

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY – FY 2024 REPORT  
**ROGER CHAUVIN**



## Celebrating Roger Chauvin

After decades of service to Montgomery Elementary, the time has come to celebrate Roger Chauvin, our beloved bus driver, who has been a fixture in our community for more years than most of us can count. Roger has been more than just the guy behind the wheel — he's been a guardian of our children, a quiet force in our town, and an unforgettable character in our lives.

Over the years, we've all had our moments with Roger. Some of us remember him as the guy who was always there—rain, snow, or sleet—making sure our kids made it to school safely, no matter the weather. In fact, there was one day when Roger's deep commitment really stood out. It was the day his dear wife Lois passed away, and he still made sure the children got to school. Despite his personal loss, he went out of his way to gather up the kids and safely deliver them, as he always did. In return, the community came together with cards, meals, and kindness—proof of just how deeply Roger's loyalty and heart have touched us all.

Of course, we can't forget the countless memories students have from their time on Roger's bus. Whether it was the daily dose of country music filling the air, or the way Roger would always circle back to pick up the kids who missed the bus. He was always there for them. It didn't matter if you were running late, Roger made sure you got to school, even if it meant adding a little extra time to his route. Over the years, Roger also proved that he knew how to keep up with the times, learning to navigate the latest trends and lingo from his students, all while sharing a laugh and creating moments that would be remembered for years.

So many of us have those small, unforgettable memories of Roger that show just how much he cared for his students. Another example that stands out is when he would wait for kids at the bottom of long driveways, especially in the winter. He would patiently wait while kids changed out of their snow boots and into sneakers so they could be "cool" when they walked into school. He would shake his head and laugh at their antics, never telling mom about their "fashionable" little secret.

Roger, you've been a steady, reliable presence in our lives, even when you didn't always show it in the most obvious ways. You taught us all, from your unique way of showing care to your unexpected willingness to share in silly moments. You've been a friend, a mentor, and a protector to so many generations of students, staff, and families. Your time at Montgomery Elementary has left a lasting imprint on our hearts.

From all of us—thank you, Roger, for your more than 30 years of dedication, your quiet kindness, and for always being there when we needed you most. Your legacy will continue in every story, memory, and laugh shared about those countless bus rides and moments of care.

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes,  
The Montgomery Elementary School Community

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## **The Lowell / Eden Asbestos Mine and Montgomery**



*BIRD'S EYE VIEW from the verge of a quarry bench shows the Vermont asbestos mine filling a high valley in the Green Mountains. Down the road at the left stretching into the distance, carefully selected asbestos fibre starts on its way to becoming the indestructible heart of Ruberoid asbestos building products.*

**Picture From circa 1960 Ruberoid Reporter Newsletter**

### **TIMELINE**

- 1892 Asbestos discovered by a woodsman. (Ruberoid Reporter Special Edition ca 1960)
- 1901 New England Asbestos Mining and Mill Company owns / operates mill and quarry.
- 1936 Ruberoid Co. owns / operates mill and quarry.
- 1967 Ruberoid acquired by GAF Corp.
- 1973 Workers purchase and operate as Vermont Asbestos Group (VAG).
- 1993 VAG ceases operation.
- 2007 Remediation efforts begin by State and Federal governments.
- 2013 EPA caps dry fibers stored on site.

From 1901 to its closing in 1993 the mine, or quarry, located in Lowell and Eden harvested and processed chrysotile asbestos fibers. The fibers were shipped to other factories and largely used in cement products like shingles and wall board. It was the largest mine of its kind in the U.S. There were similar mines operated in Quebec.

At its peak the mill employed as many as 300 men. In 1976 it employed 175 men and had a payroll of \$1.7 million. Average pay at the mine was \$4.00-\$4.30/hour, among the highest in the region according to an UpCountry Magazine article. About 24 men from Montgomery worked at the mine then, nearly 20% of the Town's working age men, making it one of the Town's largest employers per the Town history. A company shuttle bus picked up Montgomery workers in the morning and brought them home at night.

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**SPECIFICATIONS:**

Weight/Sq.	195 lbs.
Pieces/Sq.	39
Bundles/Sq.	3
Size	8 1/4" x 48"
Exposure	7 1/4" x 48"
Headlap	1"

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The mine was purchased by its workers in 1973. The purchase was viewed as a relatively novel and largely successful move at the time, and studied by workers and companies in similar situations. With State financial backing (loans and loan guarantees) the workers owned and operated the mine for 20 more years. But as times changed and demand waned (largely due to asbestos-related lawsuits against their customers), the business would close.

In 2007 the State pursued possible Federal designation of the mine site, which included land in Lowell and Eden, as a Superfund Site in hopes of significant Federal funding for cleanup and other mitigation. The State released a study to bolster its

case which concluded that those within a 10-mile radius of the mine were more likely to suffer from asbestosis and related health problems than those outside the circle. This area included a large part of eastern Montgomery, including all of Montgomery Center, but not Montgomery Village.

The study was called into question because it was based on the review of death records in the region and did not take into account individual life histories, such as previous work in shipyards. The sample size was also considered too small (6) to draw such conclusions. Air sampling showed no airborne asbestos beyond the site.

Governor Shumlin said he wouldn't pursue the Superfund designation unless the towns where it was located (Lowell and Eden) voted to support the effort. Neither did, in part fearing the

stigma that could be associated. Follow-on mitigation efforts were centered on not disturbing the tailing piles and other areas, and making efforts to prevent run off from the site.

Another round of mitigation efforts took place in 2013 when the EPA feared a building believed to have 18,000 cubic yards of finished, processed dry asbestos fibers inside was failing, and in danger of releasing the fibers. It turned out there was considerably less there and it was partially removed to a pit on the site and both locations were covered, or capped, in place.

Compiled from the following sources:

1. Montgomery Vermont: The History of a Town, Branthoover and Taylor
2. Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Web site)
3. Ruberoid Recorder, Special Edition, ca 1960 (MHS Archives)
4. "Everybody Here is a Company Man" Upcountry Magazine, Feb 1976 (MHS Archives)
5. Discussions with Ken Cota and Fred Kinnet
6. 2007 Public hearings.
7. EPA response to VAG mine site 2013 (Web Site)

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## Scholarship reminder

We have two MHS Scholarships available every year for any graduating Montgomery Senior going on to college or additional technical or professional training. Deadline for applications is May first. Applications are available for download at:

<https://www.montgomeryhistoricalsociety.org/pdf/mhsscholarships.pdf>

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Your donations of items are always welcome. Thank you for your support!

**Not a member? Why not join us? You Can Make a Difference!**

## MEETING PROCEDURE (Excerpt from Annual Town Report)

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- edited by Timothy Murphy.

- Any citizen on the voter's checklist has the right to speak on any debatable subject. Citizens who do not appear 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 certain time.
- 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.



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

**ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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: **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**. Election documents/notices are also posted online on the Town Website: [www.montgomeryvt.us](http://www.montgomeryvt.us)

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

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

**REQUESTING EARLY/ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

- 🗳️ Option 1: Request your ballot be mailed to your residence:**
- Request via phone, email, or using My Voter Page <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>
  - 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
- 🗳️ Option 2: Pick up 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

## **NOTICE TO VOTERS: SPECIAL ELECTION 2025**

**What: Australian Ballot vote on petitioned Articles to Amend Town Charter**

**When: Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Where: Town Hall, 57 Main Street Montgomery CTR**

**Polling Hours: 10:00am-7:00pm**

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  - 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 ballot: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, by 3:30pm**

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ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICER LIST

**BOLD indicates current term has expired | Italics denotes appts to be Elected to remaining terms or Vacancies to fill**

<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Moderator	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Jacob Racusin</b>	<b>2025</b>
Selectboard			
1	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Charlie Hancock</b>	<b>2025</b>
2	3 Years	Suzanne Dollois	2026
3	3 Years	Mark Brouillette	2027
4	2 Years	Leanne Barnard	2026
5	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>Emily Kimball</b>	<b>2025</b>
Listers			
1	3 Years	James Walsh	2027
2	3 Years	Merle Van Gieson	2026
3	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Kenny Miller</b>	<b>2025</b>
Collector of Current Taxes	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>2025</b>
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	<b>3 Years</b>	<i>Katherine Barnard</i>	<b>2026</b>
First Constable	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>Brent Godin</b>	<b>2025</b>
Cemetery Commission - Village			
1	5 Years	George Gabuzda	2029
2	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>JoAnne Lanphear</b>	<b>2025</b>
3	5 Years	Lois Lumbra	2026
4	5 Years	Penny Lumbra	2027
5	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<i>2024 Expired. Must be apptd til next TMD 2025, then elected to serve remainder term expiring 2028</i>
Cemetery Commission - Center			
1	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>Jade Dixson-Boles</b>	<b>2025</b>
2	5 Years	Lynda Cluba	2028
3	5 Years	Cindy Gilchrist	2029
4	5 Years	Charlie Purrier	2026
5	5 Years	Lyndol Elkins	2027
Library Trustees			
1	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Jane Presler</b>	<b>2025</b>
2	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Cheryl Wisell</b>	<b>2025</b>
3	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Marijke Dollois</b>	<b>2025</b>
4	3 Years	Remi Gratton	2027
5	3 Years	Carmen Carroll	2027
6	3 Years	Nicole Landreman	2027

7*	3 Years	Patty Hathaway	2025*
8*	3 Years	Christina Suarez-Pratt	2025*
9	3 Years	Daniel Khan	2026
Fire Commissioners			
1	2 Years	Doug Kopacz	2026
2	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>Joe Zartarian</b>	<b>2025</b>
Planning Commission			
1	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Alissa Hardy</b>	<b>2025</b>
2	3 Years	George 'Joe' Sherman	2026
3	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Peter Locher</b>	<b>2025</b>
4	3 Years	Kim Morrill	2027
5	3 Years	Patrick Calecas	2027
Justices of The Peace			
1	2 Years	Parma Jewett	Feb 2027
2	2 Years	Tosca Smith	Feb 2027
3	2 Years	Sue Wilson	Feb 2027
4	2 Years	Darren Drevik	Feb 2027
5	2 Years	Deanna Robitaille	Feb 2027
6	2 Years	Christina Suarez-Pratt	Feb 2027
7	2 Years	Gabrielle Lumbr	Feb 2027
{JPs are Elected at the November election prior to their term expiration}			
<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Water Commission			
1	3 Years	Suzanne Dollois	2026
2	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Charlie Hancock</b>	<b>2025</b>
3	3 Years	Mark Brouillette	2027
4	2 Years	Leanne Barnard	2026
5	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>Emily Kimball</b>	<b>2025</b>
Development Review Board			
1	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>Mary Garceau</b>	<b>2025</b>
2	4 Years	Sue Wilson	2028
3	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>Barry Kade</b>	<b>2025</b>
4	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>John Kuryloski</b>	<b>2025</b>
5	4 Years	Parma Jewett	2027
6	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>Charles Snedcor-A</b>	<b>2025</b>
7	4 Years	Mark Brouillette-A	2027
8	4 Years	Merle Van Gieson-A	2028
Agent To Convey Real Estate			
	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Barry Kade</b>	<b>2025</b>
Budget Committee			

1	1 Year	Leanne Barnard	2025
2	1 Year	Mark Brouillette	2025
3	1 Year	Vacant	2025
4	1 Year	Erin Kopacz	2025
5	1 Year	Charlie Hancock	2025
Director Disaster/Ems Management			
	1 Year	Greg Lucas	2025
Deputy Disaster/Ems Management			
	1 Year	Doug Kopacz	2025
Fence Viewers			
1	1 Year	Listers	2025
2	1 Year	Listers	2025
3	1 Year	Listers	2025
Fire Warden			
	5 Years	Doug Kopacz	6/30/2027
Deputy Fire Warden			
	5 Years	Joseph Zartarian	6/30/2027
Health Officer			
	3 Years	Tim Snider	1/31/2027
NW Regional Planning Rep			
1	3 Years	Mark Brouillette	2025
2	3 Years	Leanne Barnard	2025
Animal Control Officer			
	1 Year	Lynda Cluba	2025
Road Commissioner			
	2 Years	Mark Brouillette	2026
NW Solid Waste Dist Rep			
	3 Years	Barry Kade	2026
Transportation Advisory Rep			
	1 Year	Mark Brouillette	2025
Transportation Advisory Alt			
	1 Year	Scott Ovitt	2025
Recreation Board			
1	3 Years	Peg Doheny	2027
2	3 Years	Jay Farnham	2027
3	3 Years	Lisa Perry	2027
4	3 Years	Marsha Phillips	2026
5	3 Years	Journey Johnston	2025
6	3 Years	Tiffany Jones	2025
7	3 Years	Brendan O'Shea	2025
Zoning Administrator			
	3 Years	Ellen Fox	2027
MRBA Wild & Scenic Rep			
1	1 Year	Vacant	2025
2	1 Year	Cynthia Scott	2025
NW CUD Reps			
	1 Year	Erin Kopacz	2025

	<b>1 Year</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>1 Year</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Community Garden Board</b>			
1	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Remi Gratton</b>	<b>2025</b>
2	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Wendy Howard</b>	<b>2025</b>
3	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Genvieve Lodal-Guild</b>	<b>2025</b>
4	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Parma Jewett</b>	<b>2025</b>
5	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Hannah Sorenson</b>	<b>2025</b>
6	<b>1 Year</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	<b>2025</b>
7	<b>1 Year</b>	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>			
1	<b>4 Years</b>	Charles Snedikor	2027
2	<b>4 Years</b>	Parma Jewett	2026
3	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>Marielle Ambroch</b>	<b>2025</b>
4	<b>4 Years</b>	Joan Hildreth	2028
5	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>Kip Potter</b>	<b>2025</b>
6	<b>4 Years</b>	Lynn Locher	2026
7	<b>4 Years</b>	Matt Paggi	2026
8	<b>4 Years</b>	Sue Baker	2028
9	<b>4 Years</b>	<b>Patrick Calecas</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Town Hall Committee</b>			
1	<b>3 Years</b>	Tosca Smith	2026
2	<b>3 Years</b>	Brad Elliott	2026
3	<b>3 Years</b>	Tara Lumbra	2026
4	<b>3 Years</b>	Shane Mercy	2026
5	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>Abe Barnard</b>	<b>2025</b>
6	<b>2 Years</b>	<b><i>Nicole Woodworth</i></b>	<b>2025</b>
7	<b>2 Years</b>	<b><i>Claudia Stauber</i></b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Town Newsletter Editor</b>			
	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Suzanne Dollois</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Financial Controls Officer</b>			
	<b>3 Years</b>	Beth Crane	2027
<b>Inspector of Lumber/Shingle/Wood</b>			
	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Charlie Hancock</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Tree Warden</b>			
	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Charlie Hancock</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Weigher of Coal</b>			
	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Emily Kimball</b>	<b>2025</b>

## TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES – 2024

Morgan Daybell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. Morgan began with article 1, to elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Charlie Hancock nominated Jacob Racusin. Pat Farmer nominated Morgan Daybell, Morgan declined the nomination, hearing no other nominations on the floor Jacob Racusin was elected Moderator by voice vote. Jacob recognized there were non-voting members present at the meeting, Charlie moved to suspend the rules and allow the non-voting members to address the body, seconded by Leanne Barnard. Discussion, Barry Kade suggested the electorate consider this as a ‘blanket request’ for the meeting. Body voted to allow non-voting members to speak, passed by voice vote. Charlie moved to allow our Representative Allen “Penny” Demar the opportunity to speak, Penny addressed the body, and gave an update of the current session in Montpelier.

Merle Van Gieson moved to take Article 7 out of order for consideration, motion was seconded. Discussion took place, Jacob read the petition language of Article 7a & b as shown on the warning. Charlie clarified how items get added to the warning binding versus advisory articles. Carol Farmer stated it would be best to address binding articles first, motioned to maintain published order of the Warning. Body voted nay, by two-thirds voice vote, to take Article 7 out of order; a voice vote to maintain the order of the warning and continue the meeting agenda as published passed.

### 2. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:

- a. **Selectperson- two (2) year term by ballot (Leanne Barnard - term expires.** Paul Nichols nominated Merle Van Gieson. Charlie Hancock nominated Leanne Barnard. Candidates were afforded the opportunity to speak. Hearing no other nominations, Jacob directed the voters to assemble in a line to conduct the vote by ballot. Jacob called the voting to close. Tim Murphy acknowledged the cover of the Town Report, Charlie thanked Wendy Howard and Jim Abbott who were presented on the report this year. Ballots were counted: Merle had 20 votes, Leanne had 77 votes. Leanne Barnard was re-elected to a two year term.
- b. **Selectperson- three (3) year term by ballot (Mark Brouillette - term expires).** Carol Farmer nominated Mark Brouillette. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, Jacob directed Charlie Hancock to cast one ballot to re-elect Mark Brouillette for a three year term.
- c. **Lister- three (3) year term by ballot (James Walsh - term expires).** Charlie nominated James Walsh. Deanna Robitaille indicated that James was not present however he gave his intent to not decline a nomination, hearing no other nominations and without objection, Jacob directed Charlie Hancock to cast one ballot to re-elect James Walsh for a three year term.
- d. **Lister- remainder of a three (3) year term to expire 2026 by ballot (Merle Van Gieson- appointed).** Titus Presler nominated Merle Van Gieson, hearing no other

nominations and without objection, Jacob directed Charlie Hancock to cast one ballot to elect Merle Van Gieson for the remainder of a three year term expiring 2026.

- e. **Lister- remainder of a three (3) year term to expire 2025 by ballot (Vacant seat).** No nominations were given. Seat remains vacant. Selectboard will appoint a Lister in the absence of a nomination.
- f. **Collector of Delinquent Taxes- remainder of a three (3) year term to expire 2026 (Rob Barnard III- appointed).** Lynda Cluba nominated Robert Barnard III. Hearing no other nominations Robert Barnard III was elected by unanimous voice vote for the remainder of a three year term to expire 2026.
- g. **Village Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term (George Gabuzda - term expires).** Brent Godin nominated George Gabuzda. Hearing no other nominations, George Gabuzda was re-elected to a five year term by unanimous voice vote.
- h. **Village Cemetery Commissioner- four (4) year term (Sheila Marshia - term expires).** James Marshia spoke on behalf of Sheila, indicating she will decline a nomination due to personal reasons. No nominations were given. Seat remains vacant. Selectboard will appoint a Commissioner in the absence of a nomination.
- i. **Center Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term (Annie Purrier- term expires).** Jade Dixson-Boles nominated Cindy Gilchrist. Hearing no other nominations, Cindy Gilchrist was elected to a five year term by unanimous voice vote.
- j. **Library Trustee- three (3) year term (Patty Perl - term expires).** Marijke Dollois publicly acknowledged and thanked the three retiring Trustees for their years of dedication and service. Marijke Dollois nominated Remi Gratton. Daniel Khan nominated Nicole Landreman. Acceptance from Nicole was withdrawn and clarified in favor of the next trustee seat. Hearing no other nominations, Remi Gratton was elected to a three year term by unanimous voice vote.
- k. **Library Trustee- three (3) year term (Claire Draper - term expires).** Daniel Khan nominated Nicole Landreman. Hearing no other nominations, Nicole Landreman was elected to a three year term by unanimous voice vote.
- l. **Library Trustee- three (3) year term (Rita Kalsmith - term expires).** Esther Litchi nominated Carmen Carroll. Hearing no other nominations, Carmen Carroll was elected to a three year term by unanimous voice vote.
- m. **Fire Commissioner- two (2) year term (William Baker Sr - term expires).** William "Billy" Baker Sr, withdrew his name, indicating he has held this position for over 35 years, it is his wish to pass it on. Billy Baker Sr nominated Doug Kopacz. Hearing no



other nominations, Doug Kopacz was elected to a two year term by unanimous voice vote.

- n. **Planning Commission- three (3) year term (Barry Kade - term expires).** Lynn Locher acknowledged and thanked Barry for his 30 years of service. Merle Van Gieson nominated Barry Kade. Barry declined. John Kuryloski nominated Patrick Calecas. Hearing no other nominations, Patrick Calecas was elected to a three year term by unanimous voice vote.
- o. **Planning Commission- three (3) year term (Vacant seat).** Brent Godin nominated Charles Snedikor. Peter Locher nominated Kim Morrill. Candidates were afforded the opportunity to address the body. Karie Quintin asked whether the candidates would like to speak more on their future visions for the Town, both declined further discussion. Body began with voice vote, this was inconclusive, Jacob indicated the body would move to vote by show of hands. Show of hands was inconclusive. Jacob directed the body to move to conduct by ballot vote. Ballots were counted, Charles Snedikor had 40 votes and Kim Morrill had 58 votes. Kim Morrill was elected to a three year term.

**3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 VSA 4791, to collect Current Taxes?** Morgan Daybell nominated the Treasurer to collect current taxes seconded by Esther Litchi, moved as written. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

**4. 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?** Sue Wilson motioned to accept as written, seconded by Pat Farmer. Charlie Hancock clarified what the Conservation Reserve Fund is and why it was established to provide context to the body for consideration. Discussion ensued. Motion was passed by two thirds voice vote.

**5. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$250,000 for a term of 5 years for the installation of a fireproof vault, pursuant to 24 VSA § 1178, inside the Municipal Offices?** Lynda Cluba motioned as written, seconded by Marijke Dollois. Charlie clarified where the records are currently stored, in gun safes, and that the requirements based on statute are to house permanent archival town records in a fireproof vault. Discussion ensued. Marijke Dollois called the question, seconded by Pat Farmer. Motion passed to cease debate. Motion to accept article as written passed by two thirds voice vote.

**6. Shall the voters accept a fiscal year 2025 Budget of expenditures not to exceed \$1,330,002.00 of which an estimated \$1,019,445.65 shall be raised by taxes, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?** Mark Brouillette moved to accept the article as written, seconded by Emily Kimball. Passed by two thirds voice vote.

**7. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting:**

- a. **Shall the Town vote to install roadside curbs and raised sidewalks along VT Route 118 in Montgomery Center? (Advisory – added by petition).** Charlie Hancock clarified

the current engineering plans outlining the location of the sidewalk installation will be on the south of Main street as well as down the north side of Main street to the Recreation Center with additional street parking built in at the Recreation Center. Discussion ensued at length. Larry Letourneau called the question. Motion for discussion to cease passed by voice vote. Motion to approve 7a passed by two thirds voice vote.

- b. **Shall the Town vote to restore and maintain the Town Office building located on VT Route 118 in Montgomery Center? (Advisory – added by petition).** Patrick Calecas so moved, seconded by Pat Farmer. Charlie clarified for the body what the current plan is for the old Town Office building located at 98 Main street on Route 118. Plans are currently to remove the building, remediate the area to create a parking lot with roughly 28+/- new parking spaces. With the intent to have an ATM kiosk available and continue discussions with the US Postal Service to secure a potential location at another building in the Center. Charlie clarified the language of the article for voting context. Discussion took place. Mark Brouillette called the question, motion passed by voice vote to cease debate. Motion to approve article 7b failed by two thirds voice vote.

Barry Kade presented a non-binding resolution for the body to consider: Be it resolved, that the voters of the Town of Montgomery call for an immediate permanent ceasefire between Israel and Palestine, release of all hostages, and an end to U.S. Military assistance to Israel, seconded. Voice vote inconclusive. Motion presented by show of hands, 28 yay and 21 nay. Motion for the non-binding resolution passed by show of hands. Mark Brouillette acknowledged and thanked town employees and volunteers. Charlie clarified the municipal tax rate and Education rates are separate rates. Morgan Daybell spoke on behalf of the School District.

Tim Murphy motioned to end the meeting, seconded, body moved to adjourn this passed by voice vote at 11:39AM

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 12th day of March 2024

Selectboard Chair, \_\_\_\_\_

Town Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk, Town of Montgomery

Elizabeth Reighley March 12th, 2024



## State of the Town - FY26

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.

### **FY26 Budget Summary**

Montgomery remains financially sound and continues to effectively manage its accounts and debts while providing effective service and investment for future needs.

The proposed FY26 Municipal Budget is \$1,441,378 (**up about 8% from FY25**). Approximately \$1,008,735.91 will need to be raised by taxes, a decrease from FY25 of about \$11,000. This will bring the projected municipal tax rate to an estimated \$0.5947, **a decrease from FY24 of about 1%**. While we continue to see cost increases attributed to inflationary pressure around goods and services procured by the town, other cost centers have dropped or remained stable. A small increase in the municipal Grand List from FY25 has also helped to limit any increase in the tax rate headed into this next fiscal year.

### ***Below are highlights in changes in projected Revenue and Expenses:***

We're not anticipating any significant changes in **revenues**, which will remain relatively flat, with the only noticeable bump up being in anticipated State Aid for roads (increasing by \$5-7,000). We continue to receive grant support on multiple fronts, these funds are allocated to various reserve accounts earmarked for specific projects, such as Infrastructure or Building Capital Improvement, as well as the Wastewater Reserve. Folks will note that the FY26 budget projects a relatively small amount carried forward in Unreserved Funds – this amount may well be higher, but taking a conservation view the Budget Committee felt it best not to anticipate a significant surplus as we appear on track to close out FY25 right on budget.

On the **expense** side of the ledger, we'll note a few changes, as well as some challenges:

Perhaps the most significant challenge we're facing coming into FY26 is the amount of ***Delinquent Property Taxes*** the Town is carrying forward. The Town is currently carrying a deficit of over \$200,000 dollars in uncollected property tax revenue, which is the largest hole we've seen since 2020 and the depth of the pandemic. While we anticipate collecting a significant portion of this outstanding revenue, with the appointment of a new collector now in place, during the remainder of FY25 (ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025), the FY26 budget still accounts for over \$200,000 needing to be raised putting significant upward pressure on the tax rate.

***General Government Expenses*** have seen fluctuations in both directions. We continue to see increases in service costs associated with NEMRC, the vendor used to manage various municipal systems such as accounting, cash receipt software, and the municipal Grand List. We're also seeing an increase in server and tech support as vendors increase their fee structures. The Town is also seeing an increase in General

Liability and Property Insurance as rates rise. On the positive side, we continue to see a decrease in costs associated with the municipal website, with management now covered in-house by the Town Clerk.

No significant changes regarding ***Buildings and Grounds***. As noted in the FY25 budget, all expenditures related to the Town Hall/Grange are earmarked to a newly created reserve account following the formation of the Town Hall Committee, charged with management of the building and fundraising activities associated with capital improvements. Big thanks to the Committee for all their work fundraising to facilitate significant upgrades to the Hall's basement, which is now home to *Heart Full Kitchen*. The newly created non-profit run local food shelf sees the passing of the torch from the previous food shelf run by Lois Lumbra, who has retired from this after many years of steadfast dedication.

Looking at ***Public Works***, coming into FY26 we're anticipating a reduction in the annual cost of equipment repair (costs relating to the grader, were made in FY25, and we cycle in newer equipment covered under warranty), but we are anticipating a slight increase in road maintenance budget due to increased materials costs. In FY26 the Town is looking at a new contract agreement for bringing in sand (which includes delivery) which will lead to reductions in fuel costs, as well as vehicle wear, while also freeing up the Road Crew to tackle other projects in the time that would otherwise be spent hauling material. The road crew annually trucks in about 200 loads of sand, the equivalent time for which accounts for 20 work days. In FY26 we're budgeting to replace six more culverts, as well as for the required match for grant funds supporting the re-paving of Fuller Bridge Road. This year voters are also being asked to authorize the ordering of a new truck, which will not be ready for delivery until 2026 due to the timeline for manufacture and delivery.

Some bright spots related to ***Debt Service***, FY25 will be the final year of payment on the Fire Tanker (about \$40k annually). We'll also be paying off the loan on the 2022 CV International Truck in FY26. We've added a new cost center with the purchase of a 2022 International, which will allow us to sell either the 2018 International and/or the "Jay Truck", allowing us to potentially keep one vehicle in reserve while putting the proceeds from the sale of the other back into the Machinery Replacement Reserve.

### **Municipal Wastewater Project**

The big news here is that we have a Final Design and are prepared to go to bid on the project as early as the first week of April. Reaching final design has involved managing a number of infrastructure and permitting challenges, as well as cost of connection and budget concerns as the Board continues to address the foundational issue of user fee affordability. The planned system will serve around one hundred 'day-one' connections in the Center (a map of the proposed service area is included herein), with capacity to allow for approximately 30% growth beyond that which is currently required based on existing water flow. This means a planned total capacity of around 38,000 gallons/day, which can be compared to the current daily flows of around 28,000 gallons/day. This will allow for future development, up to a point, to be supported by the new system while also meeting the Center's current needs.

Over the past year the Board continues to work with State and Federal Partners to ensure that the funding stack supporting the project remains viable to accommodate the projected \$16M cost of construction while ensuring that user fees remain affordable. A significant milestone was working with the Scott administration to reprogram the current federal ARPA funding granted to the project into 'state dollars' releasing them from a number of federal restrictions unlocking an additional \$6M in grant funding through USDA Rural Development which was previously unavailable to the project. This brings the total grant funds supporting the project to over 95% of the estimated cost, resulting in a projected annual

equivalent user rate of between \$200-300, or about 0.5% of Median Household Income (MHI). These figures are all based on conservative construction estimates per the final design. We won't know the finalized numbers until the Town receives the bids expected later this spring. With those numbers in hand we'll know if the project budget remains viable, and our affordability targets are met, thus bidding by early April remains a critical next step.

First and foremost, this project has been about maintaining the viability of EXISTING housing and business infrastructure in the Center—ensuring that businesses and homeowners aren't faced with unaffordable replacement systems due to aging infrastructure and small lot limitations, and that the cost of remediating vacant homes presently on Main Street can be affordable and we can see them reoccupied. However, with the planned capacity, future development (potentially adding additional commercial use and/or housing) can occur, informed by our communities planning and zoning, guided by the Ordinance which will govern future connections and use, and limited by the full build-out capacity referenced above. To that end, the Board would like to address two of the concerns related to the project which have arisen in the last few months, specifically around what sort of development this project could allow for, and what that means for the Community.

1. **Affordable Housing** – There has been some concern about what additional housing in our Center would mean for the community, specifically as it relates to *Affordable Housing*. 'Affordable' for state and federal programs is defined by Housing and Urban Development measures, and Franklin County is included with Chittenden County for that measure. So 'affordable housing' means something different than most people assume. In 2024 for Montgomery, that meant \$1,341 for a studio and \$1,887 for a 2-bedroom. Not exactly cheap housing. Based on current data, almost a quarter of the people who *currently* live in Montgomery are considered severely 'cost burdened', paying more than 50% of their income for housing. So, before considering what any new Affordable Housing developed in the community may mean by way of growth, let's consider what affordability means for those young people, low-income or fixed-income individuals, and seniors who already struggle to keep calling Montgomery home.
2. **Municipal Zoning Preemptions** – Legislation recently passed by the State (the HOME Act and Act 181) directs that town centers served by municipal water and wastewater must allow a certain density of housing development. On the face of it, this means a potential loss of local control, which should give any community pause. However, an analysis of these changes conducted by our own Zoning Administrator, as well as by Northwest Regional Planning, shows these changes having little impact on Montgomery given what is allowable in our current Zoning Bylaws. Montgomery already allows 4.356 units per acre in the village districts (one unit per 10,000 square feet). For those properties with water and sewer it could now increase to 5 units per acre, an increase in density of less than 10%. This density mirrors the historic development pattern of the village and is not a major shift from what is currently allowed. Multi-family dwellings are already allowed, they would just shift from Conditional to Permitted. Site Plan Review can still be used, and the Planning Commission is considering adding site plan review to the bylaws as part of their bylaw update. Site Plan Review allows for municipal requirements for landscaping, lighting, access and parking design. For all housing projects, setbacks and height restrictions will still apply, except that year-round affordable housing projects would be eligible for a density and height (one story) bonus—but to get any density bonus the project would still need to be able to meet all other requirements. *In short this is not a major shift for Montgomery, and nothing in the HOME Act or Act 181 will prevent Montgomery from regulating how development occurs.*

In addition to Site Plan Review the town can consider adopting Subdivision Regulations as well as explore Design/Historic review which would further the ability to manage additional growth.

***An additional point related to Project Financing*** – On Town Meeting Day the Board is putting forward an article to amend the current Local Option Tax (LOT) by removing the Sales Tax portion already in effect (maintaining the 1% local option on rooms and meals). Analysis of the LOT receipts to date has shown that doing this will still maintain the viability of the LOT as a critical portion of the Wastewater Project financing, as well as reduce the tax burden on community members. This article would also move the Local Option Tax outside of the Municipal Charter (which currently grants this authority, as previously required by Statute), giving the Town more flexibility and removing the time-consuming legislative approval process previously required for municipalities to administer such a tax.

### **Streetscape Project**

Work continues on the planned improvements for Main Street in the Center, including the replacement of the existing sidewalk infrastructure, which will be extended west all the way to the Rec Center where additional off-street parking will be created. Following a series of public meetings this past year, including numerous one-on-ones with property owners and the Engineering Team, the final design is set, and we now await receipt of all relevant state and federal permits for the work. Unfortunately permitting is taking longer than expected with significant delays associated with wetlands determinations by the Army Corps of Engineers, which are required to pass NEPA (the National Environmental Policy Act). Passage of NEPA will allow for right-of-way clearance and open the door to the next steps in fundraising efforts to complete the funding stack supporting the project. A full copy of the design plans can be found on the Municipal Website. Big thanks to all the property landowners on Main Street who have worked with the Team over the past year to ensure that the project hits all the marks in maintaining a vibrant, beautiful, and functional Main Street.

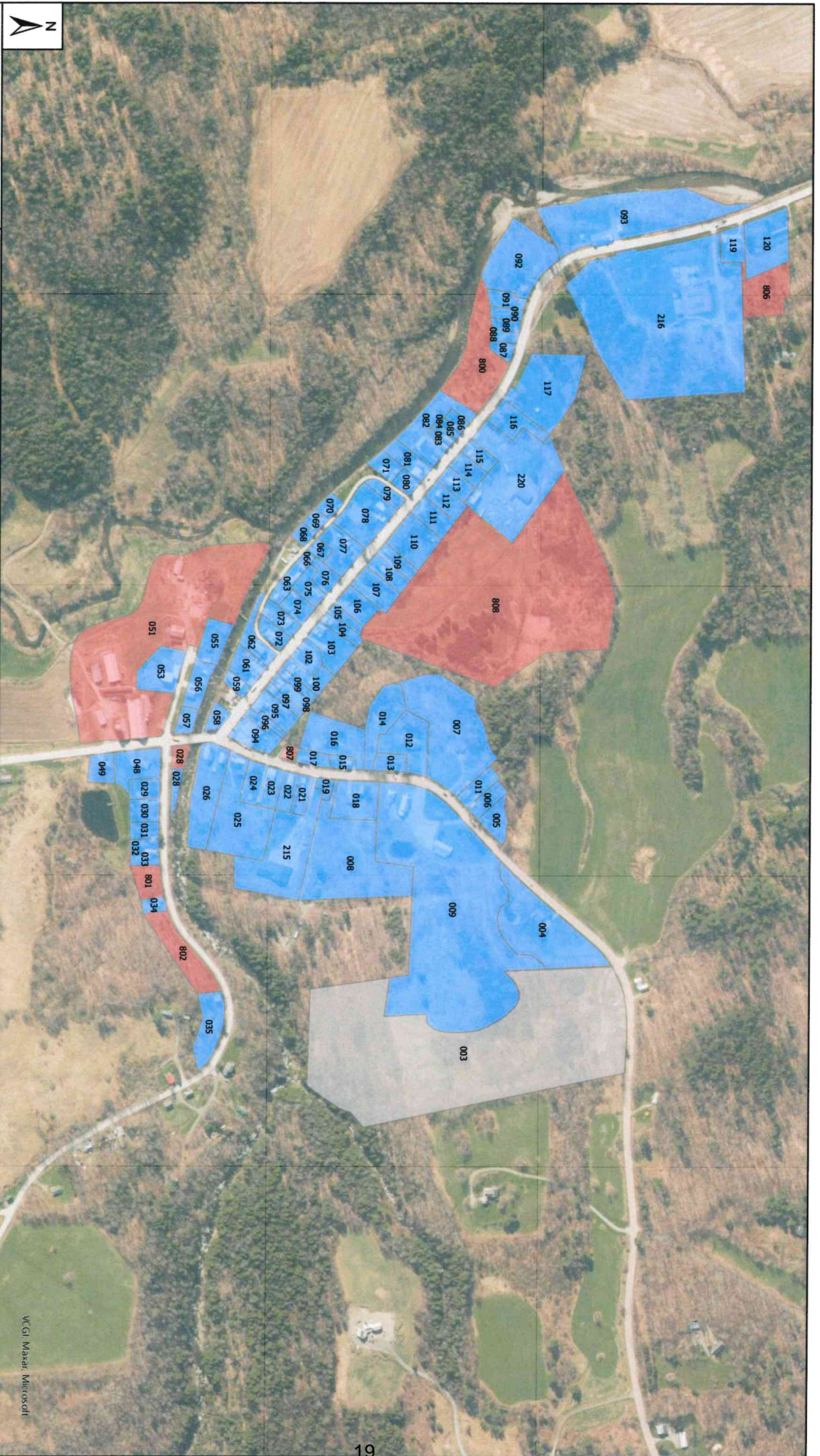
### **Town Office/Public Safety Building Renovations**

Work continues on this front, with preliminary design work and engineering plans moving forward. Folks will recall that voters approved the borrowing authority for \$250,000 at Town Meeting last year to fund the construction of the new vault. The Town Office staff have worked hard in the last year to raise additional funds for the project, securing a Municipal Energy Resilience Program award from the State for an additional \$297,397.60 to support the project, with no local match required.

### **Website updates**

Note the addition of a “Report an Issue” button on the landing page which provides direct contact info for the Town Garage and Water System Operator in emergent situations. Sign up for automated notices, warnings, and minutes from the Town by visiting the town website and selecting “Email Updates” under the Contact tab.

Contact the Board directly, you can always reach out to us at: [montgomeryselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:montgomeryselectboard@gmail.com). Regular meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30pm, held in the PSB Conference Room or via Zoom. Minutes for all meetings are posted to the Municipal Website within five days of the meeting, and a full video record of our meetings can be found at Northwest Access Television’s YouTube channel (direct link in the header to each meeting's minutes). Thank you to Northwest Access for providing the tech support to make remote participation at all Board meetings, as well as the records, available to the community. We look forward to seeing you on March 4<sup>th</sup>!



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**MONTGOMERY CENTER  
 PROPERTIES DESIGNATED FOR TOWN-OWNED SEPTIC INSTALLATION**

Prepared By: ALA  
 Checked By:  
  
**HOYLE  
 TANNER**  
 Project No. 128800  
 Date: March 2024

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

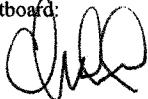
1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year (Jacob Racusin, expires)
2. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. Selectperson- two (2) year term to expire in 2027 by ballot (Emily Kimball, expires)
  - b. Selectperson- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 by ballot (Charlie Hancock, 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)
  - l. 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.

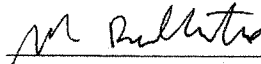
Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025 AD

Selectboard:

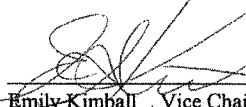


Charlie Hancock, Chairman

Leanne Barnard



Mark Brouillette



Emily Kimball, Vice Chair



Suzanne Dollois

Attest: 

Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk, Town of Montgomery

Date: 1/29/2025

WARNING

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 1st, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are hereby notified and warned of a special election to take place at the Montgomery Town Hall, located at 57 Main Street Montgomery Center, in said Town on Tuesday, the 1st day of April, 2025 AD, between 10 o'clock (10:00 AM) in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be open, and 7 o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening, at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Articles of business, offered by petition of at least five percent of the voters of Montgomery, that would amend the Town's charter, and offered and warned in compliance with 17 V.S.A., Chapters 51 & 55, to wit:

Article I. Shall the voters of Montgomery adopt an amendment to the Town Charter that strikes, annuls and repeals Section 3 of the Town Charter in its entirety and rescinds the local options tax as it is set forth and stated herein. Section 3 of the Town Charter provides:

~~§3. Local Option tax (a) The Selectboard is authorized to impose a one-percent sales tax, a one-percent meals and alcoholic beverages tax, and a one-percent rooms tax upon sales within the Town that are subject to the State of Vermont tax on sales, meals, alcoholic beverages, and rooms. (b) A tax imposed under the authority of this section may be rescinded and shall be collected and administered pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §138, provided that the Town shall: (1) receive on a quarterly basis not less than 70 percent of the tax collected, less the per-return fee; and (2) pay not more than 70 percent of the per-return fee. (c) The tax to be paid to the Town shall be set in the Sewer Reserve Fund to assist in the repayment of debt obligations related to the construction of a Municipal Wastewater System in Montgomery Center & Village. (d) The taxes authorized by this section shall expire 90 days after the date that the Town has fully repaid the debt obligations related to the construction of the Municipal Wastewater System in Montgomery Center and Village.~~

Article II. Shall the voters of Montgomery adopt an amendment to the Town Charter as follows:

By adding §4 as follows, and renumbering the existing §4 as §5, and §5 as §6.

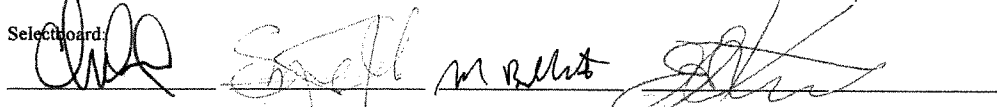
§4 Municipal Wastewater Connection. Any owner of a property that is serviced by a wastewater system not deemed to be failed as defined by 10 V.S.A §1972(5), can opt out of connecting to any Municipal Wastewater System, and in so doing, the owner of said property shall remain responsible for only the same costs, taxes, assessments, levies, fees, and alike, attributable to properties that are not served by any Municipal Wastewater System. Notice of opting out is satisfied by delivering a simple written notice to the Town Clerk.


An official copy of the proposed charter amendments is on file and available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office at 86 Mountain Road, Montgomery Center, VT. Copies will be made available upon request. The Clerk's Office is open Monday-Wednesday, from 9:00a.m.-3:30p.m., Thursday from 9:00a.m.-2:30p.m., and Friday from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

A copy of the proposed charter amendments can be found online here: <https://montgomeryvt.us/>

The legal voters of the Town of Montgomery are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said election shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated

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

Selectboard:   
Charlie Hancock, Chair    Suzanne Dollois    Mark Brouillette    Emily Kimball, VC    Leanne Barnard

Attest:     Date: 1/29/2025  
Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk, Town of Montgomery

\*Original signatures on file at Town Offices\*

	REVENUE	ACTUAL FY2023	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	BUDGET FY2025	YTD FY2025	BUDGET FY2026
1	Unreserved Funds	\$409	\$164,045	\$164,045	\$17,175	\$17,175	\$5,000
2	Property Taxes	\$837,295	\$964,448	\$904,526	\$1,019,446	\$879,904	\$1,008,735.91
3	Delinquent Taxes	\$43,079	\$40,000	\$55,237	\$40,000	\$169,399	\$100,000
4	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$23,893	\$3,600	\$15,436	\$15,000	\$16,428	\$40,000
5	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$16,952	\$16,000	\$16,952	\$16,000	\$16,952	\$16,952
6	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$88,756	\$88,750	\$84,760	\$85,000	\$93,589	\$90,000
7	PILOT (State Garage)	\$2,369	\$2,300	\$2,502	\$2,500	\$2,654	\$2,654
8	State Aid - Roads	\$86,178	\$86,178	\$84,760	\$88,000	\$91,425	\$90,000
9	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
10	Federal Excise Tax Refund, Highway	\$0	\$4,000	\$397	\$7,721	\$0	\$3,000
11	Rent - US Postal Service	\$5,206	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$1,461	\$0	\$1,491	\$1,491	\$1,520	\$1,520
13	Recording Fees	\$12,077	\$10,000	\$15,227	\$10,000	\$5,580	\$8,000
14	Office Fees	\$1,959	\$1,000	\$2,210	\$1,600	\$808	\$1,600
15	Copier/Fax	\$130	\$200	\$333	\$200	\$221	\$400
16	Interest	\$3,566	\$700	\$10,177	\$6,800	\$4,943	\$7,000
17	Zoning Fees	\$2,860	\$2,500	\$5,045	\$2,500	\$1,860	\$3,000
18	Other Grants	\$0	\$0	\$176,861	\$0	\$49,000	\$0
19	Licenses-Dog	\$2,847	\$2,000	\$2,644	\$2,200	\$302	\$2,500
20	Licenses-Hunting/Fishing	\$591	\$500	\$529	\$500	\$190	\$500
21	Licenses-Liquor/Tobacco	\$1,060	\$1,000	\$945	\$1,000	\$255	\$1,000
22	Licenses-Marriage	\$490	\$600	\$720	\$500	\$480	\$700
23	Vital Records	\$651	\$500	\$475	\$500	\$360	\$500
24	Water Dept Fee	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
25	Miscellaneous	\$3,423	\$0	\$847	\$0	\$499	\$0
26	Judicial Fines	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
27	DMV/Fleet Permit Fees	\$346	\$400	\$347	\$400	\$0	\$350
28	Lister / Equalization	\$970	\$0	\$966	\$970	\$0	\$966
29	Town Hall Revenue	\$1,160	\$500	\$2,553	\$500	\$0	\$0
30	Water Department Labor	\$4,096	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
31	Use of Reserve Funds Projects & Events	\$169,851	\$0	\$122,000		\$0	\$47,000
32	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$30,598	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
33	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,351,274</b>	<b>\$1,398,221</b>	<b>\$1,680,986</b>	<b>\$1,330,003</b>	<b>\$1,354,545</b>	<b>\$1,441,378</b>

	Total Revenue (line 34)	\$1,441,378
Less	Total Proposed Tax Revenue (line 2)	\$1,008,735.91
Less	Unreserved Funds (line 1)	\$5,000
34	<b>Equals Total Budgeted Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$427,642</b>

	EXPENSES	ACTUAL FY2023	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	BUDGET FY2025	YTD FY2025	BUDGET FY2026
35	TOWN OFFICE PAYROLL	\$131,873	\$159,826	\$154,709	\$168,348	\$85,828	\$159,120
36	TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES	\$20,798	\$21,100	\$19,139	\$25,000	\$11,506	\$21,000
37	LISTERS	\$17,274	\$33,817	\$7,147	\$27,300	\$7,396	\$15,500
38	ZONING	\$4,171	\$7,083	\$4,146	\$6,283	\$1,676	\$6,200
39	PLANNING			\$17,101	\$5,080	\$5,399	\$4,900
40	GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXP	\$79,515	\$89,806	\$86,129	\$94,427	\$71,968	\$98,750
41	LICENSES & VITAL RECORDS	\$2,586	\$2,400	\$2,623	\$2,800	\$1,959	\$2,800
42	EMERGENCY SVCS	\$35,322	\$33,100	\$41,016	\$42,000	\$21,022	\$42,000
43	<b>WATER PAYROLL</b>	\$4,096	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
44	<b>HIGHWAY</b>						
45	HIGHWAY PAYROLL	\$226,639	\$276,203	\$284,473	\$290,408	\$135,746	\$285,597
46	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$21,865	\$56,300	\$41,799	\$39,350	\$31,940	\$46,350
47	MATERIALS	\$99,316	\$119,000	\$92,762	\$121,000	\$68,768	\$127,500
48	MACHINERY REPAIR	\$37,905	\$51,500	\$60,055	\$58,000	\$51,906	\$45,000
49	PROJECTS & EVENTS	\$169,851	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,000
50	MACHINERY FUEL	\$34,829	\$45,100	\$30,730	\$40,100	\$20,778	\$30,100
51	<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>						
52	B&G PAYROLL	\$17,403	\$14,537	\$6,916	\$15,556	\$7,145	\$15,021
53	PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING	\$25,410	\$22,100	\$24,923	\$25,890	\$12,435	\$23,360
54	98 MAIN	\$6,774	\$2,100	\$3,434	\$3,260	\$978	\$3,260
55	TOWN HALL	\$10,712	\$8,900	\$9,446	\$0	\$12	\$0
56	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING	\$23,610	\$18,110	\$16,630	\$15,110	\$7,477	\$14,210
57	PUBLIC WORKS MISC	\$39,527	\$31,500	\$28,740	\$32,500	\$19,791	\$32,000
58	<b>DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	\$35,642	\$55,000	\$50,008	\$50,000	\$205,013	\$110,000
59	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
60	PWB Bond Pymt	\$31,424	\$28,400	\$30,616	\$28,000	\$27,605	\$30,000
61	Village Water Bond	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0	\$13,737
62	2018 Int'l Highway	\$41,712	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
63	2020 Fire Tanker	\$40,293	\$40,500	\$39,252	\$40,000	\$0	\$0
64	2022 CV Int'l Highway	\$0	\$35,000	\$36,223	\$35,000	\$35,262	\$35,000
65	2022 Int'l Highway-New	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
66	<b>DEPARTMENTS</b>						
67	Fire Department	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
68	Recreation Department	\$20,000	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700
69	Library	\$20,936	\$23,399	\$23,399	\$24,630	\$24,630	\$28,213
70	<b>RESERVE ACCT APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
71	Listers -Reappraisal \$	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
72	Restoration of Records	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
73	Infrastructure Replacemen	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
74	Machinery Replacement	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
75	Bldg Cap Improvement & Ma	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
76	Town Hall Reserve				\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
77	Emergency Mgt Preparednes	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
78	Flood Mitigation	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
79	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>						
80	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,302	\$1,421	\$1,421	\$1,539	\$1,539	\$1,714
81	Vt. League Cities & Towns	\$2,574	\$2,561	\$2,658	\$2,658	\$2,740	\$2,822

	EXPENSES	ACTUAL FY2023	BUDGET FY2024	ACTUAL FY2024	BUDGET FY2025	YTD FY2025	BUDGET FY2026
35	TOWN OFFICE PAYROLL	\$131,873	\$159,826	\$154,709	\$168,348	\$85,828	\$159,120
82	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$1,326	\$1,373	\$1,373	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,457
83	County Tax	\$21,790	\$14,000	\$16,592	\$16,464	\$8,360	\$16,720
84	<b>AGENCY REQUESTS</b>						
85	Age Well	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
86	FCIDC	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
87	Franklin Cty Home Health	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$0	\$2,522
88	Green Up VT	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
89	Missisquoi River Basin As	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0	\$600
90	Green Mtn Transit	\$596	\$626	\$626	\$626	\$626	\$625
91	Montgomery Center For The Arts	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
92	The Grateful Treads	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
93	Northwest Access TV	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0	\$3,500
94	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,378,081</b>	<b>\$1,399,220</b>	<b>\$1,328,545</b>	<b>\$1,330,002</b>	<b>\$967,616</b>	<b>\$1,441,378</b>
95				Total Budgeted Expenses (line 97)	<b>\$1,441,377.91</b>		
96	<b>Less</b>			Unreserved Funds Balance (rev line 1)	\$5,000.00		
97	<b>Less</b>			Total Budgeted Non-Tax Revenue (rev line 1)	<u>\$427,642.00</u>		
98	<b>Equals</b>			<b>Total Property Taxes (proposed)</b>	<b>\$1,008,735.91</b>		
99				Total Municipal Grandlist (411 dated 1.15.24)	\$1,696,286.77		
100	(Property Taxes / Grandlist)			<b>Projected Tax Rate =</b>	<b>\$0.5947</b>	Does not include Local Agreement Share	
101				Previous Year Tax Rate =	\$0.5999	Does not include Local Agreement Share	
102				Increase/Decrease =	-\$0.0053		
103				Percent Increase/Decrease =	-0.9%		

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE SINCE 1993					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL**	TOTAL	EDUCATION	TOTAL
		AGREEMENT TAX RATE Vet. Exempt.	MUNICIPAL	TAX RATE (Set by State)	TAX RATE
<b>2026 Projected</b>					
Homestead	\$0.5947	\$0.0026	\$0.5973	TBD	TBD
Non-Homestead	\$0.5947	\$0.0026	\$0.5973	TBD	TBD
<b>2025 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.6044	\$0.0026	\$0.6070	\$1.3871	\$1.9941
Non-Homestead	\$0.6044	\$0.0026	\$0.6070	\$1.8023	\$2.4093
<b>2024 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.5784	\$0.0025	\$0.5809	\$1.3382	\$1.9191
Non-Homestead	\$0.5784	\$0.0025	\$0.5809	\$1.6165	\$2.1974
<b>2023 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.5271	\$0.0031	\$0.5302	\$1.2896	\$1.8198
Non-Homestead	\$0.5271	\$0.0031	\$0.5302	\$1.5425	\$2.0727
<b>2022 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.5310	\$0.0025	\$0.5335	\$1.3573	\$1.8908
Non-Homestead	\$0.5310	\$0.0025	\$0.5335	\$1.5904	\$2.1239
<b>18 MONTH BUDGET</b>		<b>18 MONTH BUDGET</b>		<b>18 MONTH BUDGET</b>	
<b>2021 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.7614	\$0.0025	\$0.7639	\$1.3137	\$2.0776
Non-Homestead	\$0.7614	\$0.0025	\$0.7639	\$1.5745	\$2.3384
<b>2019 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.5034	\$0.0025	\$0.5051	1.2816	\$1.7867
Non-Homestead	\$0.5034	\$0.0025	\$0.5051	1.5388	\$2.0439
<b>2018 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4298	\$0.0016	\$0.4314	1.1881	\$1.6195
Non-Homestead	\$0.4298	\$0.0016	\$0.4314	1.5794	\$2.0108
<b>2017 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4401	\$0.0014	\$0.4415	\$1.2728	\$1.7143
Non-Homestead	\$0.4401	\$0.0014	\$0.4415	\$1.5429	\$1.9844
<b>2016 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.2103	\$1.5909
Non-Homestead	\$0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.5349	\$1.9155
<b>2015 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.1997	\$1.6157
Non-Homestead	\$0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.5242	\$1.9402
<b>2014 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.1893	\$1.5892
Non-Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.4833	\$1.8832
<b>TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL</b>		<b>TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL</b>		<b>TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL</b>	
<b>2013 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.4259	\$1.8898
Non-Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.8564	\$2.3203
<b>2012 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.4407	\$1.8878
Non-Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.8127	\$2.2598
<b>2011 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.3560	\$1.7556
Non-Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.7923	\$2.1919
<b>2010 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.4300	\$1.8337
Non-Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.8721	\$2.2758
<b>2009 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.3048	\$1.7240
Non-Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.8347	\$2.2539
<b>2008 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.2808	\$1.7016
Non-Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.7233	\$2.1441
<b>2007 Actual</b>					
Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.1643	\$1.5489
Non-Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.5704	\$1.9550
		MUNICIPAL	STATE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	MUNICIPAL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	TAX
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	RATE
2006	\$0.3628	----		\$1.1907	\$1.5535
2005	\$0.3623	----		\$1.1834	\$1.5457
<b>TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL</b>		<b>TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL</b>		<b>TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL</b>	
2004	\$0.3650	----		\$1.0166	\$1.3816
<b>ACT 68 +</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>ACT 68 +</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>ACT 68 +</b>	<b>-----</b>
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
<b>FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60</b>		<b>FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60</b>		<b>FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60</b>	
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 10, 2025

To the Selectboard of the  
Town of Montgomery, VT

Kittell, Branagan and Sargent started the audit for the year ended June 30, 2024 in late October of 2024. The audit is still in progress, awaiting additional information from the Town Treasurer. Once we receive the information requested we will do our best to fit the completion into our schedule which most likely will be after April 15, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kittell Branagan &amp; Sargent'.

KITTELL, BRANAGAN & SARGENT

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - LIABILITIES**  
**As of 12/31/24**

<u>Public Works Building Bond:</u> (Final Year – 2030)	Bank of New York – Principal \$125,000	
	Payment due 6/1/25 (interest only)	\$ 4,200.00
	Payment due 12/1/25	\$ 25,000.00
	Payment due 6/1/26 (interest only)	\$ 4,200.00
<u>2021 International Fire Truck:</u> (Final Year – 2025 (FY25))	Community Bank – Principal \$37,175.60	
	Payment due 5/30/25	\$ 37,175.60
<u>2022 CV International Truck:</u> (Final Year – 2025 (FY26))	Community Bank – Principal \$33,333.33	
	Payment due 8/22/25	\$ 33,333.33
<u>2022 International Truck:</u> (Final Year - 2028 (FY28))	Community Bank – Principal \$165,047	
	Payment due 2/19/26	\$55,015.67

**Water Department**

Water Project: USDA-Rural Development

Bond #1: Final Year 2041	Principal Balance - \$97,405.02	
	Payment due 5/13/25	\$ 3,758.00
	Payment due 11/13/25	\$ 3,758.00
	Payment due 5/13/26	\$ 3,758.00
Bond #2: Final Year 2041	Principal Balance - \$250,278.16	
	Payment due 5/13/25	\$ 10,625.00
	Payment due 11/13/25	\$ 10,625.00
	Payment due 5/13/26	\$ 10,625.00
Bond #3: Final Year 2047	Principal Balance - \$256,875.39	
	Payment due 6/10/25	\$ 8,718.00
	Payment due 12/10/25	\$ 8,718.00
	Payment due 6/10/26	\$ 8,718.00



**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY**  
**YTD FY25 Report of Reserve Funds**

<u>Restoration of Records</u>			<u>Machinery Replacement</u>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)			<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 61,654.51		Reserve	\$ 66,731.71	
		\$ 61,654.51			\$ 66,731.71
Previous Balance	\$ 61,654.51		Previous Balance	\$ 66,731.71	
FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 3,183.00		FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ (2,000.00)	
<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	<b>\$ 64,837.51</b>		<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	<b>\$ 64,731.71</b>	
YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ 2,770.00		YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ 5,000.00	
<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		<b>\$ 67,607.51</b>	<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		<b>\$ 69,731.71</b>
<u>Reappraisal</u>			<u>Conservation Commission</u>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)			<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 131,281.49		Reserve	\$ 7,590.70	
		\$ 131,281.49			\$ 7,590.70
Previous Balance	\$ 131,281.49		Previous Balance	\$ 7,590.70	
FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 8,211.00		FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 4,803.62	
<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	<b>\$ 139,492.49</b>		<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	<b>\$ 12,394.32</b>	
YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ -		YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ (600.00)	
<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		<b>\$ 139,492.49</b>	<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		<b>\$ 11,794.32</b>
<u>Infrastructure Replacement</u>			<u>Community Gardens</u>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)			<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 55,157.52		Reserve	\$ 1,547.04	
		\$ 55,157.52			\$ 1,547.04
Previous Balance	\$ 55,157.52		Previous Balance	\$ 1,547.04	
FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 2,246.33		FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 251.30	
<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	<b>\$ 57,403.85</b>		<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,798.34</b>	
YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ (52.74)		YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ (135.00)	
<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		<b>\$ 57,351.11</b>	<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		<b>\$ 1,663.34</b>
<u>Town Hall</u>					
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)					
Reserve	\$ -				
		\$ -			
Previous Balance	\$ -				
FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ -				
<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ 7,346.13				
<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		<b>\$ 7,346.13</b>			

**YTD FY25 Report of Reserve Funds**

<b>Capital Improvement</b>			<b>Emergency Management</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)			<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 190,992.84		Reserve	\$ 4,487.56	
		\$ 190,992.84			\$ 4,487.56
Previous Balance	\$ 190,992.84		Previous Balance	\$ 4,487.56	
FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ -		FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ -	
<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	\$ 190,992.84		<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	\$ 4,487.56	
YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ 4,600.00		YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ -	
<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		\$ 195,592.84	<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		\$ 4,487.56
<b>Flood/Emergency Road Repair</b>			<b>Conservation Reserve</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)			<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 20,000.00		Reserve	\$ 41,152.80	
		\$ 20,000.00			\$ 41,152.80
Previous Balance	\$ 20,000.00		Previous Balance	\$ 41,152.80	
FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ -		FY24 Final Rev-Exp		
<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	\$ 20,000.00		<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	\$ 41,152.80	
YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ -		YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ (1,496.00)	
<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		\$ 20,000.00	<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		\$ 39,656.80
<b>ARPA Reserve</b>			<b>Wastewater</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)			<b>Beginning Balance</b> (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 335,000.97		Reserve	\$ 85,862.35	
		\$ 335,000.97			\$ 85,862.35
Previous Balance	\$ 335,000.97		Previous Balance	\$ 85,862.35	
FY24 Final Rev-Exp	\$ (13,569.75)		FY24 Final Rev/Rec	\$ 884,962.77	
<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	\$ 321,431.22		FY24 Expenses	\$ (753,957.22)	
YTD FY25 Rev-Exp	\$ (34,247.88)		<b>FY24 Actual Balance</b>	\$ 131,005.55	
			YTD FY25 Rev/Rec	\$ 713,214.93	
			YTD FY25 Expenses	\$ (671,846.40)	
<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		\$ 287,183.34	<b>YTD FY25 Balance</b>		\$ 172,374.08
<b>Total Reserve Funds Balance:</b>			<b>1,074,261.23</b>		

<b>TOWN OF MONTGOMERY</b>			
<b>YTD FY25 Report of Unreserved Funds (as of 1/21/25)</b>			
<b><u>General Fund Checking Account</u></b>			
	Bank Statement Balance 12/31/24		\$ 3,580,145.82
	Outstanding Deposits		\$ 385,469.03
	Outstanding Checks		\$ (2,308,566.63)
		<b>Checking Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,657,048.22</b>
<b><u>Summary of All Reserve Balances</u></b>			
	Fire		\$ 63,701.51
	Recreation		\$ 80,849.65
	Library		\$ 67,928.30
	<b>Department Reserve Balance: * see budgets</b>		<b>\$ 212,479.46</b>
	<b>Other Reserve Funds Balance:</b>		<b>\$ 1,074,261.23</b>
	<b>YTD Total of all Reserve Funds:</b>		<b>\$1,286,740.69</b>
		<b>Total YTD Unreserved Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 370,307.53</b>
<b>Estimated for 6/30/25 Budget Year End</b>			
	Budgeted expenses left to spend		\$ (360,554.00)
	Reserve for Delinquent Tax Variance		\$ (29,211.53)
	Estimated revenue to be collected		\$ 24,458.00
	Net Estimated Cash Flow		\$ (365,307.53)
	<b>Total Estimated Unreserved Fund Balance 6/30/25</b>		<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024			
	NAME	PARCEL ID	TAX AMOUNT
	<b>2021 TAXES</b>		
3	MANOSH ROLAND	00058.007X	\$708.08
3	ROBITAILLE JACQUES	0N118.093X	\$1,233.20
	<b>TOTAL 2021 TAXES</b>		<b>\$1,941.28</b>
	<b>2022 TAXES</b>		
	GENDRON NICOLE	00011.052A	\$394.06
3	MANOSH ROLAND	00058.007X	\$777.10
	MANOSH ROLAND, PEGGY	0S118.178X	\$960.40
	MARSHALL HENRY B III, SHERRY	00020.046X	\$1.52
3	OSTROWSKI MARCIN P	00043.003X	\$724.89
1	PUDVAH KATHY	00001.011X	\$1,315.92
3	ROBITAILLE JACQUES	0N118.093X	\$7,357.92
	<b>TOTAL 2022 TAXES</b>		<b>\$11,531.81</b>
	<b>2024 TAXES</b>		
	BOYLE IAN T	00303.005X	\$1,861.09
	GENDRON NICOLE	00011.052A	\$223.78
	JOHNSON KYLE P	00242.117X	\$3,911.32
	KAJA HOLDINGS 2 LLC	00058.009X	\$2,755.77
	LANTERY TODD MICHAEL	0N118.046X	\$2,198.30
3	MANOSH ROLAND	00058.007X	\$761.35
	MANOSH ROLAND, PEGGY	0S118.178X	\$941.07
	MARSHALL HENRY B III, SHERRY	00020.046X	\$2,965.30
	MILLS LEO E, DIANE	0N118.036X	\$2,203.20
3	OSTROWSKI MARCIN P	00043.003X	\$3,377.74
	PUDVAH KATHY	00001.011X	\$1,323.04
3	ROBITAILLE JACQUES	0N118.093X	\$5,879.55
	SYLVESTER MARGARET	00011.050X	\$676.66
	<b>TOTAL 2024 TAXES</b>		<b>\$29,078.17</b>
	<b>2025 TAXES</b>		
	20 MAIN STREET MARKET LLC	0N118.001X	\$11,865.08
	ABRAMOWITZ MICHAEL, JUNE	00018.005X	\$1,677.37
	BALLAST BUILDERS LLC	0S118.106A	\$2,364.00
	BARNARD ABRAM, SALVAS JADE	00004.003X	\$5,096.40
1	BITNICK HOLDINGS LIMITED	00033.064X	\$12,567.38
	BLOUIN SAM, CHARLOTTE	00006.056X	\$4,012.46
	BOYLE IAN T	00303.005X	\$1,731.30
1	BRIAN BYRNE	0N118.038X	\$1,801.39
1	BUTTERFIELD GRANT, SUZANNE	00303.007X	\$18.18
	CARPENTER LEONARD, BONITA JOAN	00300.023X	\$55.15

	CARPENTER LEONARD C	00242.112X	\$325.30
	CHALET PROPERTIES	ON118.021X	\$6,530.16
	COTA MARTY & COTA DANA, JAMES	00018.024X	\$3,159.52
	DABERER CAROLINE	00242.076X	\$31.78
2	DARLYN	ON118.024X	\$172.98
	DOLLOIS SUZANNE	00025.013B	\$1,323.40
	DUCOLON STACEY	00011.036X	\$3,539.62
1	ELLISON RICHARD PAUL	00019.068X	\$2,280.86
	ERBES DAVID S	00011.076X	\$6.84
	FIX PETER, JOHN ZARTARIAN	ON118.002X	\$51.80
	FLAHERTY NOREEN E, ET AL	00242.054B	\$3,864.02
	FLEMING DANIELLE CLARE	00012.139X	\$2,414.36
	GADUE RAY K & EILEEN V, RENAE	OS118.170X	\$6,813.72
	GADUE RAYMOND K & EILEEN, ET AL	OS118.161X	\$6,516.90
2	GAMELIN JASON, KATHRYN	00012.092X	\$16.80
	GENDRON NICOLE	00011.052A	\$442.56
	GERSTEIN WILLIAM, ELIANE	00037.010X	\$3,864.02
	GODFREY LUKE A	00030.031X	\$6,388.04
	GODFREY TYLER D	00012.168A	\$729.23
	HEWITT DEAN, MAZER KATHERINE	00005.007D	\$5.42
1	JACOBS DANNY L, TARNYA	00007.057X	\$550.00
1	JJTJ PROPERTIES LLC	ON118.125X	\$289.96
	JOHNSON KYLE P	00242.117X	\$3,866.70
	KAJA HOLDINGS 2 LLC	00058.009X	\$2,724.42
	KHAN DANIEL	00001.044X	\$5,432.98
	KHAN DANIEL, DEWEY KRISTIN	00058.017X	\$1,937.34
	LABORHOOD FARMS LLC	00006.035Y	\$3,673.22
2	LANTERY TODD MICHAEL	ON118.046X	\$921.02
3	MANOSH ROLAND	00058.007X	\$752.66
	MANOSH ROLAND, PEGGY	OS118.178X	\$930.24
	MARCHAND DAVID, REYNOLDS LARISSA	00020.024X	\$3,548.98
	MARSHALL HENRY B III, SHERRY	00020.046X	\$2,421.20
1	MCKEOWN HOLLY L	ON118.005X	\$139.75
1	MILLS LEO E, DIANE	ON118.036X	\$2,064.08
1	MONGEAU JOSEE, MAILLARD SYLVAIN	00043.005X	\$719.53
	MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY CHURCH INC	00242.001X	\$3,119.32
	ORNDORFF JAMES O	00020.017X	\$1,558.32
3	OSTROWSKI MARCIN P	00043.003X	\$3,339.30
	PATTULLO CHRISTOPHER	00058.028X	\$1,211.16
	PRESLER PAULA K TRUSTEE	00011.067X	\$477.04
1	PUDVAH KATHY	00001.011X	\$1,449.90
	REGAN SUSAN	ON118.025X	\$4,465.36
	RICHTER-WILDE EVA, ET AL	00058.053X	\$848.69
3	ROBITAILLE JACQUES	ON118.093X	\$5,217.12
1	SADOWSKY DAVID	OS118.125X	\$1.34
	SCHUCK WILLIAM, MARLENE	00012.093X	\$813.62

	SEVEN TURNS LLC	00058.071X	\$266.46
	SNIDER MICHAEL CEDRIC, TRACY	00001.046X	\$4,457.68
1	SNOWVERMONT 493 MANAGEMENT LLC	00021.012X	\$561.14
	STIEBRIS PETER A, HILARIE	00012.070X	\$291.28
1	STORYBROOK LLC	00052.002X	\$2,170.54
1	SWEARINGEN MELINDA	0N118.033X	\$5,703.12
	SYLVESTER MARGARET	00011.050X	\$1,057.66
	THE COLD HOLLOW FARMHOUSE LLC	00011.078X	\$97.68
	TOUCAN HOSPITALITY LLC	00242.109X	\$39.86
	TOWN OF MONTGOMERY	00242.039X	\$1,828.66
	VELEZ ANGELITA	00011.005X	\$954.08
1	WHITFIELD ADRIANE D, KAREN	0EF31.001X	\$365.72
	WILLEY ROSS	0S118.177X	\$136.93
	WILLIAMS HAROLD R SR, CHERYL	00050.004X	\$568.02
	WORTHINGTON CLEVE, BECKY	00028.063X	\$1,823.60
	<b>TOTAL 2025 TAXES</b>		<b>\$162,461.72</b>

<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$205,012.98</b>
1 - Paid in full between January 1 and February 7, 2025	
2 - Partial payment paid between January 1 and February 7, 2025	
3 - Tax Sale TBD in March, 2025	

<b>Statement of Delinquent Taxes</b>					
<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/24 Tax Due</b>	<b>(+) Warrant of Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>(+) 8% Penalty Assessed</b>	<b>(+) Interest Assessed</b>	<b>(-) Balance Due as of 12/31/2024</b>	<b>(=) Tax Collected</b>
\$116,637.84	\$297,805.98	\$23,040.19	\$3,237.67	\$205,012.98	<b>\$235,708.70</b>
Amount paid to Treasurer by Katherine R. Barnard, Collector of Delinquent Taxes: <b>\$235,708.70</b>					

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY**

**Officer Salaries - 2024**

<b><u>SELECTBOARD</u></b>			
	Charles Hancock		\$1,000.00
	Mark Brouillette		\$1,000.00
	Suzanne Dollois		\$1,000.00
	Leanne Barnard		\$1,000.00
	Emily Kimball		\$1,000.00
			\$5,000.00
<b><u>TOWN OFFICES</u></b>			
	Elizabeth Reighley	Clerk	\$42,972.12
	Erin Kopacz	Treasurer	\$31,457.46
	Genevieve Lodal-Guild	Assistant	\$29,708.35
			\$104,137.93
<b><u>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (4% of Delq Tax collected)</u></b>			
	Katherine Barnard		\$5,192.64
	<i>Rob Barnard III</i>		6237.41
<b><u>LISTERS</u></b>			
	Merle Van Gieson		\$318.75
	James Walsh		\$0.00
			\$318.75
<b><u>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</u></b>			
	Ellen Fox		\$3,153.31
<b><u>HEALTH OFFICER</u></b>			
	Tim Snider		\$0.00
<b><u>CONSTABLE</u></b>			
	Brent Godin		\$1,875.00
		<b>Total Town Officers Wages:</b>	<b>\$114,484.99</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u></b>			
	Scott Ovitt	Road Foreman	\$79,993.99
	Dave Tanner	Deputy Foreman	\$74,575.15
	<i>Shane Lumbra</i>	Highway	\$12,822.42
	Mark Brouillette	Water Operator	\$9,545.70
	Matthew Kirkpatrick	Highway	\$41,024.92
	<i>Luc Desautels</i>	<i>Road Crew- Backup Coverage</i>	\$6,015.45
		<b>Total Public Works Wages:</b>	<b>\$223,977.63</b>

*\*Italics denotes personnel not currently employed by the Town /no longer elected or appointed to a position*

# Montgomery Fire Department

## State of The Fire Department 2024

In 2024 Montgomery Fire and First Response teams responded to a record 84 calls. This is more than double last year's number and a trending increase for call volume over the last 15 years. Montgomery First Response responded to 48 calls in 2024 aiding with Medical, Agency Assist, and Lift Assist.

Our new Ranger UTV (2u1) was placed into service last winter and was used for a winter search and rescue mission followed by two wildland fires in the spring, proving their versatility.

In 2024 We also activated our search and rescue (SAR) team and have been training monthly with a full roster of volunteer members who bring an assortment of impressive qualifications and abilities to the table. We have relocated our radio crossover equipment and installed a new antenna. The equipment was moved from Rte. 242 to Regan Road to achieve better communication between Central Dispatch and thereby allowing us to install two future repeaters in town to provide full local coverage within our remote valleys.

Montgomery Elementary School Fire Prevention week was a success once again and thank you to the parents who completed their homework.

Please keep your chimneys clean and never burn trash, paper, cardboard, or wet wood. Have your heating appliances serviced and inspected, vents clear, and keep your CO/Smoke Alarms in good working order!

Thank you,

Doug Kopacz, Chief Montgomery Fire Department & First Response

[mfdvermont@gmail.com](mailto:mfdvermont@gmail.com)

### Total Call Responses: 84

Fire- 6

Flooding-0

Motor Vehicle Collision-15

Wildland Fire-4

Alarms- 5

Med Evac- 1

Search & Rescue- 1

Medical/Agency Assist- 48

Power Lines- 4



**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2026 BUDGET**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025	FY2026
<b>Revenue</b>						
Town of Montgomery	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
Town of Westfield	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000
Donations/Fundraisers	6,947	4,000	8,244	5,000	6,008	6,000
Grants	0	0	74,062		0	0
Sale of Equipment	0	0	0		0	0
Insurance Proceeds	0	0	0		0	0
Use of Reserve Funds	0	0	0		0	3052
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>44,947</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>120,306</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>44,008</b>	<b>48,052</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Payroll	0	4000	3,900	4000	0	4000
Social Security	0	300	298	300	0	300
Office supplies	16	250	13	250	0	100
Training	1,619	1,250	3,280	1,375	0	1,500
Telephone	418	400	191	450	162	450
Association Dues	526	500	497	550	0	550
Dispatch Fees	14,705	14,364	15,083	15,083	16,152	16,152
New Equipment	2,171	10,000	116,627	10,000	1,126	4,000
Vehicle Repairs	0	2,000	306	2,000	0	2,000
Vehicle Fuel	40	500	12	500	6	500
Radio	3,930	936	0	936	3,748	6000
Building Maintenance	937	500	2,433	500	0	1000
Equipment Replacement	3,361	0	2,670	0	270	2500
Miscellaneous	4,251	1,000	2,775	1,000	381	2,500
Fundraising Expense	2,250	2,000	2,266	2,000	1,135	2,500
Dry Hydrant Reserve	4,000	4000	4,000	4000	0	4000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>38,225</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>154,350</b>	<b>42,944</b>	<b>22,980</b>	<b>48,052</b>

**Reserve Fund**

**Beginning Balance (From Last Report):**

Reserve	46,692
Dry Hydrant	18,000
Capital Improvement	0
	<u>64,692</u>

**Final FY24 Balance:**

Remaining Revenue	119,263
Remaining Expenses	<u>141,281</u>
Ending FY24 Reserve Change	-22,018

**YTD FY25 Balance:**

Beginning Reserve	24,674
Revenue-Expenses	<u>21,028</u>
Current Reserve	45,702
Dry Hydrant	18,000
Capital Improvement	0
Ending Fund Balance	<u>63,702</u>



## Montgomery Recreation Department Year-End Letter - 2024

Dear Montgomery Residents,

As 2024 draws to a close, the Montgomery Recreation Department reflects on a year of progress, community connection, and bold steps toward the future. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our residents, volunteers, local partners, and everyone who contributes to making Montgomery a vibrant, active, and welcoming place to live.

### Highlights of 2024

*Trail Network Growth:* Our partnership with The Grateful Treads continues to strengthen, allowing us to expand and enhance our town-owned trail network. These trails are more than just pathways through the woods—they're corridors that connect us to nature, to each other, and to the outdoor spirit that defines Montgomery. We've laid the groundwork for a trail system that will serve the community for generations, with sustainable maintenance practices and multi-season accessibility.

*Riverwalk Soccer Field & Athletic Facilities:* The Riverwalk soccer field came alive this year, hosting community games, practices, and youth programs. It's been inspiring to see the space filled with energy and enthusiasm.

*Tennis Court/ Pickle ball Court Improvements:* This year, we improved our tennis courts, setting the stage for both immediate upgrades and long-term facility planning. These courts aren't just for today—they're being designed with durability and adaptability in mind to serve Montgomery residents for decades to come. Pickleball has been gaining lots of participants.

*Montgomery Art Auction Fundraiser:* The annual Montgomery Art Auction once again showcased the incredible talent within our community while raising funds to support recreation programs. Art and recreation may seem like different worlds, but both bring people together, inspire creativity, and strengthen the fabric of our town.

*Free Ice Skating at Jay Peak:* Our partnership with Jay Peak Resort continued to bring free ice-skating opportunities to Montgomery residents, making winter recreation accessible and fun for all. This collaboration is part of our broader effort to ensure that every resident has opportunities to stay active, regardless of the season. Free snowshoe rentals are also available at Montgomery Properties.



*Summer Sessions/4<sup>th</sup> of July:* This fun music event series once again brought people together through music and sound. Big thanks to the musicians, JLB Sound and all the food vendors. All the donations from the 4<sup>th</sup> went to the fire dept.

*Day Camp:* Day camp at the rec center was once again a big hit this summer. Big thanks to Renee and her crew!

### **Looking Ahead: Montgomery's Next Chapter**

While 2024 was a strong year, we're thinking bigger—beyond the next few years to envision what recreation in Montgomery could look like in 10, 20, even 50 years. Our goal is to create a sustainable, adaptable recreation system that reflects the needs of both current and future residents.

*Strengthening Community Connections:* Recreation is about more than physical spaces—it's about people. We're committed to fostering connections across generations, cultures, and backgrounds. Our vision includes intergenerational programs, community events that celebrate Montgomery's heritage, and spaces designed for gathering, sharing, and creating memories.

### **Your Voice Shapes the Future**

None of this is possible without you, our community.

### **Here's to the Future**

As we close out 2024, we're filled with gratitude and optimism. Montgomery's Recreation Department isn't just planning for next year, we're laying the foundation for the next generation. Together, we can create a future where recreation is a source of health, joy, and connection for all.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and active New Year. Here's to 2025 and the many years ahead!

Respectfully,

The Voting Members of the Montgomery Recreation Department Board:

Jay Farnham Peg Doheny Lisa Perry Tiffany Jones

Marsha Phillips Journey Johnston and Brendan O'Shea

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2026 BUDGET**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025	FY2026
<b>Revenue</b>						
Town of Montgomery	20,000	22,700	22,700	22,700	22,700	22,700
Projected Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Rentals	0	0	5,704	0	770	0
Summer Sessions	9,408	8,500	8,175	8,500	2,353	8,500
Arts For the Parks	9,269	7,500	14,796	10,000	21,994	10,000
Grants	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
Use of Reserve / Misc	735	7,600		40,000	0	25,000
Guidebook	649	500	1125	500	298	500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>40,062</b>	<b>46,800</b>	<b>52,499</b>	<b>101,700</b>	<b>68,115</b>	<b>66,700</b>

<b>Expenses</b>						
Office & Postage	21	50	15	50	0	50
Telephone & Internet	932	1,200	1,001	1,200	503	1,200
Electricity	754	1,000	667	1,000	488	1,000
Heating Fuel	686	750	638	750	0	750
Water	360	400	437	400	243	400
Equipment	4003	2100	939	1900	584	25000
Building Maintenance	3669	2000	1518	6000	1262	5000
Port-o-lets	2,018	1,500	1,830	2,100	2,908	3,500
Rubbish Removal	720	700	870	700	490	700
Grounds Maintenance	9,297	9,000	8,229	9,000	7,130	9,500
Tennis Maintenance	0	1000	48.13	60000	59937.07	0
Activities	1,350	500	1,628	500	1,260	1,000
Daycamp	137	7,600	482	7,600	7,817	8,000
Summer Sessions	6,058	8,500	3,500	8,000	5,298	8,000
Fundraising Exp	226	500	2007	2000	2008	2100
Capital Improvements/Ctr	1,500	10,000	0	0	0	0
Capital Improv/Riverwalk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	126	0	86	500	10	500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>31,857</b>	<b>46,800</b>	<b>23,893</b>	<b>101,700</b>	<b>89,939</b>	<b>66,700</b>

**Reserve Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance (From Last Report):</b>	Capital Improvement	23,130	
	Reserve	79,853	
	Beginning Balance		102,983
<b>Final FY24 Balance:</b>	Remaining Revenue		7,601
	Remaining Expenses		7,911
	Ending FY24 Reserve Change		-310
<b>YTD FY25 Balance:</b>			
	Beginning Reserve	79,543	
	Revenue-Expenses	-21,824	
	Current Reserve	57,719	
	Capital Improvement	23,130	
	Ending Fund Balance		80,849



## Montgomery Town Library

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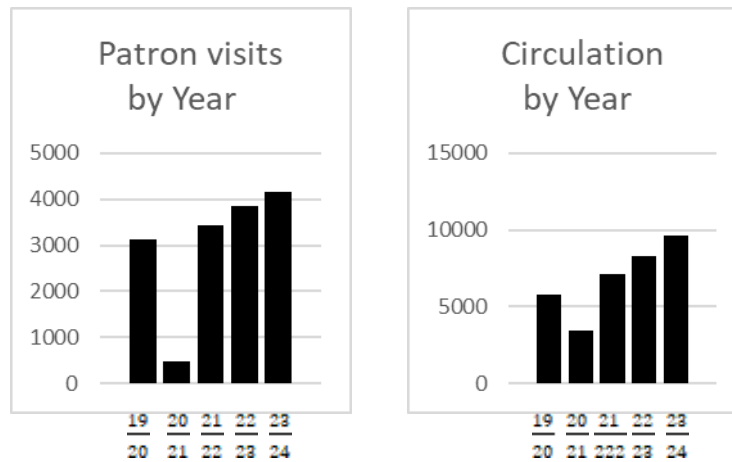
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January 30, 2025

The Montgomery Town Library had another bumper year with continued growth in patron visits and circulation; in fiscal year 2023-24 patron visits were 4,153 vs. 3847 in the previous year and circulation went up to 9,660 vs. 8267. The first 6 months of the 2024-25-year indicate that we are on track to beat these numbers again with 2,047 for patron visits and 4,879 for circulation to-date.

The below graphs clearly show the increased usage of the library over several years (remember, 2020 was the Covid year!) These are very encouraging numbers and confirm the growing presence and importance of the library in our town.



Marlene Hambleton, the library director, has done a great job of training volunteers and promoting the library with interesting programs; she continues expanding the book collection, especially for the children, juvenile and young adult section, resulting in an increased participation of this age group. She also works closely with the elementary school on the CLiF's rural library grant application that supplies new books to the town and school libraries and pays for story telling presentations. Aside from that Marlene has been working toward her Certificate of Public Librarianship which she will complete by the end of May – kudos to Marlene for all her hard work!

In the Spring of last year, the Library Expansion Committee applied for the Vermont Dept. of Libraries Capital Project Grant Funding Opportunities; unfortunately, the library did not make the cut, but we will try again this year for the Public Facilities Initiative Grant passed by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, as well as other grants available for renovations and expansions. The Board feels confident that this time around we will have a better chance.

Grants and fundraising by the Board are the backbone of covering the library expenses. There are four sources that have supported the library consistently over the past several years: 1. Donations by Town residents and second-home owners in response to our annual fundraising letter; 2. The Eastman Foundation with their annual grant; 3. The Friends of the Montgomery Town Library with their contributions towards furniture, computers and programming; and, 4. finally, but not least, Darren and Lynne Drevik at Phineas Swann for hosting the annual Silent Auction. The Board is grateful for all this support, as well as to the donors to the auction; the Library couldn't exist without it.

The Board thanks the patrons, volunteers and all donors for their continued support. The Library is ready for the new year – come and check out what's available: books, DVDs, movie streaming, e-books, audio books and much more; ask Marlene or a volunteer!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Trustees: Marijke Dollois, Remi Gratton, Patty Hathaway, Daniel Kahn, Nicole Landreman, Carmen Nesbit, Jane Presler, Christine Suarez Pratt and Cheryl Wisell*

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2026 BUDGET**

**LIBRARY**

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Revenue</b>						
Town support	20,936	23,399	23,399	24,630	24,630	28,213
Book sales	72	25	24	25	14	25
Late fees	206	40	184	50	74	75
Copier/Printer	370	125	341	150	120	150
Fund raising	7,967	4,800	3,316	5,000	1,566	5,000
Auction	13,132	10,000	12,003	10,000	12,496	10,000
Memorial gifts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Replacement/Lost items	25	0	0	0	0	0
Misc. revenue	59	0	0	3,000	356	5,915
Grants	2,188	4,000	0	1,000	0	2,000
Reserve funds	0	1,750	0	740	0	0
Expansion/Capital Improvement			2,604	20,000	101	20,600
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>44,955</b>	<b>44,139</b>	<b>41,870</b>	<b>64,595</b>	<b>39,356</b>	<b>71,978</b>
<b>Expenses - Personnel</b>						
Librarian wages	18,277	21,736	17,222	22,880	8,185	26,208
FICA, Medi	1,398	1,663	1,290	1,750	627	2,005
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>19,675</b>	<b>23,399</b>	<b>18,512</b>	<b>24,630</b>	<b>8,812</b>	<b>28,213</b>
<b>Expenses - Operating</b>						
Book Supplies	1,555	800	955	600	603	800
Office Supplies	636	350	791	425	177	425
Fundraising Expenses	1,053	1,800	651	1,500	919	1,500
Postage	286	300	411	400	265	300
Shipping/Handling	0	65	90	65	0	65
Mileage Reimbursement	9	100	155	100	145	200
Telephone	455	500	628	500	250	500
Cleaning	750	750	750	750	0	750
Website Maintenance	99	200	27	200	936	250
Equipment	197	400	162	400	36	400
Equipment repair & maintenance	0	500	465	500	0	500
Furniture	168	300	160	300	50	300
Building Maintenance	896	500	442	500	90	5,000
Programming	2,990	1,700	2,203	2,000	642	2,000
Professional membership	1,251	1,250	1,360	1,400	765	1,400
Capital improvements	1,125	1,750	17,705	20,000	0	20,600
Subscriptions	508	175	0	200	0	100
Replacement	63	900	121	125	73	125
Miscellaneous	335	100	382	450	271	450
Grant Related Expenses	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	0
Movie streaming	571	450	456	900	153	450
	<b>12,948</b>	<b>13,890</b>	<b>27,912</b>	<b>32,315</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>36,115</b>
Books: Children	868	1,000	794	1,000	373	1,000
Books: Adult	4,405	4,000	4,713	4,500	2,351	5,000
Books: Young Adult	1,341	1,250	1,626	1,500	769	1,000
DVD's	1,237	600	936	650	225	650
<b>Total Books and DVD's</b>	<b>7,851</b>	<b>6,850</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>3,718</b>	<b>7,650</b>
<b>Total - Operating Expenses</b>	<b>20,799</b>	<b>20,740</b>	<b>35,982</b>	<b>39,965</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>43,765</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Personnel &amp; Operating</b>	<b>40,473</b>	<b>44,139</b>	<b>54,494</b>	<b>64,595</b>	<b>17,905</b>	<b>71,978</b>

**Reserve Fund**

**Beginning Balance From Last Report:**

Reserve	52,820
Capital Improvement	21,781
Beginning Balance	<u>74,601</u>

**Final FY24 Balance:**

Remaining Revenue	4,752
Remaining Expenses	<u>32,875</u>
Ending FY24 Reserve Change	(28,123)

**YTD FY25 Balance:**

Beginning Reserve	24,698
Plus Revenues	39,356
Less Expenses	<u>-17,905</u>
Equals Current Reserve	46,148
Capital Improvement	<u>21,781</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>67,929</u>

2024 was an eventful year for the Montgomery Conservation Commission (MCC). Goals for the year included: refining plans for trails and a bridge at the Town Forest; continuing efforts at the Jewett Property Town Land re: knotweed control, maintenance of a recreation path, and care of recently planted fruit and nut trees; offering conservation-related presentations, events and information for community members, and; continuing the MCC's ongoing collaborative efforts with various partner organizations, including Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC), other local Conservation Commissions, Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District (FCNRCD), Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)/ Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee (UMATR), the Montgomery Center for the Arts (MCA), the Montgomery Elementary School (MES), and the Montgomery Recreation Department.

Accomplishments for the year include: meeting the deliverables of the UMATR Fruit/Nut Tree Grant; providing a local pick-up site option in Montgomery for the FCNRCD Annual Tree Sale; coordinating Green-Up Day activities; providing the gift of a tree and plaque to the MES 2024 graduating class; staffing the MCC table at the Farmer's Market in order to share information and engage with community members; having meetings with contractors re: Town Forest plans for trails and a bridge, and; completing grant applications re: funding for the bridge design.

In addition, the MCC collaborated with the various partners mentioned above on the following events, either as co-sponsors or in a supportive role: Total Solar Eclipse Overview; Gardening for Pollinators; Wildlife Tracking on Town Land with MES Students; Swimming Hole Clean-Up; Montgomery Flood Resilience Study Results meetings promotion; "An Uncommon Look at the Common Loon" presentation; Ethan Tapper Book Launch, and; Knockout Knotweed Bonfire & Fire Skills and Star Stories. The MCC members are all very appreciative of the positive relationships with these partners.

2024 was also a year of significant change in the membership of the MCC. The following members resigned over the course of the year: Parma Jewett, John Kuryloski, Karen Stanley, and Sue Wilson. The following new members joined the MCC during 2024: Marielle Ambroch, Kip Potter, and Charles Snedicor. In August, Carissa Stein, the long-time Chair of the MCC resigned due to her upcoming out-of-state move. Carissa's leadership, vision, equanimity and tireless efforts are missed tremendously, but her positive impacts remain. Patrick Calecas has taken over as the Chair, and Kip Potter is now the Co-Chair.

At this time of transition, the MCC recognizes and appreciates the many contributions of those members who have left during this year, while welcoming and valuing all that its new members have to offer. Everyone remains committed to continuing with the MCC's mission, in 2025, and in the future: "To promote land as a community to which we belong."

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2026 BUDGET**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>
Town of Montgomery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraisers	819	1,000	743	500	0	500
Membership	0	0	250	0	250	0
Grants/Bequests	3,375	4,000	4,925	3,800	0	11,500
CD Interest	139		1,552	139	1,327	0
Use of Reserve / Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>7,470</b>	<b>4,439</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Event Guests & Speakers	233	700	67	1,500	100	500
Event Supplies	0	0	0	100	0	0
Postage	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Costs	575	800	650	650	0	0
Miscellaneous	9,777	500	1,030	1,200	750	800
Membership Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Related Expenses	0	3,000	322	0	0	11,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>10,585</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>12,800</b>

**Reserve Fund**

<b>Beginning Balance (From Last Report):</b>	7,591	
		<u>7,591</u>

**Final FY24 Balance:**

Remaining Revenue	4,925
Remaining Expenses	122
Ending FY24 Reserve Change	4,803

**YTD FY25 Reserve Balance:**

Beginning Reserve	12,394
Revenue - Expenses (not inc CD)	-600
Ending Fund Balance	<u>11,794</u>

**CD**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	75,906	
		<u>75,906</u>

**Balance 12/31/24**

Beginning Balance	75,906
Interest	2,112
Ending CD Balance	<u>78,018</u>



## **Planning Commission Annual Report 2024**

The Planning Commission has focused on three specific elements of land use over the course of 2024.

### **• Town Plan Update**

The Town Plan has been reviewed by our Select Board and North West Regional Planning Commission and adopted as written on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as written. It can be found on the town website under documents.

The town plan addresses the challenges and opportunities of implementing the primary Montgomery Thrives initiatives. The plan was a significant rewrite, requiring the review of each existing and several new focus areas from previous versions. We looked at new areas for housing opportunities, updated information on bicycle and pedestrian sections with goals for connectivity and future development planning. We also added information around existing habitat blocks and various natural resources within Montgomery.

### **• Montgomery Zoning Regulations Updates**

Our Zoning Regulations are the roadmap with which the vision of Town Plans are executed. The Planning Commission applied for and received an approximate \$20,000 grant for regional planning support to identify, review and propose changes to existing Zoning Regulations (AKA Bylaws) and to recognize the changing profile of our community. The primary objective of zoning regulation revisions are to preserve the character of the town while providing for environmental protections and appropriate opportunities for new housing. As our community needs & infrastructure evolve, so must our zoning regulations. Our efforts to update future development will focus on the balance between improving housing stock while preserving the environmental, aesthetic and community character of Montgomery.

Zoning Regulation Update efforts have commenced during the second half of 2024 and will be the primary focus of our efforts in the 2025/26 cycle and should be finalized in early 2026.

### **• Short Term Rental**

We have been looking at solutions to balance the needs of affordable housing and the growth of short term rentals. Our original proposal was rejected by both the select board and the development review board on the basis of the registration fees needed to support compliance. The issue continues to pressure housing availability and so we will continue our efforts to find equitable solutions.

After reviewing how other towns in Vermont have successfully approached this issue, we have re-written a short term rental ordinance, proposed with focus on registry and safety code adherence. We have continued our efforts to develop a balance between addressing affordable housing needs and the growing trend of short-term rental growth that continues to consume our limited housing stock. Our new proposal is completed and will be reviewed by both the Development Review Board and Select Board in early 2025.

Please note, PC meetings are open to the public & occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm at the Public Safety Building. Community input welcome!

**Planning Commission Proposed Budget : 2025/26**

				<b>Budget</b>
<b>Grant Match</b>				
	Town Plan Update		\$20,000	
			10%	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
	By-Law Modernization Grant		\$20,000	
	Town Match		10%	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
<b>Secretarial</b>	4 hrs/meeting	1 meeting/month	X 9	\$540
(@ \$15/hr)	(\$60 / meeting)	2 meetings/month *	X 3	\$360
				<hr/>
				<b>\$ 900</b>
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				<b>\$ 4,900</b>

**Total**

\* As in 2023/24 with the project work of a Town Plan update, 2025/26 will involve additional meeting time for the By-Law Modernization project. Secretarial should then return to 4 hrs / meeting at \$15/hr with 1 meeting / month.

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2026 BUDGET**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

	<b>Actual FY2023</b>	<b>Budget FY2024</b>	<b>Actual FY2024</b>	<b>Budget FY2025</b>	<b>YTD FY2025</b>	<b>Budget FY2026</b>
1 Water User Fees	71,182	73,000	85,955	73,000	33,382	75,000
2 Water Bond Fees	31,619	33,000	35,434	33,000	15,874	35,000
3 Water Service Fees	2,355	50	96	50	0	0
4 Interest Earned	583	80	1,018	80	479	0
5 Water-Delq Pen & Int	334	250	588	250	227	0
6 Water-Town Support	13,737	13,737	13,737	13,737	0	13,737
7 Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>8 Total Revenues</b>	<b>119,811</b>	<b>120,117</b>	<b>136,827</b>	<b>120,117</b>	<b>49,962</b>	<b>123,737</b>
9 Water-Town Stipend	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	8,000
10 Water Operations	9,979	12,900	10,927	12,000	2,977	12,000
11 Water Office Supplies	369	500	281	500	606	500
12 Water-Tech Equip/Support	300	1,000	0	300	0	300
13 Water-Training	140	500	275	500	0	500
14 Water-Telephone			1,452	1,560	816	1,700
15 Water-Electricity	9,415	7,800	9,930	9,500	4,637	10,000
16 Water-Mowing	1,556	2,500	1,530	2,000	950	2,000
17 Water-Propane	1,632	2,200	1,859	2,200	576	2,200
18 Water-Contracted Service	7,635	6,000	623	7,500	0	5,000
19 Water-Membership Dues	1,023	475	1,426	1,000	871	1,000
20 Water-Testing	905	1,200	1,629	1,500	520	1,500
21 Water-Tools	0	500	0	500	0	500
22 Water-Equipment	4,768	12,000	13,934	15,000	5,843	15,000
23 Water-Building Maint	950	1,500	523	1,000	0	1,000
24 Water Treatment Supplies	380	800	556	500	155	500
25 Water-Bond Payments	46,202	46,202	27,261	46,202	23,101	46,202
26 Water-VT Fees	524	1,750	263	1,000	0	1,000
27 Service Connection	0	0	0	0	0	0
28 Water-Misc	488	1,500	6	1,500	293	1,500
<b>29 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>94,267</b>	<b>107,327</b>	<b>80,475</b>	<b>112,262</b>	<b>41,346</b>	<b>110,402</b>

**12/31/24 Account Balances:**

Water Checking	\$126,661.17
Water Money Market	\$81,815.39
<b>Water Total</b>	<b>\$208,476.56</b>

## Montgomery Town Hall Committee

Happy Town Meeting!

The building we are sitting in today has been a vital part of Montgomery's history for as long as I have lived here and many years prior. It has held years of meeting's, People's Proms, Variety Shows, Town Suppers, Halloween Parties, New Years Eve Parties, Informational meetings on fabulous subjects, movies, story times, birthday parties, art shows and auctions, farmers markets, yoga classes, zumba classes, wellness retreats, dance classes, JR iron Chef, Jujitsu, wrestling, private parties, weddings, dances and memorial gatherings for those we have lost. It is aging gracefully and continues to thrive as our one of a kind place for the community to gather.

A new committee was formed last January to take on the role of keeping This Town Hall, The Grange, The Crescent Theatre a vital and well maintained facility for everyone to use.

We have done work on a new charter for our committee of seven members, we have revised the rental contract and policy, updating user fees and offering year round rental and availability.

The Town Hall Committee has done and continues to host events to raise funds for the general upkeep of this magical space. Lobster Boils, Rummage Sales, Farmers Markets, Comedy Dinner and Town Suppers

We have taken on the important job of relocating our community food shelf, which was operated for over 40 years by the Methodist Church, founded by Stuart Pratt and continued by Lois Lumbra until her retirement from the food pantry business this past september. Heart Full Kitchen is open on Tuesdays from 2 to 5 in winter months and 3 to 6 in spring, summer, fall. It is located in the basement of the grange hall. It pays a yearly rent to the town for its use of the basement to operate this important resource for our town. As of this december 31st we have served over 36 families, the majority Montgomery residents.

We continue to make improvements to our Hall. This year we focused primarily on the basement space and have replaced the ceiling tiles, cleaned all the mold, painted the walls and had heat pumps installed to keep the moisture and temperature controlled year round so it can be a safe place for people to be.

We will continue working on behalf of all the people of Montgomery to keep this Hall thriving,  
Thankyou for your support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tosca Smith  
Secretary  
Town Hall Committee

Annual Report of Zoning Permits & Compliance Letters Issued-2024  
Zoning Permits

Issue Date	Permit #	Name	Property ID	Address	Project Description
3/14/2024	ZP-24-02	Leanne Leach	00012.048A	1547 Hill West Rd	Single family dwelling
4/11/2024	ZP-03-24	Jessica and Jeffrey Kaufman	00058.060X	2161 Hazen's Notch Rd	Addition to Single Family Dwelling
4/18/2024	ZP-04-24	Samantha Thompson and Dennis Himes	00242.046X	797 Mountain Rd	Fence
4/18/2024	ZP-05-24	Patrick and Maryann Crowley	00030.050X	1258 Deep Gibou	Garage
4/25/2024	ZP-06-24	Robert and Becca Cummins	00035.0007X	120 Nutting Road	Accessory structure
5/2/2024	ZP-07-24	John Boucher	ON118.007X	72 Main St	Replace roof
5/2/2024	ZP-08-24	Daniel and Elizabeth Graves	00012.050X	1655 Hill West	Shed
5/23/2024	ZP-11-24	Tim and Laura Murphy	00005.007C	Green Mountain Rd	SFR and garage
5/16/2024	ZP-10-24	Scott and Tosca Smith	00007.041X	1310 North Hill Rd	Detached garage
5/30/2024	ZP-14-24	Jordan Kane and Kenneth Forbes	OS118.108X	2159 South Main St	2 lot subdivision
5/16/2024	ZP-09-24	Bradford Elliott	00242.026X	1270 Mountain Rd	Porch addition
5/23/2024	ZP-13-24	Lauryn and Ben Blakesly	00058.068Y	2939 Hazens Notch Rd	SFR and attached garage
6/6/2024	ZP-15-24	Stacy Manosh	00242.077X	2145 Mountain Rd	Accessory structure
5/23/2024	ZP-12-24	Christine Netski	00242.121X	305 Fisher Rd	Corrective permit for shed
6/6/2024	ZP-16-24	Arnold and Linda Mercy	OS118.122X	2637 South Main St	2 lot subdivision
6/20/2024	ZP-19-24	Tim and Colleen Pratt	OS118.028C	619 South Main St	SFR and attached garage
6/13/2024	ZP-17-24	Nathan and Monica Hill	00242.074X	1869 Mountain Rd	Attached garage addition
6/20/2024	ZP-18-24	Roberta Wendel and Kurt Willoughby	00030.042X	969 Deep Gibou Rd	Garage
7/11/2024	ZP-20-24	Colin Sorenson	00012.015X	708 Hill West Rd	Repair and enclose existing deck
7/11/2024	ZP-21-24	Jesse Wyman	ON118.075X	270 North Main St	Fence
7/18/2024	ZP-22-24	Jeff Messier	00010.012X	689 Black Falls Ext	Accessory Building Storage
8/15/2024	ZP-23-24	Edward Chiaverini	00058.071X	3086 Hazens Notch Rd	Corrective permit for deck and accessory structure
8/29/2024	ZP-25-24	James Wall	00020.006X	161 Montgomery Heights Rd	Shed
8/22/2024	ZP-24-24	Adam and Elizabeth Paashaus	00020.027X	727 Montgomery Heights Rd	Woodshed
9/1/2024	ZP-27-24	James Hammond	OS118.157X	3800 South Main	Detached garage
9/5/2024	ZP-25a-24	Karen Frascella	ON118.011X	86 Main St	Sauna Accessory structure
9/12/2024	ZP-26-24	James and Danielle Howarth	00019.036X	1585 Amidon Rd	Subdivision of 152 acres into 3 lots (4 ac, 4 ac, and 144 ac)
10/24/2024	ZP-28-24	Emily and Jeffrey Altrui	00005.015X	440 Green Mountain Rd	Replacement shed
10/24/2024	ZP-27a-24	Jesse Wyman	ON118.075X	270 North Main St	Replace deck and add roof
11/14/2024	ZP-29-24	John Youland	00242.088X	2559 Mountain Rd	Shed
12/6/2024	ZP-30-24	Jesse Wyman	ON118.075X	270 North Main St	Addition to fence
12/19/2024	ZP-31-24	Janet Bonneau	OS118.106A	1885 South Main St	Shed

Certification of Zoning Compliance

2/8/2024	CC-24-02	Kristin Snortum	00242.091X	2796 Mountain Rd
3/7/2024	CC-24-03	Walter Knight	00242.039X	428 Mountain Rd
6/13/2024	CC-24-06	Todd and Rachel Campbell	00012.064X	1927 Hill West Rd
6/13/2024	CC-24-05	Christine Netski	00021.010X	305 Fisher Rd
		Not issued Mitesh Amin and Timothy Andreev	00242.121X	3774 Mountain Rd
5/30/2024	CC-24-04	Abigail and Paul Garcia	00303.021X	641 Highland Dr
6/27/2024	CC-24-07	Jolley Associates LLC	ON118.102X	1711 North Main St
6/27/2024	CC-24-08	Alexander Friedman and Helga Rudolf	000242.098X	3091 Mountain Rd
6/27/2024	CC-24-09	Klaus Voos	00058.035C	1002 Hazens Notch Rd
7/25/2024	CC-24-10	Theodore Jacobs and Esther Chaffee	00051.018X	201 River St
7/25/2024	CC-24-11	Ian Scott and Melissa Lampkin	00058.063X	2426 Hazen Notch Rd
8/15/2024	CC-24-12	Lenore Lewis and Gerald Van Der Weyde	00058.062X	2199 Hazens Notch Rd
8/15/2024	CC-24-13	Timothy and Laurie Murphy	00005.007X	220 Green Mountain Rd
8/29/2024	CC-24-14	Jolley Associates LLC	ON118.102Z	1711 North Main
8/29/2024	CC-24-15	Gabrielle Lumbr	00011.165X	4500 West Hill Rd
9/1/2024	CC-24-16	Edward Chiaverini	00058.071X	3086 Hazens Notch Rd
9/12/2024	CC-24-17	Christine Convard	ON118.038X	283 Main St
10/10/2024	CC-24-18	Jean Paul Noel and Whitney Oconnell	00300.012X	217 Christmas Rd
10/24/2024	CC-24-19	EMSsquare Inc	ON118.010X	91 Main St
11/21/2024	CC-24-20	Ballast Builders	OS 118.106A	1885 South Main St
12/19/2024	CC-24-21	Ellen Osborne Coolidge	00011.119X	3234 West Hill Rd

Submitted by Ellen Fox February 6, 2025

**MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

**Financial Report 2024**

<b>Beginning Balance 1/1/24</b>	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	25,050.61	
		<u>25,050.61</u>	25,050.61
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Interest	265.28	
	Donations	0.00	
	Sale of Lots/Perpetual Care	400.00	
	Corner Post	0.00	
		<u>665.28</u>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Lawncare	0.00	* Paid by Town
	Corner Posts	0.00	* Paid by Town
		<u>0.00</u>	
			<u>25,715.89</u>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/24</b>	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	25,715.89	
		<u>25,715.89</u>	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Kopacz, Town Treasurer

**MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

**Financial Report 2024**

<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/24</b>	Checking	16,617.90	
	CD - 110	8,343.77	
	CD - 233	15,000.00	
	CD - 274	8,300.00	
	CD - 892	20,000.00	
	Charles Lumbra Fund	2,202.77	
			<u>\$70,464.44</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Interest Income	1,489.15	
	Donations		
	Lots Sold	1060.00	
		<u>\$2,549.15</u>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Grounds Maintenance	5,085.00	
	Bank Service Charges		
		<u>\$5,085.00</u>	
		<u>\$67,928.59</u>	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/24</b>	Checking	14,082.05	
	Checking Deposits in transit	0.00	
	CD - 110	8,343.77	
	CD - 233	15,000.00	
	CD - 274	8,300.00	
	CD - 892	20,000.00	
	Charles Lumbra Fund	2,202.77	
		<u>\$67,928.59</u>	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Kopacz, Town Treasurer

**JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE**

**Financial Report 2024**

<b>Beginning Balance: 1/1/24</b>	Community Bank Checking	<u>\$7,521.24</u>	\$7,521.24
<b>Income:</b>	Interest	<u>\$75.47</u>	<u>\$75.47</u>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Care of Old Cemetery	\$1,200.00	
	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	
	Office Supplies - Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>	
			<u>\$1,200.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance: 12/31/24</b>	Community Bank Checking	<u>\$6,396.71</u>	<u>\$6,396.71</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Kopacz, Successor Trustee

**HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

**Financial Report 2024**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	Checking - Jan. 1, 2024	\$2,303.47	
	Savings - Jan. 1, 2024	\$1,969.69	
	CD - Jan. 1, 2024	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	
		\$22,273.16	\$22,273.16
<b>Income:</b>	Donations	\$400.00	
	Lot Sales	\$1,200.00	
	Town of Montgomery Support	\$200.00	
	Interest	<u>\$277.84</u>	
			\$2,077.84
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Maintenance - Mowing - \$100 x 10	-\$1,000.00	
	Corner Markers	<u>-\$380.00</u>	
			<u>-\$1,380.00</u>
			<u>\$22,971.00</u>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	Checking - Dec. 31, 2024	\$2,000.76	
	Savings - Dec. 31, 2024	\$2,700.52	
	CD	<u>\$18,269.72</u>	
			<u>\$22,971.00</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Lumbra, Treasurer

2024 STATISTICS					
Town Clerk Report					
<b>2024 Births</b>			<b>Census Data 2020:</b>	<b>1,184</b>	
			<b>Registered Births:</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>January</b>	Connor Billado		<b>Registered Deaths:</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>February</b>	Gavin Worthington		<b>Registered Marriages</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>May</b>	Felix Daberer		<b>Verified Voters</b>	<b>882</b>	
<b>July</b>	Lucas O'Dowd		<b>2024 Deaths</b>		
<b>November</b>	Cohen Lagasse		<b>January</b>	John Lamer	
<b>November</b>	Haven Gratton		<b>March</b>	Judith Hill-Sartwell	
<b>December</b>	Jasper Paul		<b>March</b>	Lorraine St Onge	
			<b>March</b>	Ivan Suttief	
			<b>March</b>	Melinda Swearingen	
			<b>April</b>	Dale Lumbr	
			<b>June</b>	William Harlow	
			<b>July</b>	Henry Altrui	
			<b>August</b>	Evelyn Nadeau	
			<b>August</b>	Julio Varela	
			<b>October</b>	Susan Gadue	
			<b>December</b>	Dale Davidson	
<b>2024 Marriages</b>			<b>2024 Marriages Continued...</b>		
Roderick Knott	Christa Wilde	December	Michelle Wescott	Eric King	July
Cassandra Fortin	Kyle Lawyer	October	Debra Howell	Abraham Miller	June
Timothy Snider	Jessica Ramsdell	September	Susan McGovern	Edward Kluczewicz	May
Esther Worthington	Jeremy Herrera	August	Cynthia Green	Paul Grenier	May
Thomas Kassel	Hannah Wiley	August	John Bara	Tammi Provencher	May
Audrey Rochon	Peter Gariepy	August			
Jean-Phillippe Fabio	Marley Pratt	August			
Jade Dandurand	John Curylo	July			
	Recorded Instruments	384			
	Property Transfers	86			
	Fish & Wildlife Licenses	11			
	Dogs Licensed	249			
	Elections Reported	5			
	New Voters (1st time/Active Transfers)	96			



## HELPFUL TOWN INFORMATION

**Tax Due Date: Second Friday In November**  
 (Town Offices open until 4pm on Nov Tax Due Date)  
*\*\*Postmarks are not accepted\*\**  
*\*\*Postdated Checks are not accepted\*\**

- FIRE, RESCUE & POLICE EMERGENCIES.....911
- VERMONT STATE POLICE- St Albans Barracks.....524-5993
- VTRANS- STATE GARAGE (District 8).....326-4678
- NWSWD RECYCLING SITE.....524-5986
- TOWN OFFICE.....326-4719
  - Selectboard.....montgomeryselectboard@gmail.com
  - Clerk.....municipalclerkmontgomery@gmail.com
  - Treasurer..... montgomerytreasurer@gmail.com
- TOWN WEBSITE.....[www.montgomeryvt.us](http://www.montgomeryvt.us)
- TOWN LIBRARY.....326-3113
- TOWN GARAGE.....326-4418

### Who Meets Where and When?

Group	Day/Month	Time	Place
Budget Committee	Dec- Feb	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	Fourth Thursday	5:30pm	Public Safety Bldg
Fire Department	Every Monday	6:00pm	Fire Station
Library Trustees	Second Monday	6:00pm	Library
Planning Commission	Second Tuesday	6:00pm	Public Safety Bldg
Recreation Board	First Monday	5:30pm	Rec Center
Selectboard/Water Comm	First & Third Monday	6:30pm	Public Safety Bldg
Town Hall Committee	Second Wednesday	6:00pm	Public Safety Bldg

Town Offices, Fire Dept, Library: 86 Mountain Rd

Town Hall: 57 Main St

Town Highway Garage: 1800 North Main St

Water Treatment Facility: 251 Fuller Bridge Rd

Recreation Center: 204 North Main St

Montgomery Elementary School: 249 School Dr

# **Available Payment Options**

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

In addition to regular in-office service and USPS mail options we offer multiple ways for you to pay your bills. Our hope is that these additional options will provide our residents and taxpayers with the highest level of flexibility and convenience.

### **E-Check OR Credit/Debit Cards**

You may pay online via our website! Use our new E-check feature or choose the Credit Card option. (*Fees apply: \$1.50 for E-check payment | 2.65% for all card payments.*) Locate your Parcel ID number on your Tax Bill in the upper left corner when making a Tax payment.

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

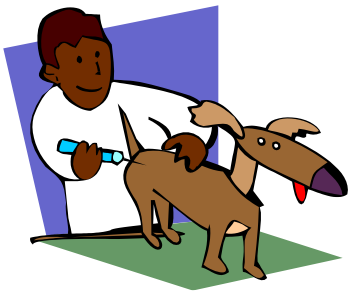
If you would prefer to have your Tax Payments and/or Water Payments automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the due date(s), you will find application forms on our website. ***Please note NEW ACH agreements MUST be submitted to our Treasurer prior to November 1st to meet the processing deadline. Canadian bank account holders must call our offices for special directions. Call 326-4719 Ext 209 with questions.***

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

For those who need to drop off paperwork or would prefer to utilize checks or money orders but are not able to arrive during regular office hours, there is a secure Drop-Box mounted outside to the left of the main entrance to the Town Offices. \*Please note on the Final November Tax Due Date the Drop-box will be checked at 4:00pm at the close of business\*. Tax Payments received after the 4:00 pm deadline on the final due date are considered delinquent and will be handled by the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

**Reminder: envelope postmarks & postdated checks are NOT accepted, please plan accordingly to be sure your mailed items have adequate time to make their way to our office to avoid fees and penalties.**

Montgomery Town Offices  
86 Mountain Road  
PO Box 356  
Montgomery Ctr VT 05471



# 2025 Rabies Clinics

**Local Clinics- Drive Thru**  
**Offered by Stowe Veterinary:**



<b>Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025</b>	<b>Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025</b>
<b>Montgomery Elementary: 11:30am-12:00p</b>	<b>Berkshire Highway Garage: 10:15a-10:45a</b>

Due to the fast-paced nature of Drive-Thru clinics we will not be offering on-site licensing. See below for information about licensing your dog(s).

## ***Other Community Clinic Dates- Offered by: Tractor Supply-Pet Vet***

Location: 2636 Highgate Rd. Saint Albans VT, 05478

Saturday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### STEPS TO LICENSING YOUR DOG WITH YOUR TOWN

1. **Dog Licenses are due annually by April 1st.**
2. For any new dogs that have received their first rabies vaccination *or* are new to the area licensing must occur within 30 days of moving to Town/or getting the new dog.
3. To obtain a license you must have on file a current Rabies Certificate and Spay/Neuter Certificate (if applicable). If the rabies has expired, you will need to obtain an updated certificate prior to licensing.
4. Submit license fee(s). Fees can be paid via check, cash, or online with E-check or credit card.
  - a. \$11.00 for each spayed/neutered dog
  - b. \$15.00 for each intact dog
  - c. Licensing after the deadline will incur Late Fees: \$2.00 (fixed) or \$4.00 (intact)
5. If your dog is already registered, you will receive a renewal notice in early February each year.
6. **Ways To obtain a NEW dog license or RENEW an existing one:**
  - a. Register in person at the Town Office. Office hours: Mon-Wed 9:00-3:30, Th 9:00-2:30, F 9-2
  - b. Mail the Certificates & fee(s) to our PO Box 356 Montgomery Ctr VT 05471.
  - c. Submit the Certificates & check for the fee(s) into our outdoor Drop-Box.
  - d. E-Mail the Certificates the Town Clerk & pay the fee(s) online at our website: [www.montgomeryvt.us](http://www.montgomeryvt.us) (Main menu select "Make a Payment"). Registrations that are sent via mail, drop-box, or online methods will receive the dog tags and licenses in the mail within 3-5 business days.

*If you have a dog that no longer lives with you or has passed away, please contact our offices to let us know: 326-4719*



## **Rabies Clinics 2025**

**Where:**

- Richford / Fire Station
- Berkshire / School
- Montgomery / Elementary School
- Fair Fax / Town Office

**When:**

3/22  
3/22  
3/22  
3/22

**Time:**

9:00 - 9:45  
10:15 - 10:45  
11:30 - 12:00  
1:30 - 2:30

- Morrisville / VFW
- Eden / Town Garage
- Hyde Park / Town Clerk's Office
- Albany / Town Clerk's Office
- Wolcott / Town Clerk's Office

3/29  
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8:00 - 9:00  
9:45 - 10:45  
11:30 - 12:00  
1:30 - 2:15  
3:15 - 4:15

### **Cost**

For Dogs & Cats

**Rabies Vaccine = \$20**

**Distemper Vaccine = \$40**

**Cash or Checks Only**

If your dog or cat has been vaccinated in the past please bring a previous certificate with you.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF AGING WELL

agewellvt.org  
Helpline: 1-800-642-5119  
P 802-865-0360  
F 802-865-0363  
875 Roosevelt Hwy, Ste. 210  
Colchester, VT 05446

## TOWN OF MONTGOMERY REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2024 (10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024)

Last year, Age Well served 41 individuals from Montgomery, services included:



27 calls to the Helpline



9 hours of Case Management



311 Meals on Wheels delivered  
435 Congregate Meals served



14 hours of SHIP Counseling

1 Montgomery residents volunteered 125 hours

## COST BREAKDOWN OF OUR SERVICES

Age Well services are provided at no cost, but we want to emphasize the value we provide to your community. In FY24, we delivered services valued at \$12,413 to Montgomery residents.

State Health Insurance Program: \$78.86 per hour

Case Management: \$122.41 per hour

Options Counseling: \$101.56 per hour

Information & Assistance: \$25.33 per hour

Meals on Wheels: \$10.29 per meal

Congregate Meals: \$12.81 per meal

Grab and Go Meals: \$10.50 per meal

Volunteers: \$15.33 per hour



MEALS ON WHEELS CAN SERVE A PERSON FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR FOR ABOUT THE SAME COST AS JUST 1 DAY IN A HOSPITAL OR 10 DAYS IN A NURSING HOME

## ABOUT AGE WELL

Since 1974, Age Well has provided Vermonters with the necessary support to manage their daily living needs, with the goal of keeping them active, healthy, and independent. As the leading experts and advocates for the aging population, we believe that health happens at home and focuses on lifestyle, happiness, and wellness—not on age.

Committed to helping individuals age well, we reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in-home care, expertise on Medicare and insurance, long-term and short-term care options, transportation to medical appointments, translations services, a Helpline, and many more community resources in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we do not charge for our services. We rely on donations and encourage clients to contribute if they are able to do so.

**MISSION: TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THAT INSPIRES  
OUR COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE AGING WITH CONFIDENCE.**



FCIDC Annual Report for 2024

The Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) was established in 1971. FCIDC was created to grow the economy and create job opportunities as our region was experiencing double digit unemployment figures. In years past, our county experienced too many people who wanted to work yet too few jobs were being offered. Now we have too many jobs open with not enough willing individuals to fill those positions despite a growth in our population. We can all comment on why we think this is happening, but the bottom line is our county has worked way too hard to get to this point and if we can't change that trajectory then companies will move to other states/countries where they can find the employees to run their businesses.

In an effort to impact this situation FCIDC has taken the initiative to engage with our five county high schools and two technical and career centers to educate both teachers and students as to what employment opportunities exist once an individual graduates from high school. A college education is not the answer for many students. FCIDC has and will continue to do student visits to a variety of employment sites. Local companies have been very willing to host students and educate them about what jobs are available and what pay and benefits they offer. Many of the employers offer education reimbursement so that students can attend college while working and those individuals could end up with no college debt. The timeline to receive a degree may take a little longer but the debt will be limited.

FCIDC also organized a Tech Discovery Day for eighth graders where they were able to interact with local businesses doing hands on activities such as using virtual goggles and operating robots. This coming spring FCIDC along with the local schools will be organizing an apprenticeship day, in order to showcase the businesses that are looking for apprentices. When employed as an apprentice the individual is paid while learning a skill or trade. There is usually some classroom training that goes along with the on-the-job training.

In 2024 FCIDC saw the completion of a couple large projects. FCIDC completed Phase I of the Perley Block project in Enosburg and this past fall we started Phase II. The second phase consists of constructing four new apartments on the second floor of the "Annex" which is the former warehouse building that was connected to the original Perley Block. Once completed the building will have 12 apartments in downtown Enosburg along with retail and office space. In the St. Albans Town Industrial Park Purpose Energy bought three acres of land from FCIDC and it is adjacent to Ben & Jerry's. The project consists of a bioreactor which transforms food waste (i.e. Ben & Jerry's) to energy by creating a biogas which is used to create electricity to send to the electrical grid. Please check out our website at [www.fcidc.com](http://www.fcidc.com) to learn more about FCIDC.

Respectfully submitted by,

Timothy J. Smith  
FCIDC Executive Director

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**Information Sheet: 2024**

**What happened to Franklin County Home Health Agency?**

As you may have heard, Franklin County Home Health Care Agency (FCHHA) was forced to cease operations due to the impact of Medicare reimbursement cuts in spring of 2024. VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR), one of FCHHA’s sister agencies, has been designated by the Green Mountain Care Board as the home health care provider for Franklin County.

VNAHSR and FCHHA have a long history of working together under the umbrella of VNAs of Vermont. There has been close collaboration to ensure a smooth transition for Franklin County residents to continue to receive exceptional home health care services. Many of the clinicians and caregivers providing service in Franklin County will remain the same, they are simply employees of VNAHSR.

**What is VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?**

Founded in Rutland, Vermont in 1946, VNAHSR is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, Medicare-certified home health and hospice agency delivering a wide-range of advanced medical care with compassion, dependability, and expertise to people of all ages. Today, more than 250 certified home health aides, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, and visiting nurses bring their skilled care and compassion to people in Bennington County, Rutland County and all 15 towns in Franklin County.

- **Our Mission:** To enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and health care services.
- **Our Vision:** To be the best provider of home and community based health care in Vermont.

**How many patients were served and home visits made in 2023?**

The Agency made 39,000 visits to 1,472 Franklin County residents. The Agency made the following number of visits to the residents Franklin County:

20,928	Home Care Services
14,912	Long Term Care Services
3,160	Hospice Services

**Why does the Agency need money from towns?**

While, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party insurances the Agency depends on the money received from towns to subsidize shrinking federal and state reimbursements and the cost of care provided to patients who are uninsured or underinsured. In 2023 alone, the Agency provided over \$1.7 million in charitable care to patients who were either underinsured or uninsured for the home care they deserved. Town funds and charitable contributions help close the gap between reimbursement for services provided and the true costs of those services.

**Where can you find more information about VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?**

For more information about the Agency or the services we provide please call (802) 775-0568 or visit our website at [www.vermontvisitingnurses.org](http://www.vermontvisitingnurses.org).



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Success on  
Green Up Day  
May 4, 2024**



**Green Up Day**, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont’s favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

**Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.**

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

**2025 Green Up Day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.**





Dear Montgomery Selectboard members and Residents of Montgomery,

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) again had a great year working to protect and improve water quality throughout our region. As always, our successes come directly from the dedicated volunteers, donors, landowners, and towns that support the work we do with and at our schools, public parks, roadways, farms, private homes, and anywhere water flows.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

**Ecological restoration, invasive species, water sampling, and river clean-up efforts:**

During 2024, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped pull trash from our riverbanks - including 1 tire and other debris from 2.5 miles of the Trout River! - assisted with our continued study of non-chemical ways to combat Japanese knotweed, collected water quality samples from 19 locations within our watershed, and assisted with tree plantings. An additional 750 trees were planted along our waterways in 2024. Our thanks to the volunteers and landowners we worked with this year!

**Assisting farmers and landowners:** In addition to our tree planting this year, we created a pollinator rain garden at Riverwalk Park; we hope you've enjoyed this pretty addition that will also help keep stormwater from the parking lot out of the Trout! We also connected with landowners - including two in Montgomery - to conduct Stream Wise assessments. These are designed to help landowners understand what water may be doing on their property, and some ways to mitigate or improve their relationship with runoff, and we really enjoy connecting directly with homeowners in this way - let us know if you have a stream, you'd like us to come walk with you in 2025!

**Educational programs:** We are always excited to connect with our younger watershed residents and enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bugworks program, and Lake Lessons. Additionally, we were delighted to again host an awesome summer intern from Montgomery.

We respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$600 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us continue expanding and increasing the skills of our team, so that we may better serve our watershed towns.

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 2025 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA President

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**Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)**

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

Tel: (802) 933-3645 E-mail: [lindsey@mrbavt.com](mailto:lindsey@mrbavt.com) Website: [www.mrbavt.com](http://www.mrbavt.com)



## Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

Tel: (802) 933-3645 E-mail: [info@vtwsr.org](mailto:info@vtwsr.org) Website: [www.umatrwildandscenic.org](http://www.umatrwildandscenic.org)

Dear Residents of Montgomery,

Since 2014 - the year that 46.1 miles of the upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers were designated to join the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System - the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee has striven to protect, enhance, and encourage enjoyment of our beautiful rivers. Our committee is made up of 2 representatives from each of the 8 municipalities these rivers flow through: Westfield, Troy, North Troy, Richford, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Enosburg Falls, and Montgomery. **If you or someone you know is interested in representing your municipality in the important decisions we make (such as what projects to fund with our dollars!), please let us know – we need another voice from your Town!**

As we plan for a wonderful 2025, we also want to look back at the successes of 2024. UMATR celebrated its 10th year of designation this year and to commemorate, we paddled all 46.1 designated miles. We were pleased to have 106 people join us during these 7 days of paddling, while we highlighted all our 8 municipalities and celebrated the rivers. UMATR is proud of the many and varied events we hosted this past year: from our online speaker series to our Wild and Scenic Film Festival, we engaged 157 attendees for our virtual and viewing activities during 2024; we engaged another 13 people to help us remove trash from our swimming holes. And we always love getting people out on the river - we had 99 paddlers and snowshoers join us during our on-water (and near-water) events in 2024.

During 2024, we also supported 10 great community-led grant projects in our region with \$59,950 in grant funds. In Montgomery, \$4,000 of these funds supported Franklin County Natural Resources District's wildlife tracking day with Montgomery Elementary School. Paired with Nancy Patch's snowshoe tour high on the Trout River, Tubing on the trout, and the annual swimming hole clean-up, we covered a lot of ground in Montgomery in 2024.

We are planning a busy 2025 and would love to see you at some of our events. Join us this winter for snowshoeing and our online speaker series, in the spring to help spotted salamanders or to enjoy our (still!) new office space while catching up with us during our Open House, or on the water this summer with great events such as Tubing on the Trout and our annual Paddle and Picnic. Visit our website ([umatrwildandscenic.org](http://umatrwildandscenic.org)) where you can register and join our mailing list to stay up to date with all our activities.

Respectfully submitted by your representatives to the UMATR Committee: Cynthia Scott, and UMATR staff and ECO AmeriCorps members: Lindsey, Sarah, and Ruby. Please contact us with any questions or comments ([info@vtwsr.org](mailto:info@vtwsr.org)).



Town of Montgomery  
86 Mountain Rd.  
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

December 31, 2024

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Green Mountain Transit, the provider of essential public transportation services in our region. As we strive to serve our communities, we want to highlight the meaningful impact that public transit has on our rural areas.

Rural communities are the heart of our state, and we deeply appreciate the unique challenges and strengths that come with living in these beautiful but often isolated areas. GMT takes pride in connecting residents to vital resources like jobs, healthcare, education, and cultural activities. Accessible public transportation provides more than just convenience; it is fundamental to the health, well-being, and vibrancy of our region. Here are some key benefits:

- **Accessibility:** Public transit ensures that all community members, including those without access to a personal vehicle, can reach essential destinations like workplaces, medical offices, grocery stores, and social events.
- **Economic Development:** A strong public transportation network attracts businesses and supports the growth of existing enterprises. By connecting people with jobs and markets, GMT contributes to the economic vitality of our region.
- **Environmental Impact:** Public transit reduces the number of vehicles on the road, helping lower greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution—an important step toward a sustainable future for Vermont.
- **Quality of Life:** Public transit enhances quality of life by reducing traffic, promoting community connection, and offering an affordable alternative to the costs of car ownership.

While we receive funding from various sources, including grants, the financial sustainability of our services is an ongoing challenge. It is with this in mind that we kindly request your support in the form of an annual contribution. Your financial support will directly benefit our rural communities and help ensure the continued availability and expansion of our transportation services.

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit (GMT) would like to submit a funding request for FY26 in the amount of **\$625**. The requested funding directly supports GMT's ongoing operations of fixed route and demand response services.



# NORTHWEST FIBERWORX

2024

Annual

Report

## Introduction

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 3075, the Northwest Vermont Communications Union District (NWCUD) is pleased to present its annual report and budget for your review. The NWCUD was officially formed on August 3, 2020. The NWCUD is a municipal body consisting of representatives from Northwest Vermont municipalities for the purposes of building communication infrastructure. As of October 09, 2024, the NWCUD represents 22 Northwest municipalities: Alburgh, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Fairfield, Franklin, Fairfax, Georgia, Grand Isle, Highgate, Isle la Motte, Milton, Montgomery, North Hero, Richford, Saint Albans Town, Sheldon, South Hero, Swanton, Village of Alburgh, Village of Enosburg Falls and Village of Swanton.

**The mission of the NWCUD, as adopted by the Board of Representatives, is:**

"Leverage partnerships and procure funding to connect Northwestern Vermont via Open Access Fiber to ensure opportunity for all homes and businesses in our region."

## Activities of Northwest Vermont Communications Union District

### ARPA Grant

This year, the NWCUD received a \$20.2 million grant that will support the construction of our fiber internet network.

### Fiber Acquisition

We doubled our fiber optic cable supply by taking advantage of a unique opportunity from a neighboring CUD. This came at no cost to NWCUD and further prepared us for materials needed for Phase 1 of construction.

### Model & Design Refinement

In preparation for Phase 1 of construction and being awarded a VCBB Construction Grant, joint efforts with GWI are underway to prepare us for our next steps. With High-Level Design complete and the Detailed Design on its way, we will be on track for breaking ground in 2025!

	FY2024 Pro-		
	FY2024 Budget	ected Actuals	FY2025 Budget
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,980,700	\$ 2,703,341	\$ 26,196,191
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	\$ 17,980,700	\$ 2,703,341	\$ 26,196,191
* Subtotal Capital	\$ 17,546,000	\$ 2,424,164	\$ 8,739,616
Subtotal Operational	\$ 134,908	\$ 80,548	\$ 202,319
Subtotal Staff	\$ 390,892	\$ 375,831	\$ 327,800
Subtotal Technology	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,849	\$ 8,000
<b>Totals</b>			
TOTAL CAPEX	\$ 17,546,000	\$ 2,424,164	\$ 8,739,616
TOTAL OPEX	\$ 531,300	\$ 458,229	\$ 538,119
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 18,077,300	\$ 2,882,393	\$ 9,277,735
Deferred Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,918,456
Net Income	\$ (96,600)	\$ (179,052)	\$ -

\*FY 2023 Financial Statements are available as part of the FY 2023 Audit

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30 V.S.A. § 3075 - The district's fiscal year shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

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# Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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## 2024 SUPERVISORS REPORT

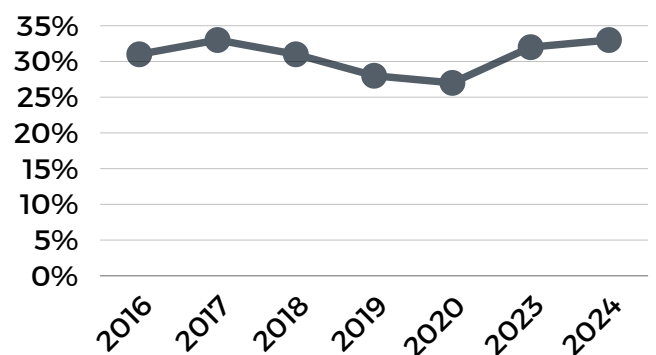
NWSWD is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our 19 member communities. The District's mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and disposal of solid waste. Some of our 2024 highlights include:

- Services used over 54,000 times
- Increased diversion rate to 33%
- Composted 750+ tons of food scraps
- Collected 46 tons of HHW material from 2,967 residents & 55 businesses
- Expanded online presence to reach over 50,000 people on social media
- Provided outreach to more than 50 businesses and 10 schools



NWSWD updated all facility signage this year, including at the Alburgh Transfer Station, which is under NWSWD management as of December. We also began the long-awaited construction project at our Georgia Recycling Facility. These updates and expansions will improve public drop-off to make it more efficient and safe!

District Diversion Rate, 2016-2024



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Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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Newsletter sign-up via [nswsd.org](https://nswsd.org)

858 TONS  
LANDFILLED



1,807 TONS  
RECYCLED



STATE OF VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
VERMONT STATE POLICE



**St. Albans Field Station**  
140 Fisher Pond Rd  
St. Albans, VT 05478

January 8th, 2025

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2024 Annual Report. This report will provide our mission, identify specialty services provided by the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks, and provide data for your respective town.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Vermont State Police is to individually and collectively serve and protect by providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement services. The mission of the Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. By working together, we can educate, empower and foster trust within our community. We will strive to reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways through criminal investigations and aggressive motor vehicle enforcement.

#### **Specialty Services Provided by Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks**

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

The breakdown of these responses is as follows:

1 Trooper – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)

4 Troopers – Tactical Services Unit (TSU)

3 Troopers – K9 Team

2 Troopers – Search and Rescue Team (SAR)

3 Troopers – Bomb Squad (EOD)

1 Trooper – CLAN lab team

1 Troopers – Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)

1 Trooper – Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)

**“Your Safety Is Our Business”**

Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:

Total Cases:	6877
Total Arrests:	638
Total Tickets Issued:	229
Total Warnings Issued:	771
Fatal Accidents:	8
Total Burglaries Investigated:	59
Total DUI's:	62

Local Community Report: **Montgomery**

Total Cases:	133
Total Arrests:	7
Total DUI's:	1
Total Accidents – Property Damage:	10
Total Accidents – Injury:	0
Total Vandalisms:	2
Total Alarms:	6
Total Burglaries:	0
Total Tickets:	1
Total Warnings:	2

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, prevention, and community outreach. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of this community. Together, we will get through these challenging times.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant Michael Filipek  
Station commander



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## MONTGOMERY TOWN REPORT - 2024

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### NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

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- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Bike and pedestrian planning and project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

### ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

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- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

### REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

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Leanne Barnard & Mark Brouillette

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Mark Brouillette

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) 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.

### 2024 MONTGOMERY TOWN PROJECTS

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- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan that will help the town respond to future disasters; assisted with FEMA funds for a past disaster declaration.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Served as project manager for VTrans grants for bank stabilization work along Longley Bridge Road, and for the streetscape project.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Montgomery is a founding member.
- Provided grant administration for a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for the streetscape project.
- Collaborated with the Montgomery Planning Commission to modernize Montgomery's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability; funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Collaborated with the Montgomery Planning Commission to update Montgomery's Town Plan with a focus on natural resources, housing, transportation and future land use.
- Granted regional approval of the Montgomery Town Plan.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Assisted with an application for energy assessments for the Public Safety Building, the Grange, and the Old Municipal Building/Post Office, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Completed traffic counts on Hazens Notch Road.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 4 Montgomery farms and food producers.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, update its Land Use Plan to support housing development and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. 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 NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.