowle	Allen Ray Baker	Montgomery VT
December 22nd	Alexandra Christine Cotton	Simona Kordova	East Norwich NY



Annual report of zoning documents issued 2018

Zoning Permits					
Issue Date	Permit # Certificate of Compliance #	Name	Property ID	Address	Project Description
1/23	ZP-01-18	Godfrey, Wallace and Violet Life Estate	00030.16X	Deep Gibou Rd	Subdivision
3/28	ZP-02-18	Dull, Ethan	ON 118 .010X	91 Main St	Sign
4/18	ZP-03-18	Hildreth, Bill and Joan	00015.007X	206 Sheldon Farm Rd	Replace tool shed
5/3	ZP-04-18	Bara, John	00011.109X	2962 West Hill Rd	Garage
5/4	ZP-05-18	Wetherbee, Gary	00242.060X	1355 Mountain Rd	Corrective permit for front and side porches
6/22	ZP-06-18	O'Connell, Ken and Byers, David	00242.096X	3059 Mountain Rd	Additional deck. DRB approved.
5/14	ZP-07-18	Crowley, Patrick and MaryAnn	00030.050X	1285 Deep Gibou Rd	Mudroom
5/29	ZP-07-18B	Matthews, David	00042.014X	133 Comstock Bridge Rd	Shed
5/14	ZP-08-18	Dery, Danny	00020.002X	43 Montgomery Heights Rd	Addition to single family home
6/1	ZP-09-18	Dollois, Suzanne	00025.013B	373 Creamery Bridge Rd	Porch
6/29	ZP-10-18	Hardy, Rachael	S118.064X	1253 South Main St	Deck and pool
6/29	ZP-11-18	Wetherbee, Gary	00242.074X	1869 Mountain Rd	Single family home
7/16	ZP-12-18	Dennis, Justin	00242.115X	3376 Mountain Rd	Home occupation
7/23	ZP-13-18	Erickson, Craig	00058.023X	326 Hazen's Notch Rd	Fence
7/23	ZP-14-18	Damstrom, Thomas	00242.092Z	Mountain Rd	Corrective permit for camp
7/25	ZP-15-18	Farnham, Jay and Amber	00007.029X	568 North Hill Rd	Garage
7/25	ZP-16-18	Baker, Susan	00242.019X	88 Mountain Rd	Shed
8/3	ZP-17-18	Kuryloski, John	00014.013X	720 Purrier Farm Rd	Deck
8/21	ZP-18-18	Zartarian, John	ON118.002X	13 Main St	Deck extension
8/21	ZP-19-18	Mandigo, Edwin	00242.007X	42 Mountain Rd	Pool
9/11	ZP-20-18	Stanley, Avery	N118.173X	182 Gracey Ln	Garage/sugarhouse
9/18	ZP-21-18	Baddorf, Mark and Susan	00011.043X	1298 West Hill Rd	Corrective permit for apartment
9/20	ZP-22-18	Bimm, Michael	ON118.184X	3595 North Main St	Corrective permit for apartment
10/30	ZP-23-18	Wheeler, Kelcia	00014.003X	184 Purrier Farm Rd	Corrective permit for carport
11/20	ZP-24-18	Gove, Les and Laurie	00019.046Z	2021 Amidon Rd	Entry room
11/29	ZP-25-18	Letcher, Scott	00058.042X	1205 Hazen's Notch Rd	Pool room and mechanical room addition
12/4	ZP-26-18	Danderand, Louis and Kathryn	00058.055X	1904 Hazen's Notch Rd	Subdivision
12/18	ZP-27-18	Charles, Marian	00005.014X	395 Green Mountain Rd	Corrective permit for sunroom

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Certificates of Compliance					
1/23	CC-18-01	Gibou Deer Farm Inc.	00033.074X	2318 Gibou Rd	Certificate of Compliance
2/26	CC-18-02	Peters, Ray and Ellen	303.035X	498 Highland Dr	Certificate of Compliance
5/25	CC-18-03	Woolhouse, Laddi and Peter	00005.015X	440 Mountain Rd	Certificate of Compliance
6/11	CC-18-04	McNall, Karen	ON118.044X	319 Main St	Certificate of Compliance
6/22	CC-18-05	Gove, Leslie and Laurie	00058.042X	1205 Hazen's Notch Rd	Certificate of Compliance
6/29	CC-18-06	Seigny, Ronald and Susan Sherer	042.022X	270 Comstock Bridge Rd	Certificate of Compliance
6/29	CC-18-07	Lumbra, Penny and Newton, John	0007.032X	545 North Hill Rd	Certificate of Compliance
7/9	CC-18-08	Pastyrnak, Peggy and William, Trustees	ON118.082x	521 North Main St	Certificate of Compliance
8/7	CC-18-09	Damstrom, Thomas	00242.092Z	Lot 4 Mountain Rd	Certificate of Compliance
7/25	CC-18-10	Legault, Maurice and Paulette	00039.008X	4 On the Common	Certificate of Compliance
9/4	CC-18-11	Cluba, Lynda and John	00001.039X	1256 Fuller Bridge Rd	Certificate of Compliance
9/4	CC-18-12	Bimm, Michael	ON118.184X	3595 Main St	Certificate of Compliance
9/18	CC-18-13	Klimas, Estate of Ronald and Reba	00058.002X	21 Hazen's Notch Rd	Certificate of Compliance
10/2	CC-18-14	Wade, Rene	00039.004X	28 On the Common	Certificate of Compliance
10/2	CC-18-15	Remmer, Erik and Bethany	00051.016X	149 River St	Certificate of Compliance
10/2	CC-18-16	Louis, Daniel	00242.103X	3378 Mountain Rd	Certificate of Compliance
10/4	CC-18-17	Wright, Jamieson and Darlene	00A18.007X	46 Oberland Valley Rd	Certificate of Compliance
10/4	CC-18-18	Haspray, Robert and Carolyn	0002.024X	549 Montgomery Heights Rd	Certificate of Compliance
10/30	CC-18-19	Wheeler, Kelcia	00014.003X	184 Purrier Farm Rd	Certificate of Compliance
10/30	CC-18-20	Wheeler, Kelcia and Martin, Trudy	00014.003A	184 Purrier Farm Rd	Certificate of Compliance
11/20	CC-18-21	Charles, Marian	00005.014X	395 Green Mountain Rd	Certificate of Compliance

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Fox  
Zoning Administrator

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# Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Montgomery, 2019

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office is in St. Albans at the address and phone number above. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP).
- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families.
- Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- Share new data and reports including the *Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report* which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the *Injury and Violence in Vermont* report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.





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# Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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

January 1, 2019

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TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

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  
FY2020 Assessment

Dear Ms. Robitaille,

The District Board of Supervisors, on December 5, 2018 set the Municipal Assessment at \$1.00 per capita based on the most recent Census population estimates.

Based on the 2016 Vermont Health Dept. Population Estimates, the population of the Town of Montgomery is 1197. 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 FY2020 assessment for the Town of Montgomery is \$1,197.00. All assessments are due by November 15, 2019. An invoice will be mailed to you in July 2019.

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

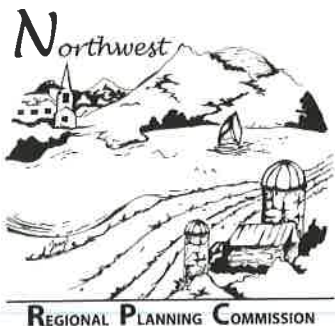
Sincerely,



Pamela J. Bolster  
Business Manager

## MEMBER COMMUNITIES

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December 12, 2018

Charlie Hancock, Select Board Chair  
Town of Montgomery  
P O Box 405  
Montgomery, VT 05471

Re: FY20 Funding Request

Dear Charlie:

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 fifty 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 projects and programs. This is done in accordance with state statutes and the Commission's adopted bylaws. Funds raised through the municipal assessment support 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 \$1.107 per capita for the 2020 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2019. Please include for consideration as a line item in your upcoming budget a Regional Commission request for \$1,330 in support of local and regional planning activities in FY20. This amount is based upon the adopted rate of \$1.107 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 Kirk Waite (527-0914). 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*  
Catherine Dimitruk,  
Executive Director

*Thank you for your support*

cc: Montgomery Regional Commissioners  
Montgomery Clerk

Grand Isle • Highgate • Isle La Morte • Montgomery • North Hero • Richford • St. Albans C • St. Albans T • Sheldon • South Hero • Swanton V



# Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2018 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 Vermont Emergency Management and Homeland Security on emergency planning, exercises and training.

**Energy conservation and development:** Ensure increased local and regional input in energy programs and permitting through the adoption of a regional energy plan and assistance with the development of local energy plans.

**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.

## 2018 Montgomery Projects:

- ✧ Provided zoning technical assistance.
- ✧ Compiled updates for the Local Emergency Operations Plan and ensured compliance with state standards.
- ✧ Updated the E-911 poster map and road atlas.
- ✧ Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- ✧ Completed a road erosion inventory and culvert inventory update.
- ✧ Wrote two Better Roads grant applications to replace a large culvert on West Hill Road and for drainage improvements on Lane Road.
- ✧ Prepared a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for river bank stabilization along Longley Bridge Road.
- ✧ Drafted a municipal energy plan including the data and maps required by the Vermont Department of Public Service standards.
- ✧ Granted an affirmative determination of energy compliance to the energy plan.
- ✧ Provided technical assistance regarding the adoption of amendments to the Montgomery Town Plan and Montgomery Development Regulations. This included drafting revisions to each document and providing feedback to the Montgomery Planning Commission on proposed changes.

**Montgomery  
Regional Commissioners:**  
Charlie Hancock & One Vacant Seat

**Transportation Advisory  
Committee:**  
Mark Brouillette

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with municipal roads general permit compliance, water quality project implementation, local energy plans, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

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



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www.fchha.org

January 3, 2019

Town of Montgomery  
PO Box 356  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Dear Residents in the Town of Montgomery,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and clients we serve, we would like to thank the Town of Montgomery for your 2018 Town Allocation of \$2,522. The support we receive from towns throughout Franklin County are essential to our ability to provide a wide variety of medically necessary home care and hospice services to members of our community,

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

Once again, thank you for your continue support.

Sincerely,

Janet L. McCarthy, BSN MSA  
Executive Director

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**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?**

We 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 2018?**

The Agency made a total of 74,539 visits to 2,113 residents of Franklin County.

We made a total of 618 visits to 31 residents of Montgomery:

160	Nursing
95	Physical Therapy
0	Speech Language Pathology
0	Occupational Therapy
42	Medical Social Work
130	Licensed Nursing Assistant
104	Personal Care Attendant
18	Volunteers
7	Hospice Volunteer Coordinator
62	Long Term Care Coordinator

**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.

## **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:** 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, 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 2018 we received 84 percent of our revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

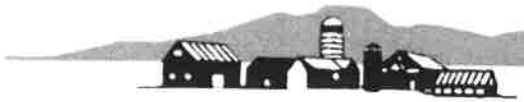
We are committed to providing medically necessary home care services to all those in need regardless of their ability to pay. Without individual town appropriations, the United Way and donor gifts, our ability to provide care could be adversely impacted.

## **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 \$415,294 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).



November 16, 2018

Charlie Hancock  
Montgomery Selectboard Chair  
Po Box 405  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471-0405

Dear Charlie,

At VCRD we see the power of local leaders building progress in their communities every day. We believe that in democracy everyone is called to leadership; everyone has a role in defining the future, setting local goals, and lining up together to move Vermont communities forward.

We were excited to celebrate this power of local action on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> when VCRD hosted “Making It Happen!” a statewide Leadership Summit where 500 current and up-and-coming leaders learned from each other, built new skills, identified resources and considered bold visions for their towns. One attendee said:

*Vermonters treasure our sense of community and that's at the heart of what VCRD does day in and day out. Through community visits, leadership summits and many other programs, VCRD helps us reflect on what it means to be active and engaged citizens. And then it helps us get involved.*

*-- Ross Sneyd, National Life Group*

VCRD is a non-partisan non-profit dedicated to the self-defined progress of rural communities. Our flagship **Community Visit Program** has facilitated progress in more than 60 towns (most recently in Montgomery, Wallingford and Newport). VCRD's **Working Lands Initiative** has led to investments and growth in hundreds of innovative farm and forest businesses. The **Climate Economy Action Team** promotes policies to advance economic development while addressing climate change and attracting youth and entrepreneurship to Vermont. VCRD's **Climate Economy Model Communities Program** has helped Pownal, Middlebury, Randolph and Swanton gear up to advance energy, efficiency, transportation and other local innovations.

*Please partner with us by making your contribution to VCRD and to the progress of rural Vermont today!*

Thank you for your consideration, and all the best!

Paul Costello, Executive Director

P.S. For a deeper look at all our efforts, visit [vtrural.org](http://vtrural.org) or find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/vtcrd](https://facebook.com/vtcrd).

## VCRD Programs

### Community Visits

*The Community Visit experience was transformative for Guilford — the ideas identified have become actions.*

— Anne Rider, Guilford

### Vermont Working Lands Initiative

*Vermont prospers and its unique sense of place thrives in large part because of intelligent investment in the people and enterprises that comprise its farm, food, and forest based economy.*

— The Working Lands Coalition

### Climate Economy Action Team

*The work of building a climate economy in Vermont sits at a very interesting intersection — how can we help solve a significant global challenge, and build prosperity and opportunity at the same time? In other words, it is a classic expression of the idea of doing good and doing well.*

— Joe Fusco, Chair, Climate Economy Action Team

### VT Climate Economy Model Communities Program

*The initiative that VCRD is coordinating in Randolph has brought forward strong local leaders and is providing needed direction, connection to resources, and consistent follow-up to the priorities chosen by our community. Especially encouraging is the active involvement of the younger generations and the broad inclusion of all sectors of the Randolph economy.*

— Wink Willett, participant in the  
"Randolph Region Re-Energized (R3)" Model Communities Program

### "Making It Happen!" VT Community Leadership Summit

*The conference celebrated the strong, vibrant community leadership that is at the heart of every working community in Vermont today, and found a real hunger in communities statewide to learn how to better engage all its citizens, particularly to meaningfully engage younger generations who will lead the state in the future. We have our work cut out for us.*

— Tom Hark, Summit participant

### cc:econ National Climate Economy Summit

*VCRD's cc:econ Summit opened our eyes to the possibility of locating our first manufacturing facility in Vermont. Come mid-2018, that plant will open in St. Albans. The Summit demonstrated the value and strength of the Vermont ecosystem which supports environmental entrepreneurship.*

— Rob Conboy, CEO of Glavel — an innovative company making insulation from waste glass





November 8, 2018

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

Cc: Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk & Treasurer

Greetings:

Each year, GMT provides thousands of rides to members within our community through traditional public transit services and coordinated special services for the individual. Each ride provided is a personal story of a need being met. Whether it's offering affordable commute options, access to essential medical services, adult day care and senior meals or convenient trips for daily services, we are proud to be a viable solution for so many.

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

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit (GMT) would like to submit a request of level funding for FY20 from the Town of Montgomery. **We respectfully request \$568 for FY20 to be placed before the Town of Montgomery voters for consideration.** The requested funding directly supports GMT's ongoing operations and the amount is based on a fair share calculation applied to the municipalities GMT serves.

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

Please accept our genuine thanks and appreciation in continuing this mutually beneficial partnership. Please contact Chris Loyer, Public Affairs Coordinator with questions at 802.540.2451 or [cloyer@RideGMT.com](mailto:cloyer@RideGMT.com)

Sincerely,

Mark A. Sousa  
General Manager



# Green Mountain Transit Montgomery FY18 Annual Report

## WHO WE ARE

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

## OUR SERVICES

### Elderly/Disabled/Medicaid Individual Service

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

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

### FY18, Town of Montgomery Residents Served by Elderly & Disabled/Medicaid Service

- 45 Total Trips Provided

### General Public Transportation Service

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

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

### Volunteer Driver Program

In addition to shuttle vehicles, GMT uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our special services. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive and provide services under the management of GMT. GMT would like to thank all those who volunteer their time to support the transportation needs of their friends, family and neighbors. **If you are interested in becoming a GMT Volunteer Driver, please contact us at 802-527-2181 or [info@RideGMT.com](mailto:info@RideGMT.com).**

## Thank You



December 31, 2018

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, composed of folks from many local sources: school groups, local businesses, concerned citizens, teachers, landowners, and many more. Since 1996, we have been working with community members to understand and improve water quality issues in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries.

MRBA Projects and Programs Include:

•**Streambank stabilization and river clean-up efforts:** The MRBA has generated over 21,000 volunteer hours to plant trees, perform other types of streambank stabilization, and clean up trash from the river and its banks. This year we pulled over 320 pounds of trash from the river, including tires and one mattress.

•**Water quality sampling:** Community volunteers help collect samples for our water quality monitoring program. In 2018 the MRBA took hundreds of water samples from 24 sites in conjunction with the Agency of Natural Resources—including one site in Montgomery. These samples were tested for phosphorous, nitrogen, and turbidity to help monitor water quality.


•**Assisting farmers and landowners:** Projects include planting trees in streambank buffer areas, installing water bars, lining culvert outlet basins, and seeding down bare earth and cover crops in corn fields. These techniques reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff. We have received funding for tree plantings in 2019 and look forward to working with landowners!

•**Educational Programs:** We are able to provide educational sessions, including our 'Bugworks' program, free of charge to schools within the watershed: in 2018, the MRBA was able to provide 14 Bugworks sessions, including a new full-day, whole-school format at Montgomery Elementary. The MRBA was also able to provide 32 other educational presentations at 12 schools and at 5 community events, including Bluegrass Against Blue-Green Algae: an annual free concert and educational event held in Montgomery.

In order to continue making all these programs 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 2019 request.

Sincerely,

  
John Little, MRBA Chair



## Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447  
Tel: (802) 393.0076 E-mail: [info@vtwsr.com](mailto:info@vtwsr.com) Website: [www.vtwsr.org](http://www.vtwsr.org)

Dear Residents of Montgomery,

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Committee strives to protect, enhance, and encourage enjoyment of our beautiful rivers. Designated as Wild and Scenic in 2014, 46.1 miles of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in Westfield, Troy, North Troy, Richford, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Jay are protected. Our Committee is made up of appointed representatives from each of these 8 municipalities, as well as our great partners.

2018 was an exciting year, as we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act – we hosted monthly events along our rivers to celebrate. From our guided winter Snowshoe Along The River events, to our yearly Gathering at Big Falls in August, to our river clean-up in September where we removed tires, trash, and scrap metal from the river, we've had a busy year.

We were quite busy in Montgomery this year, hosting a Bonfire Along The River and a very successful river clean-up in which 35 people removed tires, trash, and scrap metal from the Trout River. We were also pleased to award multiple grants in Montgomery, including the Riverwalk Park/Caleb's Field Improvement Project, which helped improve access to the river and stabilize an eroding bank, and the River Explorer Program, which provided scholarships to make this camping and canoeing trip accessible to all. Additionally, we installed "Splash, Not Trash" signs at Riverwalk to remind river-users to clean up after themselves. Let us know if you have a location that could benefit from one of these signs!

We had a great time along our rivers all year long and look forward to more events in 2019 (visit our website - [www.vtwsr.org](http://www.vtwsr.org) – and find us on facebook to learn more). Thank you for being a part of the National Wild and Scenic River System, and happy 50th Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted by your representatives to the W&S Committee: Misty McCartney, Keith Sampietro, & Leanne Barnard, and the Committee coordinator, Lindsey Wight. Please contact us with any questions or comments!





# HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478  
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471

December 23, 2018

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 \$1,000 to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund in 2019, our 26th year providing programs for area families.

Each summer 120 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 \$4,400 enabling 19 children from 8 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past sixteen 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 \$1,000 contribution, school administrators in the Montgomery 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 \$250 for the Day Camp and \$500 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





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January 2, 2019

Town of Montgomery  
PO Box 356  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Dear Town of Montgomery,

Thank you for your allocation of  
\$2,000.00 to Age Well received December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in support of services  
provided to residents of Montgomery. Your continued support makes it possible  
for us to provide a network of services to the aging population, including: the  
Helpline, Meals on Wheels, Care Coordination and much more!

With over 40,000 seniors in our state living alone, in or near poverty and more  
than 20,000 threatened by hunger, your generous donation is critical in helping to  
meet the needs of our aging population.

We believe that every person deserves to age well. Your gift supports our mission:  
to provide the support and guidance that inspires Vermonters to embrace aging  
with confidence.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and the Vermonters we serve, thank you  
for investing in Age Well and for supporting the aging residents in your town.

Sincerely,

Sara C. Wool  
Director of Development and Communications

*Thank you for your continued  
support of Montgomery's  
aging Population!*



12/31/2018  
✓



FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

December 21, 2018

Charlie Hancock, Chair  
Montgomery Select Board  
Montgomery Town Clerk's Office  
PO 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.

The Corporation begins its forty-ninth (49<sup>th</sup>) year of work with tremendous pride. The creation of quality employment opportunities and capital investment remains our primary consideration. We understand that some towns have limited opportunity for industrial/economic development, but all communities can benefit from the creation of jobs within other parts of Franklin County. Please see the attached list of recent projects which showcase businesses that FCIDC has had a relationship present or past.

FCIDC continues to partner with public and private entities to assist existing businesses to expand, grow and develop into sound employers with educated, quality employees. We are seeing very strong economic growth throughout Franklin county and we expect it to continue. This past fall we had had three inquiries from businesses looking to locate within the County.

This year marks the thirty-seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) year of level-funding request. As in prior years, as you prepare your FY'2020 budget, we are asking the Town of Montgomery to invest \$500 for economic development. This funding will cover our FY'2020 which runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Again, The FCIDC Board of Directors (see attached) sincerely appreciates your investment in Franklin County and you many years of support.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith  
Executive Director

Keep up the good  
work Charlie

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FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

January 2, 2019

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

TS/ga

THANK YOU  
CHARLIE.  
YOUR SUPPORT IS  
GREATLY APPRECIATED  
Tim



FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

Please see the brief list below about how FCIDC may have impacted our region:

- In 2003 FCIDC constructed a 90,000 square foot manufacturing facility in partnership with Vermont Precision Tools (VPT). In 2017 FCIDC and VPT collaborated to add a 17,000 sq. ft. expansion.
- Peerless Clothing leases space from FCIDC in the St. Albans Town Industrial Park. Since 1998 there have been four major expansions that have increased their building footprint to 300,000 sq. ft.
- Barry Callebaut (BC) was one of the early manufacturers to be recruited by FCIDC to the St. Albans Town Industrial Park. Currently BC is finalizing a 30,000 square foot expansion.
- Mylan Technologies which has made a countless number of investments at their three Franklin County sites. The genesis of Mylan was a company called Jonergin which was owned by two Canadian individuals and was recruited by FCIDC in the late 1970's.
- Ben & Jerry's (B&J) which most recently completed a major expansion was also recruited by FCIDC. B&J purchased 42 acres of land from FCIDC; land which FCIDC took the initiative to buy and install the necessary infrastructure. Without this investment by FCIDC Ben & Jerry's could have ended up some other location.
- FCIDC has also invested \$3.5 million into an additional 92 acres of land to expand the existing industrial park.

A contribution from you can assist FCIDC to expand the Franklin County economy.

Thank you in advance for your investment in Franklin County!

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CORPORATION

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**Receipt No.**  
**2019-16**

**DATE:** January 2, 2019

**RECEIVED FROM:** Town of Montgomery

**ADDRESS:** Montgomery Select Board  
Montgomery Town Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 356  
Montgomery, VT 05471

**CONTACT:** Charlie Hancock, Chair

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Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) received a contribution in the amount of \$500.00 to be applied towards the FCIDC Operating Fund.

Thank you,

Timothy J. Smith  
Executive Director  
FCIDC

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Vermont Green Up Inc.  
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greenup@greenupvermont.org

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

Dear Town:

12/31/2018

Thank you for your past appropriation for Green Up Vermont, your help is greatly appreciated and needed to accomplish our mission of cleaning up our roadways and waterways. As the Interim Executive Director of Green Up Vermont, I am asking for your continued support for 2019.

For your convenience, below is an invoice in the amount you appropriated last year. Please note that many towns allocate money through their road line budget each year. The amount requested is based on town population:

- 0- 1,000: \$50
- 1001 - 2000: \$100
- 2001 - 3000: \$150
- 3001 - 4,000: \$200
- 4,001 up: \$300

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean up day, always the first Saturday in May, and to raise public awareness for a litter free environment. Quick litter stats from 2018: 225 tons of litter and 5,561 tires were collected.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2019, May 4th. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments. Thank you!

Sue Killoran  
Interim Executive Director  
Green Up Vermont

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sue", is written over the printed name and title.

Green Up Day May 4, 2019  
Celebrating 50th Anniversary, May 2, 2020

Invoice #: 589

Terms: Due on receipt

Description	Amount
2019 Green Up Day Town Giving	100.00

Vermont Green Up Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization





## MONTGOMERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

PO Box 137, #2 Mountain Road  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471  
[www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com](http://www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com)

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

Dear Selectboard:

As the year draws to a close we want to thank each and every one of you for the outpouring of love and support you have shown to Montgomery Center for the Arts this past year. We believe art in its many forms is one of the most powerful social tools we have to connect with one another. Not only is the experience uniquely intimate and present, but it also accesses those personal places in our hearts and minds.

Last year's grant of \$1,000.00 contributed to the MCA opening its doors as a year-round community arts institution. Our goal to host workshops, classes and art and wellness events that are accessible, thought provoking, and entertaining came to fruition. The Board continues to be determined that 2019 will achieve the same caliber of excellence. We have hosted a vast array of events-- all art and community based-- and we have learned many things. We have also begun to partner with local business and contributors, who have been very amenable to offering their time, talent, and resources, all of which will continue to help us grow in 2019. As is the nature of old buildings we must embark on a rehab project for both the old church and the parsonage as they both need electrical, plumbing, structural, and aesthetic updates, which are necessary expenses we intend to gradually budget and fundraise for. We are currently seeking grants for renovations, programming, and other means to allow the organization to accomplish its full potential and continue benefit our community.

Funding the arts is essential to the preservation and illumination of our society. We need your help to continue our mission to cultivate programs that enrich our community. We are asking you to continue to build your art center with another grant of \$1,000.00 or more if possible.

As President I, along with our board of local and long distance volunteers, will continue to listen to our community's needs while honoring the space we are striving to create. Together we can forge a new legacy for the old church at the top of main street in Montgomery Center. Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy New Year full of hope and love!

With Gratitude and Respect,

M. Sebastian Araujo, *President*  
Melissa Haberman, *Vice President*  
Suzanne Dollois, *Treasurer*  
Greta Quinton, *Secretary*  
And the MCA Board of Directors



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926



December 17, 2018

Town of Montgomery  
Deanna-Dee Robitaille  
Town Clerk  
PO Box 356  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471-0356

Dear Ms. Robitaille,

Founded in 1926 with the assistance of Helen Keller, VABVI's mission is to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills and improve their quality of life. We serve people with vision loss from birth to end of life. We provide services free-of-charge to our clients of all ages in each of Vermont'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 visually impaired Vermonters. VABVI empowers our adult clients to make the living and care choices that work best for them individually including the option to continue living independently. For every dollar we spend 91 cents goes directly to our client services.

The number of clients we serve increases every year and it costs approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each individual adult client. During Fiscal Year 2018, we served 1,770 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 85 adult clients and 26 students in Franklin County. An estimated 13,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the "Baby Boomer" generation ages this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. People are living longer so we anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. As a result, our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

Last year our local towns and cities provided us with over \$30,000 in support. These funds went directly to services for clients. We hope that you will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$300 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like any more information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (800) 639-5861 extension 219 or by e-mail at [kshappy@vabvi.org](mailto:kshappy@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Shappy  
Development Officer

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(FAX) 863-1481

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130 Austine Drive; Ste. 280  
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Bratt (877) 350-8840

## **Report of Services for Town of Montgomery**

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2018 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. We served more clients than ever before and we launched our new iOS Training program for adult clients.

It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. We are working harder than ever to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

**iOS Training Program:** Starting in January 2018 VABVI began providing clients with one on one iOS Training on iPhones and iPads.

**PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills.

During Fiscal Year 2018, we served 1770 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 85 adult clients and 26 students in Franklin County.

For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact Katie Shappy at (800) 639-5861 ext. 219, or at [kshappy@vabvi.org](mailto:kshappy@vabvi.org) or visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org). Feel free to "like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/vabvi.org](https://www.facebook.com/vabvi.org).



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# Vermont Adult Learning

a member of  Learning Works  
Vermont's Adult Education  
& Literacy System



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

November 2, 2018

Dear Selectboard Members:

I am writing on behalf of Vermont Adult Learning in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties to ask that a request for funds be included in your FY 2019-2020 budget. Vermont Adult Learning is requesting \$200 in support of our ongoing efforts to develop greater literacy skills within the community; to help individuals lacking a high school credential earn a diploma or GED; and to better prepare individuals for the workforce and higher education.

Last fiscal year, Vermont Adult Learning in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties served two-hundred-eleven students from Franklin County for a total of 7,624 hours of service. Forty-five of these individuals earned a High School Diploma. Of the two-hundred-eleven students served, one-hundred-forty-three were between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one, while sixty-eight of them were over the age of twenty-one.

Vermont Adult Learning hopes that Montgomery values the work we are doing and the service we are providing to the community. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support from the Town of Montgomery.

Sincerely,



Eric Peterson  
Regional Director  
Vermont Adult Learning  
Franklin and Grand Isle Counties

*Did you know: According to US Census Bureau data, on average, a Franklin County Resident with a high school credential earns about \$9,000 a year more than a resident lacking a high school credential?*

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*Rekoverie Alliance, Inc.*  
*190 Main Street*  
*Brattleboro, VT 05301*  
*802-365-7576*  
*rekoveriealliance@gmail.com*

October 30, 2018

Dear Selectboard Members;

Rekoverie Alliance is a Vermont non profit creating for public schools, recovery centers and others the latest in proven studies, approaches and such designed specifically to target youth before they turn to any form of addictive behavior. This coming year we will be able to provide your local schools with live streaming presentations on drug and alcohol issues and dangers at no cost to your community.

These programs are presented by the nation's leading figures in addiction prevention and remediation Montgomery is no exception. We have identified a number of youth in Montgomery that fit these profiles. Our programs have been reviewed by educators, law enforcement and rehabilitation personnel.

We are seeking your financial support in the amount of \$500 so that Rekoverie Alliance can continue its work in providing to the Montgomery Elementary School and community much needed information that directly addresses addiction prevention and support at all levels. In addition, we will survey your school administrators, staff and even parents.

These presentations are being produced at the request of school administrators, teachers and parents throughout the state. Each segment is specifically designed to meet the unique rural conditions facing all of our Vermont schools.

If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Indra Tracy*  
President

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**FROM THE OFFICERS**

**OF THE**

**MONTGOMERY TOWN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2018**

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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## MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

### Moderator

Tim Murphy

### School Directors

Mary Niles	Term Expires	2019
Charles Purrier	Term Expires	2019
Christina Suarez-Pratt	Term Expires	2020
John Witherspoon	Term Expires	2020
Cathy Howell	Term Expires	2021

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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 2018, as the books were audited by the C.P.A. firm R.H.R. Smith. 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.



**WARNING**  
**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, March 11, 2019**

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 11, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., to transact the following business, viz:

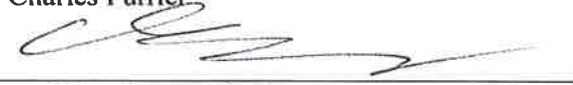
- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a School Director for a term of two (2) years.  
(Mary Niles's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.  
(Charlie Purrier's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,720,817, 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 \$12,912 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.06% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 5. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called and held for that purpose on February 4, 2019.

  
Cathy Howell

  
Mary Niles

  
Charles Purrier

  
Christina Suarez-Pratt

  
John Witherspoon

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES – 2018  
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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 2018 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following business:

Timothy Murphy, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

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

Wendy Howard nominated Timothy Murphy. Hearing no other nominations, Timothy was re-elected by voice vote

Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman, presented Bruce Mercy with an engraved trunnel commemorating his 18 years of service as School Director. Charles provided a brief description of Bruce's tenure and thanked Bruce for his work and dedication to our school.

**ARTICLE 2: To elect one School Director for a term of two years. (Bruce Mercy – term expires)**

Annie Purrier nominated John Witherspoon. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect John.

**ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director for a term of three years. (Catherine Howell – term expires)**

Wendy Howard nominated Catherine Howell. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Catherine.

**ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,000 into the Capitol Project Fund?**

Wendy Howard made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Following discussion regarding purpose and balance of the fund, the motion passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of school district approve the school board to expend \$2,663,361, 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 \$12,060 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.58% lower than spending for the current year.**

Richard Morgan Daybell made a motion to approve the school board to expend \$2,663,361 and was seconded. Charles Purrier explained the decrease in budget amount and per pupil spending as being attributable to the Town's Common Level of Appraisal, reduced high school tuition rates, small increase in the Small Schools Grant, more equalized students and a larger carryover of funds. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

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


Brent Godin asked if there are currently any discussion regarding school security and suggested that the Board consider a metal detector in the entryway and possibly a security officer. Lynn Cota, Superintendent, addressed the concerns and summarized discussions being had by all Boards in the Supervisory Union around increased security measures.

Wendy Howard asked if the School has anything planned to address the national walk-out protest slated for Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. No formal answer was offered.

Wendy Howard made a motion to adjourn at 7:47PM and was second. Motion passed by voice vote.

True records this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018

ATTEST:   
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

ATTEST:   
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST:   
Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman

MONTGOMERY TOWN CLERK OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD/DISCHARGE  
March 16<sup>th</sup> A.D. 2018 at 8 o'clock - min. A.M.  
and Recorded in Vol. Misc II Page 185  
of Montgomery Land Records  
Town Clerk  
Asst. Town Clerk

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

**Beginning Balance 07/01/17**

General Fund Checking	415,404.03	
		<u>\$415,404.03</u>

**General Fund Receipts:**

Town of Montgomery - Property Taxes	1,930,980.54	
State of Vermont	495,031.75	
Interest	625.46	
Grants	120,777.68	
E-Rate Reimbursements	1,095.86	
Uses - Rental of School	450	
Miscellaneous	<u>8,547.72</u>	
		\$2,557,509.01

<b>General Fund Disbursements:</b>	-2,548,854.98	
		<u>-\$2,548,854.98</u>

**Food Service Receipts:**

State of Vermont	1,769.78	
Federal	72,086.62	
Food Sales (Meals, A La Carte, Catering)	28,907.56	
Miscellaneous	<u>4,614.60</u>	
		\$107,378.56

<b>Food Service Disbursements:</b>	-118,766.55	
		<u>-\$118,766.55</u>

<b>Outstanding Checks:</b>		-\$52,825.13
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<b>Outstanding Accounts Receivable:</b>		-\$41,495.63
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**Ending Balance 06/30/18**

General Fund Checking		<u>\$318,349.31</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Kopacz, Treasurer

# MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

### Enrollment as of October 1, 2018

Grades	PK-3	PK-4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	6	15	18	10	10	13	17	13	13	13	11					139
Enosburg Falls Middle and High School-----												11	7	5	3	26
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School-----												0	0	2	3	5
North Country Union High School-----												1	0	1	1	3
Lamoille Union High School-----												0	1	0	0	1
St. Johnsbury Academy-----												1	0	2	0	3
Stanstead College-----												1	0	4	2	7
Oak Meadow-----												0	1	0	0	1
Governors School-----												1	0	0	0	1
Livingstone Ski Academy-----												0	0	0	1	1
Missisquoi Valley Union High School-----												0	0	0	1	1
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### Blueprint for Learning

#### Mission

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

#### Vision

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

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

#### Targets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Superintendent's Report

Lynn Cota

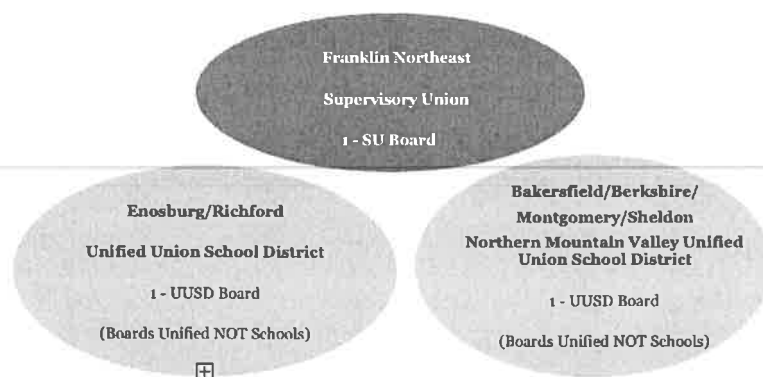
*“No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy.” ~ Brad Henry*

We are living in a turbulent time of complex change in education in Vermont. There have been several major education laws passed in the last few years that have required substantial attention and extensive changes to the work we do in schools, and in how schools are governed, throughout the state.

#### Act 46 - School Governance

On November 28, 2018, the State Board of Education acted on the final phase of the Act 46/49 laws, and released the final order for school district consolidation throughout the state. In this phase, many school districts who had not voluntarily merged had the opportunity to submit Alternative Governance Structure (Section 9) proposals. In Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), Montgomery submitted a proposal while Richford and Enosburg submitted a joint proposal. The State Board of Education did not approve either proposal and instead ordered a forced merge in Franklin Northeast. The structure outlined in the final plan keeps Franklin Northeast as a Supervisory Union, while merging our five town school districts into two separate unified union school districts (see visual below). Our assigned structure is called a “side by side”. On one side, the districts that operate schools through grade 12 (Richford and Enosburg) were ordered to merge their school governance. On the other side, districts that operate schools through grade 8 and tuition high school grades (Bakersfield, Berkshire, Montgomery and now Sheldon) were ordered to merge their school governance. The State Board of Education exercised their authority, in statute, to move Supervisory Union boundaries in order to assign Sheldon, previously assigned to Franklin Northwest, to Franklin Northeast to work with the three other schools with the same operating structure. The November 28<sup>th</sup> final order requires the new Unified Union Districts to become operational on July 1, 2019.

## **FNESU School Board Structures**



Communities throughout Vermont have challenged the constitutionality of the Act 46 law and the authority given to the State Board of Education to forcibly merge school districts. Montgomery, Richford and Sheldon are parties in that litigation. We have, and will continue to, work to understand and follow the law and guide our school districts as we navigate this complex governance change.

At the time this report was written, five bills had been introduced in the legislature around Act 46. It is impossible to predict changes that might occur as a result of these bills. What we know right now is that based upon a scheduling agreement between parties in the lawsuit, the Agency of Education, and the Attorney General's Office, the Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District (the PK-8 merging district to include Bakersfield, Berkshire, Montgomery and Sheldon) does not have the authority to warn a Unified Budget until after the third week in February. Boards have received conflicting guidance from the Agency of Education, the District's lawyer, and the lawyers representing the litigants in the lawsuit around whether or not the Montgomery Town School District Board has the legal authority to warn a budget. Still, the Montgomery School Board voted to warn this single-district budget, as they have historically done, to be voted on at the Annual School Meeting. Up to date information will be provided to community members at the Annual Meeting. At that time, we hope to be able to outline what the budget process will be for school districts and any changes to the timeline associated with unifying school governance in FNESU.

### **Act 77 – Flexible Pathways & Education Quality Standards**

In 2013, the Vermont Legislature enacted the Flexible Pathways law. The intent behind this law is to allow for greater opportunities for personalization of the learning for all students. As a result, all students in grades 7-12 are required to develop personalized learning plans (PLP's) and schools are expected to develop Flexible Pathways for students to choose from. Students can choose from school-based course offerings, virtual or blended learning opportunities, community or work-based learning opportunities, career and technical center opportunities and post-secondary learning options among others.

The Education Quality Standards require that all students in Vermont graduate based on proficiency of content and skills connected to state and local standards. These laws and standards have required complex changes within our systems and will continue to evolve as we work to build a system that both supports and challenges all our learners.

### **Student Learning**

Improving learning opportunities and outcomes for the students in Franklin Northeast continues to be the primary goal of our professional work. Annually, each school analyzes data from a variety of sources to complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Based upon the identified needs within each school, and in consideration of the FNESU Continuous Improvement Plan, each school develops their own annual Continuous Improvement Plan.

Standardized assessments are one way we measure student progress and school success. Overall, we have seen growth in the majority of standardized measures from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC).

## **FNESU**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Vermont ELA</b>	<b>FNESU ELA</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Vermont Math</b>	<b>FNESU Math</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>+9%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>+3%</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>+1%</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

FNESU students scored at or above state average on 8 of 14 measures.

FNESU students scored below state average on 6 of 14 measures.

FNESU stayed the same or increased on 9 of 12 measures.

We are proud of the progress we are making, and recognize the areas we need to focus on for continued growth.

There are many other ways to measure overall school success. Later this spring, the Agency of Education will be releasing comprehensive School Report Cards that are based on many of the accountability measures required under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We will make those report cards public on our website once they are available.

### **Teacher Retention**

We have been gathering and studying data about teacher retention in FNESU for a little over a year. Boards and leaders have analyzed exit surveys and employment trends in order to determine some of the root causes of staff turnover in our schools. As an organization, we have seen a tremendous amount of teacher turnover for many years. On average, we have between 30-40 new teachers each year. Our data indicates that many of our teachers leave within their first four years of employment. Several factors seem to impact those decisions including: geography, availability of housing, and salary. Our boards recognize the importance of retaining high quality teachers and will continue to make supporting them in their first few years of employment and encouraging them to stay a priority.

### **Community Support**

On behalf of our School Boards and administrators, thank you for allowing us the privilege of educating your children. We are grateful for the community support of our students, staff and schools.

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## **Curriculum**

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

The 2018-2019 school year has been another year of improvement and growth. As our teachers and administrators continue to reflect on our progress and refine our practice, we are seeing a positive impact on student learning. The continued improvement of our students' achievement on the statewide assessment of literacy and math achievement in grades 3-9 known as Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) is certainly a bright spot from the past year.

FNESU students:

- scored at or above state average on 8 of 14 SBAC achievement measures.
- stayed the same or increased on 9 of 12 SBAC growth measures.
- scored above the Vermont state average score on 5 of 7 math measures.
- maintained or increased on all ELA measures.

We expect to see more growth from our testing this spring.

The Vermont State Board of Education recently adopted the C3 Framework for Social Studies Standards, and our teachers have been engaged in professional learning and action research aimed at implementing a new instructional model in grades K-12 this year. The C3 Framework is built around the Inquiry Arc, and teaches students to question, apply the disciplinary tools of geography, history, economics, and civics, evaluate sources of information, and take informed action in their communities and the wider world. Students have been very engaged in forming their own evidence-based argument to compelling questions like “Why can’t we get everything we need and want?” in kindergarten, “Why can’t I post that on social media?” in fifth grade, and “Am I going to vote?” in high school.

The 2018-2019 school year represents year one of implementation of changes required by the Vermont State Plan to address the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under ESSA, teachers and students in Vermont schools will take new statewide assessments. All Vermont students will participate in the Vermont Science Assessment (VTSA) for grades 5, 8 and 11. This assessment is designed to measure student achievement of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Students in grades 4, 7, and 9 will participate in the FitnessGram assessment. This tool is intended to help our students learn to value a physically active lifestyle. Score data for both of these new assessments will be added to our accountability measures next fall. If you have a child in one of these testing grades, look for individual student score reports this summer.

Ultimately, continuous improvement is the goal of every school in FNESU. Just as with each of our students, we recognize that each school has individual strengths and needs. FNESU strives to identify and build upon effective instructional practice through system-wide collaboration and the development and implementation of continuous improvement plans in order to maximize student learning.

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### **Continuum of Supportive Services**

Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs

The 2018/2019 school year presented the special education department at Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) with several staffing challenges and staffing additions. We continue to struggle in hiring qualified and experienced special education teachers. This issue is not unique to FNESU as several neighboring supervisory unions are also feeling the void in this applicant pool. Most worrisome is the lack of available speech and language pathologists in the State of Vermont. FNESU is very fortunate to have three veteran SLPs working in all of our schools. These individuals continue to go above and beyond on a daily basis to try to insure that our identified students receive important language services. If you know who these individuals are personally, please thank them for their dedication and efforts. They are educational heroes in my opinion! Fortunately, the State has listened to our significant concerns regarding the lack of available personnel. We are encouraged to learn that the University of Vermont is now offering grant-funded opportunities for individuals seeking to obtain their Early Education/Special Education license as well as licensure to become Speech and Language Pathologists. Although not immediate, we remain hopeful that we may see some movement in this field in the next few years.

On a more positive note, our special education department at FNESU has added two key personnel to assist as Behavior Specialists in our schools. The challenge that schools face with regards to students and families with mental health issues continues to grow and is changing the landscape of education. Slowly, we are equipping teachers and support staff with necessary skills to optimize learning opportunities for students who present significant risky behaviors. I am thrilled to witness first-hand, the benefits of these services and hope that we might be able to expand this program in the future. Teachers and administrators value the expertise of these highly skilled behavior specialists.

Finally, our special education mentoring program is an equally invaluable service to our new hires and veteran teachers. Robin Gagne, FNESU Assistant Director of Special Programs, continues to provide intensive supports to our staff and her expertise has helped many of our teachers be successful in their positions.

In closing, many of you may be aware that my tenure as your Director of Special Programs is coming to a close as I move into the ranks of retired personnel. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve our communities and work alongside some of the most dedicated professionals and administrators that I have witnessed in my 21 years in education. I am proud of what we have accomplished and will keep a watchful eye on your continued success.



## Technology Report

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director

In today's world, technology has become ubiquitous; both in the business world, as well as our everyday lives. 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 providing the connectivity to become global learners.

FNESU schools offer 1:1 computing, where the majority of 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 options 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 we have a variety of devices available to students, including laptops, iPads and Chromebooks, it's the Chromebooks that have emerged as the main computing device within FNESU. At this point, all of our schools are either already using Chromebooks as their main student device, or are in the process of transitioning from iPads to Chromebooks. The lower price of Chromebooks compared to iPads, 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 for testing.

While technology provides learning tools across the curriculum, technology itself can lead to potential career paths for students as well. With the creation of many new jobs, which require Computer Science degrees being projected for the near future, it is important that our students have the opportunity to learn the skills that could lead them to one of those future opportunities. 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 a teacher 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. 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. Another beneficial system is SchoolMessenger, 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)

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 x21.

**LEAPS**  
(Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive relationships and Self-esteem)  
A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC)  
Heather Moore, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Director

LEAPS connects afterschool 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, reading/language arts, self-esteem, social skills, and to reduce high-risk behaviors and attitudes. LEAPS currently offers programming to youth in grades K-8 at Bakersfield Elementary & Middle, Berkshire Elementary, and Montgomery Elementary Schools. LEAPS also offers programming to youth in grades K-4 at Enosburg Elementary School, to youth in K-6 at Richford Elementary School, and to youth in grades 5 – 12 at Enosburg Middle & High School.

Since 2004, LEAPS afterschool programs have been designed to enrich the lives of the whole child. Each site has a unique set of offerings tailored to address the needs and desires of their youth population. Classes range from traditional classroom settings to nature-based classroom instruction. Each day, the course offerings vary to ensure our youth are provided with opportunities to find connections and interests that they will carry with them as they develop relationships, add to their education, or to look for jobs.

The 2018-2019 school year is the fifth year of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant funding. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding is provided by the Federal Government, through a Vermont Agent at the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE). Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) will have the application for another five years of funding submitted to the AOE by the due date of February 5, 2019. Award for funding approval will be announced by April 19, 2019.

In this application, FNESU is proposing to offer summer programs at the Richford and Montgomery Elementary Schools, the only two LEAPS sites that have not had summer programming in the past. Also included in this application is the addition of the Sheldon Elementary School's 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program site, based on the final decision of the Vermont State Education Board.

During the 2017-2018 school year, our project served 994 students in all five sites, with 695 of these students as regular attendees defined by attending 30 or more program days. Research shows that in order for afterschool programming to positively impact student learning, they must attend more than 30 days per year. Overall, 76% of eligible students participate in a LEAPS program. Of the 695 attendees, 70% are regular attendees. This number is higher than the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC directive that at least 50% of the school population will attend the Afterschool Program, showing how successful the LEAPS programs have been and how integral the programs are in our communities.

At Montgomery Elementary: Out of the 123 students in Kindergarten through eighth grade, 123 students attended the program of which 107 were regular attendees. This means that approximately 87% of those students who attended the program were regular attendees.

Our programs would not have been as successful without the continued and growing support of our Community Partners: Arvin A. Brown Library, Local Motion, LJW Memorial Fund, Creative Habitat, Berkshire Recreational Department, Green Heron Farm, UVM Extension Service, Berkshire PTO, Snyder's Academy of TKD, Hannaford, Montgomery Recreation Department, the VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, VT Department of Fish/Wildlife, Bakersfield Historical Society, and the NOTCH Program. Thank you for all of your support.

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**Principal's Report**  
Sandra Alexander, Principal

Montgomery Elementary School (MES) continues to maintain steady enrollment with our current number of students at 139. Our average class size is 13, but we have seen a burst in the lower grades with 18 kindergarteners and 15 preschool students. Once again, we commenced the school year with a very small turnover in teachers. Cassie Krieger moved up to teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade literacy and social studies, and we welcomed Emma Bodell as our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. Stacey Doe transitioned from our #1 substitute to our new Administrative Assistant, taking over

for Ruth Little, who had been part of MES for 24four years. Hilary Roberts has returned to MES as our speech and language pathologist, and Tiffany Jones came on board as a paraeducator/athletic director/coach. I refer to this as a Trifecta! We bid farewell to our custodian, Raven Wood, who decided it was time to retire on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Lastly, we were saddened by the loss of our beloved Lois Chauvin, former bus driver and Foster Grandparent. We will miss her dearly.

Community is such an important part of Montgomery Elementary School. We pride ourselves with being open and innovative, and we continually welcome people to bring new ideas into our school to enrich our students. For example, this is the second year that 1<sup>st</sup> grade has hosted a Therapy Dog named Megan, handled by Linda Green and Jim Townsend. Megan comes in twice a week and students take turns reading to her. She is very attentive and students look forward to her visits. In addition, we have two United Way volunteers that are in the building on a regular basis, Jean Trautner and Adele Wolfson. They spend their time in the lower elementary grades, which is very much appreciated. We are also very fortunate to have several community members and organizations in town that continue to support our school. This is all so valuable and an important facet of our success.

Our Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive relationships and Self-esteem (LEAPS) after school program is another area where community members are increasingly bringing in their talents. This is an easy way for someone to share an expertise with children without an overwhelming commitment. The program runs four, seven-week sessions with different enrichment offerings each day. We all know there are many talented people in Montgomery, so please consider coming in to offer enrichment to our students. This is the last year of a five-year grant, and we are currently re-applying for another five years. We know that many of our families support and depend on our LEAPS program, and we are hoping to continue on with expanded programming next year.

When spring rolls around each year, so do state assessments. In the spring of 2018, we piloted the new Vermont Science Assessment (VTSA), which replaced the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). This new assessment was administered to students in 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. In addition, students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades piloted a new state-wide physical education assessment called “FitnessGram.” This comprehensive, health-related fitness assessment is currently the most widely used fitness assessment in the nation. With regard to the scores, we are still waiting for a release schedule from the Vermont Agency on Education.

The State of Vermont continues to utilize the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) to assess student progress toward meeting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in literacy and math. The assessment was administered in May 2018 to students in grades 3-8. The chart below shows the average scores for Vermont, FNESU, and Montgomery. As you can see, Montgomery’s scores continue to show proof of why rigor, high expectations, hard work and accountability are so important.

Grade	English Language Arts/Literacy			Math		
	Proficient and Above Vermont	Proficient and Above FNESU	Proficient and Above Montgomery	Proficient and Above Vermont	Proficient and Above FNESU	Proficient and Above Montgomery
3	50%	52%	78%	52%	59%	78%
4	53%	50%	79%	49%	51%	79%
5	55%	54%	64%	43%	45%	64%
6	53%	58%	92%	41%	45%	69%
7	57%	64%	92%	44%	48%	92%
8	57%	53%	53%	42%	40%	60%

While assessment scores remain high, it’s always important to target areas for improvement. This year, we began a new initiative that we call “Laser Focus.” We, as a staff, are attempting to identify every possible obstacle that is hindering student learning, and challenge ourselves to help students overcome these obstacles.

For example, we identified a gender achievement gap between the performance level of girls and the performance level of boys at MES, with girls slightly outperforming boys in both ELA and Math. Given the fact that research shows boys learn differently than girls, one facet of our Laser Focus includes professional development on how best to engage male learners. This professional development will include bringing experts in to work with staff during school-wide professional development days, as well as a staff book study. Other topics included in our Laser Focus

include, understanding trauma and how it hinders learning, how to motivate students, and alternative ways of teaching students. Through these efforts, we are committed to ensuring that all students are meeting challenging academic content standards as well as increasing overall achievement. When push comes to shove, none of this would be happening if it wasn't for the never-ending dedication and commitment of the MES staff.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to a long-standing tradition here at Montgomery Elementary School. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Shakespeare Performances led by middle school teacher Sue Zeineth-Collins. Each and every year, it is evident that many hours of blood, sweat and tears are put forth to produce such quality, entertaining plays. Mark your calendars for March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.! Thank you and congratulations to Sue for all of her time, effort and dedication.

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### **Business Manager's Report**

Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

#### **Education Budget**

Currently the only body authorized to warn an FY20 budget is the board of the Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District, which will operate Bakersfield Elementary, Berkshire Elementary, Montgomery Elementary, and Sheldon Elementary Schools, and pay tuition for those towns' high school students. Three lawsuits have been filed against the Agency of Education and State Board of Education, with the goal of overturning the state-imposed mergers announced last year. Both Sheldon Town School District and Montgomery Town School District are parties to one suit. Guidance from the Agency of Education, the District's lawyers, and the lawyers hired for the lawsuit has been in conflict.

The Montgomery School Board has decided to warn a single-district budget, as they have in the past. That budget follows. Some of the required reports generated by the Agency are not included, as the Agency produced those only for districts as merged by vote or State Board action. More concrete guidance may be forthcoming by the Annual Meeting date.

#### **Residential Tax Rates**

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

- **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 voters.
- The **Equalized Pupil Count** is a weighted count of the number of students in a district. *As the Equalized Pupil Count increases, the tax rate decreases.*
- The **Property Dollar Equivalent Yield** is an amount set by statute and revised annually by the Legislature. *As the dollar yield increases, the tax rate decreases.* This budget uses \$10,666, the amount recommended by the tax commissioner on November 30. The final figure will be set by the Legislature.
- 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 higher yield amount proposed by the administration is the most significant contributor to the lower anticipated tax rate in Montgomery. Again, that number can be changed by the legislature before tax bills are finalized.

**Households with income below \$137,500 may be eligible for a reduction in their residential property tax bill.** In Tax Year 2018, 305 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.

## **Audit**

The District was audited by RHR Smith & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. A copy of the audit can be obtained by calling the Supervisory Union office at 802-848-7661.

Respectfully submitted,

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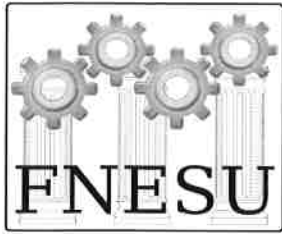
### Montgomery School Directors

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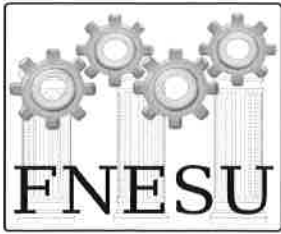
Proceeds	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
QSP (mags)	\$1,793.55	\$1,443.20	\$1,585.38	\$1,185.15	\$621.00	\$1,128.04	\$237.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
MF Regular		\$2,869.00	\$2,568.95	\$1,899.95	\$1,317.10	\$1,771.40	\$574.44	\$1,602.64	\$1,779.75
Cookie Sales	\$1,055.00			\$770.80	\$1,206.14	\$834.40	\$1,089.20	\$865.60	\$1,038.20
Pizza	\$3,775.15	\$2,145.43	\$2,085.87	\$1,673.39	\$1,653.71	\$1,481.19	\$548.57	\$0.00	\$600.00
Seeds				\$1,043.15	-	\$623.70	\$415.05	\$0.00	\$0.00



# Montgomery Town School District FY20 General Fund Budget

	FY19 Approved	FY20 Proposed	FY19-20 Change
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>			
Local Revenue	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Other Restricted	\$15,896	\$22,000	\$6,104
State Revenue	\$141,386	\$138,697	(\$2,689)
Other Revenue	\$129,712	\$105,098	(\$24,614)
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$289,994</b>	<b>\$268,795</b>	<b>(\$21,199)</b>

<b>**ANTICIPATED** TAX RATES</b>			
Budgeted Expenditures	\$2,663,360	\$2,720,817	\$57,457
less Local and Grant Revenue	\$289,994	\$268,795	(\$21,199)
equals Education Spending	\$2,373,366	\$2,452,022	\$78,656
divided by Equalized Pupils	196.79	189.90	-6.89
equals Per Pupil Education Spending	\$12,060	\$12,912	\$852
divided by Dollar Yield	\$9,842	\$10,666	\$824
equals Equalized Residential School Tax Rate	\$1.2254	\$1.2106	(\$0.0148)
divided by CLA	103.14%	103.59%	0.45%
equals Local Residential Education tax Rate	\$1.1881	\$1.1686	(\$0.0194)



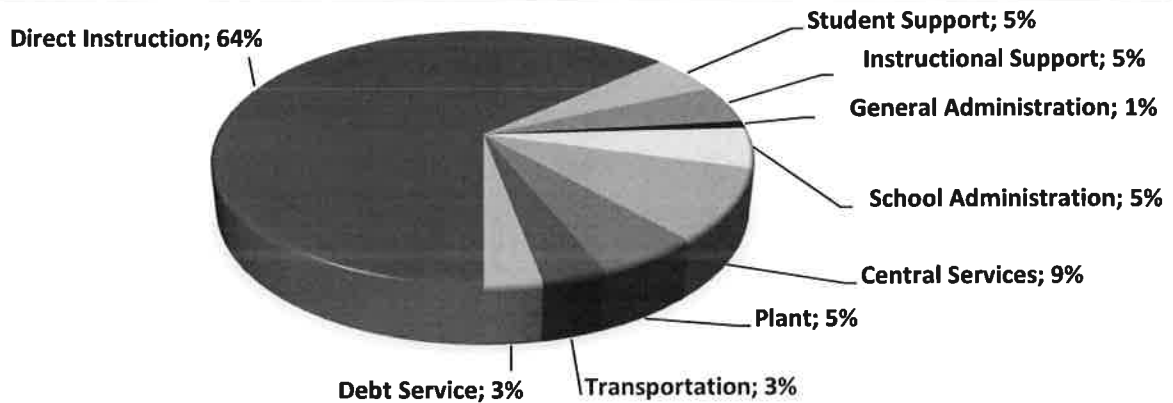
# Montgomery Town School District FY20 General Fund Budget

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approved	FY19 to Dec 31	FY20 Proposed	FY19-20 Change
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>					
<b>PRE-KINDERGARTEN</b>					
<b>Regular Education</b>					
Direct Instruction	\$32,533	\$33,017	\$398	\$52,650	\$19,633
<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>\$32,533</b>	<b>\$33,017</b>	<b>\$398</b>	<b>\$52,650</b>	<b>\$19,633</b>
<b>Special Education</b>					
Direct Instruction	\$3,171	\$817	\$671	\$1,728	\$911
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$3,171</b>	<b>\$817</b>	<b>\$671</b>	<b>\$1,728</b>	<b>\$911</b>
<b>TOTAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN</b>	<b>\$35,704</b>	<b>\$33,834</b>	<b>\$1,069</b>	<b>\$54,378</b>	<b>\$20,544</b>
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>					
<b>Regular Education</b>					
Direct Instruction	\$545,035	\$563,223	\$219,474	\$596,272	\$33,049
<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>\$545,035</b>	<b>\$563,223</b>	<b>\$219,474</b>	<b>\$596,272</b>	<b>\$33,049</b>
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>\$545,035</b>	<b>\$563,223</b>	<b>\$219,474</b>	<b>\$596,272</b>	<b>\$33,049</b>
<b>SECONDARY</b>					
<b>Regular Education</b>					
Direct Instruction	\$140,476	\$138,349	\$53,166	\$146,806	\$8,457
Secondary Tuition	\$810,659	\$891,300	\$325,303	\$882,184	(\$9,116)
Athletics	\$7,864	\$8,198	\$2,311	\$9,480	\$1,282
Co-Curricular	\$9,601	\$21,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$19,000
<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>\$968,600</b>	<b>\$1,058,847</b>	<b>\$380,780</b>	<b>\$1,078,470</b>	<b>\$19,623</b>
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY</b>	<b>\$968,600</b>	<b>\$1,058,847</b>	<b>\$380,780</b>	<b>\$1,078,470</b>	<b>\$19,623</b>
<b>DISTRICT-WIDE</b>					
<b>Regular Education</b>					
Student Support	\$67,533	\$63,833	\$24,394	\$68,017	\$4,184
Instructional Support	\$118,740	\$128,861	\$44,494	\$132,260	\$3,399
General Administration	\$22,519	\$25,413	\$17,717	\$24,577	(\$836)
School Administration	\$140,404	\$143,964	\$64,203	\$138,392	(\$5,572)
Central Services	\$103,835	\$105,812	\$52,906	\$124,179	\$18,367
Plant	\$161,766	\$170,427	\$85,503	\$146,303	(\$24,124)
Student Transportation	\$78,869	\$86,687	\$43,608	\$89,000	\$2,313
Debt Service	\$85,221	\$82,646	\$72,513	\$80,039	(\$2,607)
<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>\$778,887</b>	<b>\$807,643</b>	<b>\$405,338</b>	<b>\$802,767</b>	<b>(\$4,876)</b>
<b>Special Education</b>					
Student Support	\$73,676	\$65,657	\$24,787	\$65,090	(\$567)
Central Services	\$126,452	\$134,156	\$67,078	\$123,840	(\$10,316)
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$200,128</b>	<b>\$199,813</b>	<b>\$91,865</b>	<b>\$188,930</b>	<b>(\$10,883)</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT-WIDE</b>	<b>\$979,015</b>	<b>\$1,007,456</b>	<b>\$497,203</b>	<b>\$991,697</b>	<b>(\$15,759)</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,528,354</b>	<b>\$2,663,360</b>	<b>\$1,098,526</b>	<b>\$2,720,817</b>	<b>\$57,457</b>



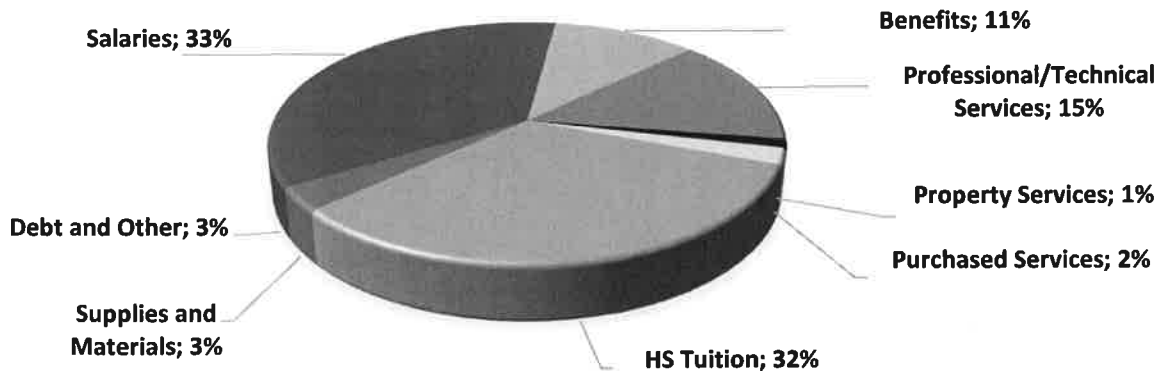
### FY20 Montgomery Budget by Function

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY19 to Dec 31	FY20 Proposed	FY19-20 Change
Direct Instruction	\$1,549,339	\$1,655,904	\$601,323	\$1,729,120	\$73,216
Student Support	\$141,209	\$129,490	\$49,181	\$133,107	\$3,617
Instructional Support	\$118,740	\$128,861	\$44,494	\$132,260	\$3,399
General Administration	\$22,519	\$25,413	\$17,717	\$24,577	(\$836)
School Administration	\$140,404	\$143,964	\$64,203	\$138,392	(\$5,572)
Central Services	\$230,287	\$239,968	\$119,984	\$248,019	\$8,051
Plant	\$161,766	\$170,427	\$85,503	\$146,303	(\$24,124)
Transportation	\$78,869	\$86,687	\$43,608	\$89,000	\$2,313
Debt Service	\$85,221	\$82,646	\$72,513	\$80,039	(\$2,607)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,528,354</b>	<b>\$2,663,360</b>	<b>\$1,098,526</b>	<b>\$2,720,817</b>	<b>\$57,457</b>



### FY20 Montgomery Budget by Object

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY19 to Dec 31	FY20 Proposed	FY19-20 Change
Salaries	\$879,810	\$915,302	\$367,059	\$889,679	(\$25,623)
Benefits	\$271,119	\$251,090	\$95,927	\$295,196	\$44,106
Professional/Technical Service	\$346,896	\$358,755	\$168,114	\$394,969	\$36,214
Property Services	\$28,800	\$30,700	\$17,209	\$31,400	\$700
Purchased Services	\$24,432	\$42,867	\$11,616	\$58,550	\$15,683
HS Tuition	\$810,659	\$891,300	\$325,303	\$882,184	(\$9,116)
Supplies and Materials	\$76,766	\$82,500	\$37,384	\$85,100	\$2,600
Debt and Other	\$89,872	\$90,846	\$75,914	\$83,739	(\$7,107)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,528,354</b>	<b>\$2,663,360</b>	<b>\$1,098,526</b>	<b>\$2,720,817</b>	<b>\$57,457</b>



## FY19 Education Spending Per Pupil by District

\$0 \$5,000 \$10,000 \$15,000 \$20,000

Montgomery's per pupil spending is  
\$3,461 less than the state average.

State Average (\$15,521)

Enosburgh (\$14,019)

Franklin County Avg (\$13,650)  
Bakersfield (\$13,549)

Berkshire (\$13,058)

Richford (\$12,502)  
Montgomery (\$12,060)



## Montgomery Town Office Hours

### Town Clerk:

Monday\*: 9:00 – 6:00 (closed from 12-1 for lunch\*)  
Tuesday: 9:00 – 3:00  
Wednesday: 9:00 – 3:00  
Thursday: 9:00 – 3:00  
Friday: CLOSED

Clerk: Deanna-Dee Robitaille  
[montgomeryclerk@gmail.com](mailto:montgomeryclerk@gmail.com)

Asst. Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley  
[asstclerkmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:asstclerkmontgomery@gmail.com)

### Town Treasurer:

Hours By Appointment Only

Treasurer: Erin Kopacz  
[montgomerytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:montgomerytreasurer@gmail.com)

Asst. Treasurer: Elizabeth Reighley  
[asstclerkmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:asstclerkmontgomery@gmail.com)

### Zoning Administrator

Tuesday: 12:00 – 3:00

Ellen Fox  
[montgomeryzoning@gmail.com](mailto:montgomeryzoning@gmail.com)

\*\*\* In cases of inclement weather and school closings \*\*\*

Offices will open at 10:00 am

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[www.facebook.com/montgomeryclerk](https://www.facebook.com/montgomeryclerk)

Website: [www.montgomeryvt.us](http://www.montgomeryvt.us)

Phone: (802) 326-4719

# HELPFUL TOWN INFORMATION

**Tax Due Date 2019: November 8<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm**  
 (Town Offices will be open on that Friday to accept payments)  
*\*\*Postmarks are not accepted\*\**

2010 State of Vermont Census: 1201 ~ Registered Voters: 949

FIRE, RESCUE & POLICE EMERGENCIES.....	911
VERMONT STATE POLICE.....	524-5993
CLERK/TREASURER Office .....	326-4719
Fax.....	326-5053
Clerk.....	montgomeryclerk@gmail.com
Treasurer.....	montgomerytreasurer@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 Monday	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
School Board	Second Monday	6:00pm	School
Selectboard/Water Comm	First & Third Monday	6:30pm	Public Safety Bldg
Zoning Administrator	Tuesdays	12:00pm – 3:00pm	Public Safety Bldg

## **Available Payment Options**

### **Water Bills, Taxes, and other Fees**

We understand that it is not always easy to come to the office during the work day to transact your business. For your convenience, we now have multiple options for you to choose from.

#### **Credit & Debit Card – Visa, MasterCard, or Discover**

You may pay online via the “Payments” tab on our website, over the phone with the Town Office, 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:

- \$1.00 for all transactions LESS than \$33.00 or \$4.95
- 3% for all transactions MORE than \$33.00
- 4.95% for any transaction paid by phone directly with our service provider

#### **ACH Withdrawal from Checking or Savings**

If you would prefer to have your Tax Payments and/or Water Payments automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the due dates, you may find application forms on the Town Clerk & Treasurer page of our website under “How to Make a Payment”. ***Please note*** if you have multiple accounts please submit one completed form for EACH property. ***Canadian bank account holders must call our office for special directions.*** Call 326-4719 Ext 209 with questions

#### **Secure Drop-Box (non-cash transactions ONLY)**

For those who would prefer to utilize checks or money orders but are not able to arrive during regular business hours, there is now a secure drop-box located just to the left of the main entrance at our 86 Mountain Rd location. Please note, on due dates only, the box will be checked each morning, immediately after the lunch hour and at the close of business. Check payments can be sent via U.S. mail to P.O. Box 356.

As a gentle reminder, postmarks are NOT accepted so please plan accordingly to be sure mailed items have adequate time to make their way to our office to avoid potential fees and penalties. ***All payments must be received in the Town Clerk & Treasurer’s office by the close of business on any due date.*** We hope these additional options will provide our residents and taxpayers with the highest level of flexibility and convenience.