WARNING TOWN OF MONTGOMERY TOWN MEETING – 2025

The legal voters of the town of Montgomery in the County of Franklin are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2025 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 (Jacob Racusin, expires)
- 2. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. Selectperson- two (2) year term to expire in 2027 by ballot (Emily Kimball, expires)
 - b. Selectperson- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 by ballot (Charlie Hancock, expires)
 - c. Lister- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 by ballot (Kenny Miller, appointed)
 - d. Collector of Delinquent Taxes- remainder three (3) year term to expire in 2026 (Kat Barnard, appointed)
 - e. First Constable- two (2) year term to expire in 2027 (Brent Godin, expires)
 - f. Village Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term to expire 2030 (JoAnne Lanphear, expires)
 - g. Village Cemetery Commissioner- remainder four (4) year term expiring in 2028 (Vacant)
 - h. Center Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term to expire in 2030 (Jade Dixson-Boles, expires)
 - i. Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Jane Presler, expires)
 - j. Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Cheryl Wisell, expires)
 - k. Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Marijke Dollois, expires)
 - 1. Fire Commissioner- two (2) year term to expire in 2027 (Joseph Zartarian, expires)
 - m. Planning Commission- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Alissa Hardy, expires)
 - n. Planning Commission- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Peter Locher, expires)
- 3. Shall the voters approve a one-time term adjustment for Library Trustee Seats 7 & 8 correcting the current term expiration from 2025 to 2026 to ensure the Trustee term lengths are staggered per 22 V.S.A. § 143b?
- 4. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 VSA 4791, to collect Current Taxes?
- 5. 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.

- 6. Shall the voters accept a fiscal year 2026 Budget of expenditures not to exceed \$1,441,377.91 of which an estimated \$1,008,735.91 shall be raised by taxes and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?
- 7. Shall the voters of Montgomery authorize the suspension of section 3 of the Town of Montgomery Charter from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2028, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2645a, and instead authorize the assessment of local option taxes as follows: one percent meals and alcoholic beverages and one percent rooms tax, pursuant and according to 24 V.S.A. §138, in lieu of section 3 of the Town of Montgomery charter, beginning April 1, 2025?
- 8. Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Wastewater Reserve Fund to be used for payment of financial obligations related to the Municipal Wastewater System in Montgomery Center, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?
- 9. Shall the Town appropriate the revenue generated from all local option taxes to fund the Wastewater Reserve Fund for the purpose of repaying debt obligations related to the Municipal Wastewater System in Montgomery Center?
- 10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$300,000 for a term of five years to purchase a new 2026 or 2027 Western Star tandem truck with snowplow, wing, and sander; to replace the 2017 International Truck.
- 11. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 23 util day of January, 2025 AD

Selectboard pulli Charlie Hancock, Chairman Mark Brouillette Leanne Barnard n Emily Kimball , Vice Chair Suzanne Dollois Attest: Date:

Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk, Town of Montgomery

NOTICE TO VOTERS- <u>2025 Local Elections:</u> <u>Town Meeting Day- Floor Vote</u> NMVUU School District - [Australian Ballot]

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY March 4th, 2025 LOCATION: Town Hall, 57 Main Street Montgomery Ctr Town Meeting begins: 9:00am | Polling Hours for School Ballot: 10:00a-7:00p

WARNING, CHECKLIST, & SAMPLE BALLOT POSTED: Town Office, Public Safety Building, & Village Post Office. Not later than: <u>February 2nd, 2025</u>. Election documents/notices are also posted online on the Town Website: www.montgomeryvt.us

<u>ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?</u> If you are a full-time resident in the Town of Montgomery (and a US Citizen), you may register online using My Voter Page <u>https://mvp.vermont.gov/</u> or in person at the Town Office or register on Election Day

<u>EARLY/ABSENTEE VOTING</u>: Request a ballot be mailed to you or pick up a school ballot in person at the office starting <u>February 12th, 2025</u> {please remember this is for School District only - Town business is conducted by Floor Vote}

REQUESTING EARLY/ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

W Option 1: Request your ballot be mailed to your residence:

- Request via phone, email, or using My Voter Page <u>https://mvp.vermont.gov/</u>
- Absentee ballots may be returned via USPS, our Dropbox, or you may return your ballot to an Election Official on March 4th until the polls close at 7:00PM

4 Option 2: Pickup your ballot at the Town Office and vote in person or take it home.

- Please Note: You can only pick up your OWN ballot you cannot by law take a ballot for anyone other than yourself--during pickup you may request a ballot for family members, and we will mail it to them.
- Last day to request early school ballot: March 3rd, 2025, by 3:30pm

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or cannot read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten, or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633. If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office. If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.