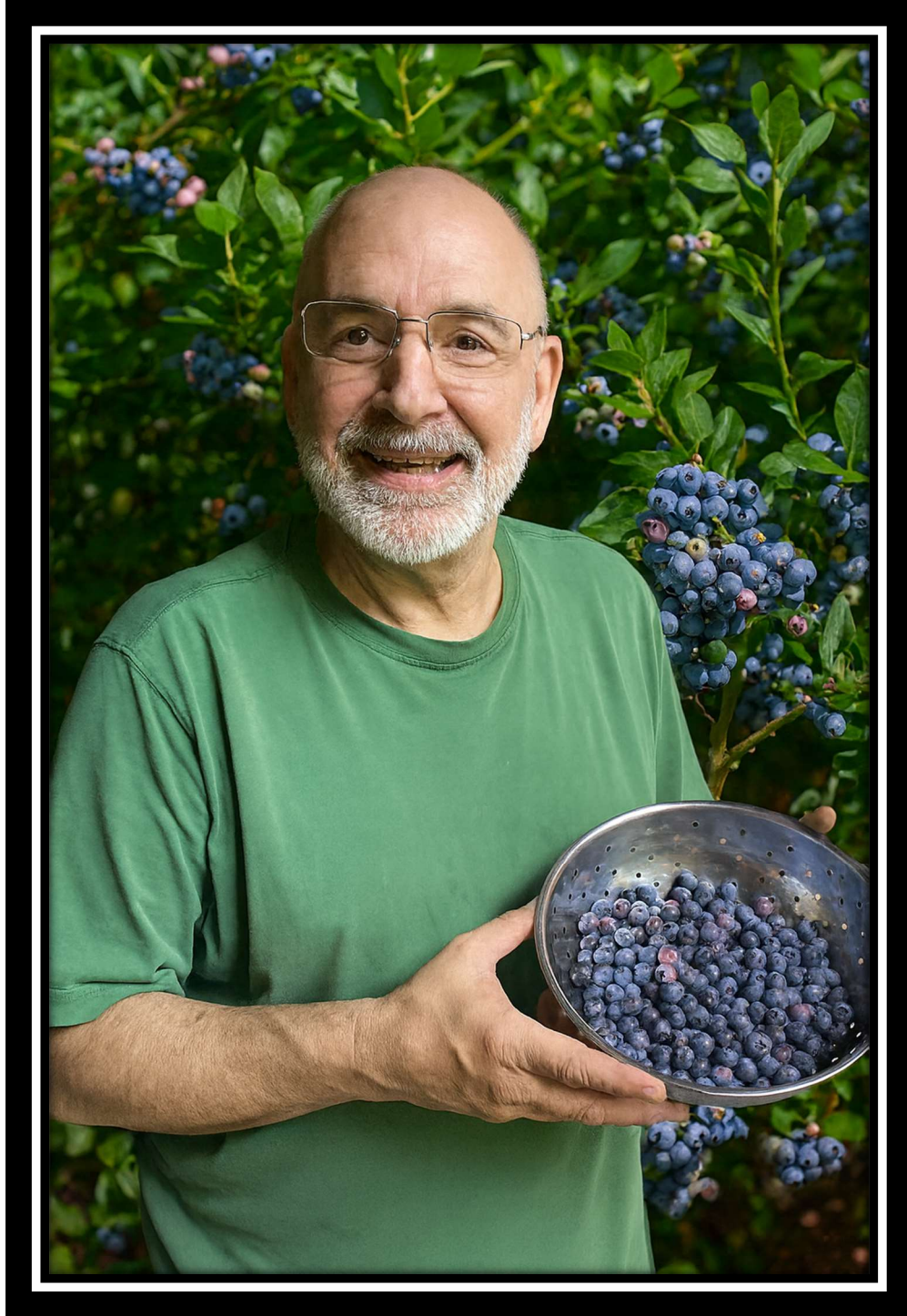


TOWN OF MONTGOMERY- FY 2025 REPORT

Scott Perry



Scott Perry is a Real Vermonter, born in Burlington and raised in Brattleboro, and is the eldest of Albertine (Tina) and Malcolm (Mal) Perry's 5 children. He attended grade school and high school in Brattleboro and college at St Michael's College in Winooski. He graduated in 1977 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force (AF). Scott entered active duty in late 1977 and started his AF career in Denver, Colorado, where he trained as an intelligence officer. His first operational assignment was in Okinawa, Japan, where he met his wife, Sharon; they were married a few years later while both were living in Texas.

Scott went on to serve in organizations in Texas, Hawaii, Washington DC, and Nebraska during his over 20-year military career. While living in Texas, Scott brought Sharon back home to share the beauty of Vermont and to meet his family. Sharon instantly fell in love with both and understood why Scott spent the majority of his vacation time returning home to Vermont. They continued to come home to Vermont as often as their military careers would allow.

In 1994 while living in Virginia, Scott and Sharon visited Vermont during fall foliage season to begin the hunt for their forever home in Vermont. They struck gold on that visit and bought their home on Hazen's Notch Road less than a month after discovering the welcoming community of Montgomery. From the time they bought their Montgomery property until they both retired from the AF in 1998, Scott and Sharon spent all their vacation time enjoying their little bit of paradise here in Northern Vermont.

After permanently moving to Montgomery upon his retirement, Scott had a 5-year plan. He wanted to wake up each day and decide what he wanted to do in the morning of that day with no commitments and no responsibilities. Scott readily admits he fell short 5 months into his plan when he was elected to the Montgomery Selectboard in March 2003. Sharon had already been elected as a lister and a member of the budget committee the previous year. Scott contends he was elected from the 5 candidates nominated because he had the funniest introduction speech where he said he was "shamelessly trying to ride his wife's skittails into public office."

Scott served on the Selectboard for 14 years. Over the first 9 years of his tenure he developed a strong friendship with Ken Cota who was the chairman of the Selectboard; Scott served as Ken's vice chairman for a large part of that time. Due to Ken's untimely death, along with the deaths of his 2 brothers, in early 2012, Scott reluctantly took over as the Selectboard chairman. Not only had Scott lost a good friend that year, he also recognized that Montgomery had lost 3 brothers who had provided many significant contributions to the community over the years and who would all be sorely missed.

As the Selectboard Chairman, Scott was also appointed to the Budget Committee in 2012 and served on that committee until 2024 when he "retired" for the second time from municipal service to Montgomery. With his time on the Selectboard and continuing on the Budget Committee, Scott has served the Town of Montgomery in various municipal capacities for 20 years. One of the projects he is most proud of during those 20 years is the development of the Town's website. Shortly after

joining the Selectboard, Scott developed the framework of the website, and with help and training from Morgan Daybell, he brought the website online in late 2003 with a \$500 budget. He was the first webmaster for the Town's website and served in that capacity for 11 years, as a volunteer, continually improving and expanding the website as needed.

Scott's service to the Montgomery community continues with his involvement in the Montgomery Historical Society (MHS). He joined the MHS board in 2003 and started chairing the MHS board meetings in 2004 after Bill Branthoover resigned. Scott was officially elected as the MHS chairman in 2005 and has served in that position ever since. During his MHS tenure, the Society took on 2 major projects restoring the bell tower and west wall at Pratt Hall. Most recently, the Society has begun planning for a "Home for History" with the demolition of the Heaton House and the construction of a new climate-controlled building to house the many artifacts relevant to the history of Montgomery. Those that have worked with Scott on the historical society will joke that he has two drivers: the MHS, and the Red Sox.

Thank you Scott for your time, your care, and your commitment to the Town of Montgomery!

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Montgomery Center Vt
 Oct 21 1893
 Mr Hutchins
 Please let the
 bearer have one dollar
 worth of sugar and some
 tobacco
 and charge the same
 to me
 Thomas O'Hear

Notes, Post Cards, and Boxcars

Over the last year or two we've received several donations of ephemera, things like papers, never meant to last forever. They were usually discovered hidden away in an attic or closet and, in one case in the wall cavity of a home on route 242. These treasures include diaries of a 1950's Town Clerk, a short memoir of a woman who spent her early life on a Hill West farm, and just recently a shoe box with over 100 postcards, letters, and other documents found in a house once owned by J.C. Hutchins who owned the tub mill south of the Center and stores in town. What stories can they tell about life then and even ourselves today?

The Hutchins documents all date to between 1890 and 1902 and were simply addressed to "J.C. Hutchins, Montgomery Center, Vermont". They chronicle the day-to-day, often hctic, business life of a mill town.

Penny postcards were the texts and emails of the time and Hutchins was deluged by sales pitches from the entire country for goods he could sell at his stores. Axes, mohair skirts, electric motors, rubber boots, even an investment opportunity in a gold mine company! One item he chose to sell was novelty postcards ("Busy person's correspondence card")! No need to write, just check the box with the appropriate phrase.

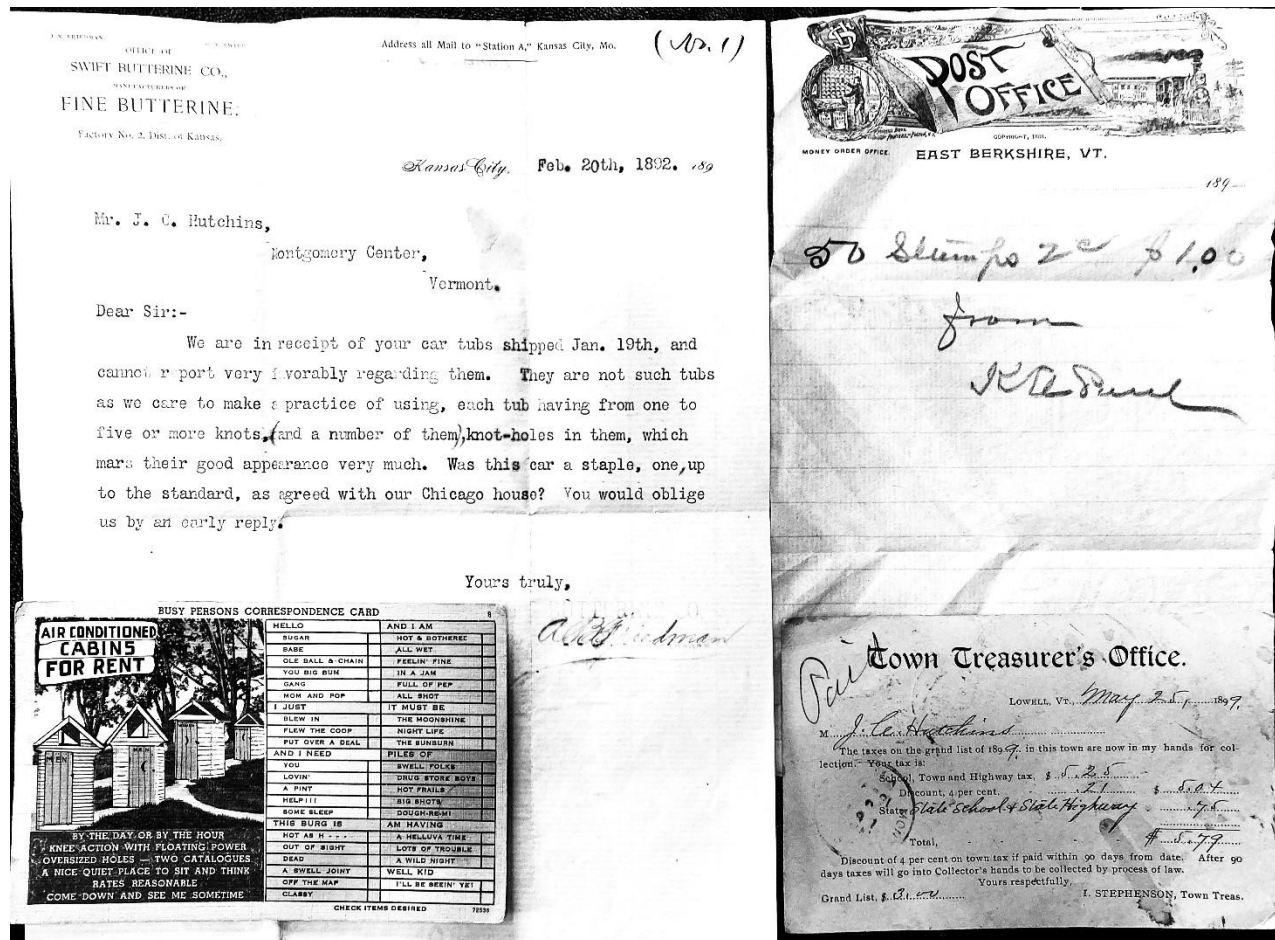
Then there was the correspondence related to the butter tubs. Many were regarding orders, usually by the box car, shipped out of East Berkshire. Where was my order? Can you expedite it? No Amazon or UPS

tracking! One unhappy 1892 customer in Kansas City, MO complained not only about the holes in some of the tubs but the knots in the staves! Was this boxcar what his agent in Chicago actually purchased?

Just a few personal letters were included. One from J.C.'s son, Fred, traveling in California reports he thought he had drummed up some customers in Pasadena.

Then there are the one-offs; an 1893 hand-written note, probably given to a child, asking them to give the bearer \$1.00 of sugar and tobacco on account, an 1890s receipt for fifty 2 cent stamps on East Berkshire Post Office stationary, and an 1899 receipt from the Town for payment of his taxes, \$5.79.

Some things never change, even when they are completely different. We collect these things because they tell the stories of our town and can even inform us about the issues we face today. We appreciate your support.



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 is May 1st. Applications are available for download at our web site.

Your donations are always welcome.

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

The Montgomery Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization. Trustees are:

Bob Cummins, Abby Dixon-Boles, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Mary Garceau,
John Kuryloski, Roger Lichti, Patty Perl, Scott Perry, Elsie Saborowski, & Sue Wilson

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- 2026 Local Elections:
Town Meeting Day- Floor Vote 9:00am
NMVUU School District - [Australian Ballot Polls 10a-7p]

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY March 3rd, 2026

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 1st, 2026**. Election documents/notices are also posted online on the Town Website: www.montgomeryvt.us

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? If you are a full-time resident in the Town of Montgomery (and a US Citizen) register at the Town Office, on Election Day at Town Hall, or online using the Vermont Voter Portal <https://vote.vermont.gov/public/dashboard>

EARLY/ABSENTEE VOTING: Request a ballot be mailed to you or pick up a school ballot in person at the office starting **February 11th, 2026** {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 the VT Voter Portal
 - School ballots may be returned via USPS, our Dropbox, or you may return your ballot to an Election Official on March 3rd until the polls close at 7:00PM
-  **Option 2: Pickup your ballot at the Town Office and vote in person or take it home.**
 - Please Note: You can only pick up your OWN ballot you cannot by law take a ballot for anyone other than yourself--during pickup you may request a ballot for family members, and we will mail it to them.
 - *Last day to request early school ballot for yourself: **March 2nd, 2026 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.

ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICER LIST			
BOLD indicates current term has expired Italics denotes appts to be Elected to remaining terms or Vacancies to fill			
Elected	Term	Incumbent	Expires
Moderator	1 Year	Jacob Racusin	2026
Selectboard			
1	3 Years	Charlie Hancock	2028
2	3 Years	Suzanne Dollois	2026
3	3 Years	Mark Brouillette	2027
4	2 Years	Leanne Barnard	2026
5	2 Years	Daniel Khan	2027
Listers			
1	3 Years	James Walsh	2027
2	3 Years	<i>Vacant</i>	2026
3	3 Years	Kenny Miller	2028
Collector of Current Taxes	1 Year	Treasurer	2026
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3 Years	Katherine Barnard	2026
First Constable	2 Years	Brent Godin	2027
Cemetery Commission - Village			
1	5 Years	George Gabuzda	2029
2	5 Years	JoAnne Lanphear	2030
3	5 Years	Lois Lumbra	2026
4	5 Years	Penny Lumbra	2027
5	4 Years	Tim Murphy	2028
Cemetery Commission - Center			
1	5 Years	Jade Dixson-Boles	2030
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	3 Years	Chris Dixson-Boles	2028
2	3 Years	Deanna Robitaille	2028
3	3 Years	Shana Schaberg	2028
4	3 Years	Remi Gratton	2027
5	3 Years	Carmen Carroll	2027
6	3 Years	Nicole Landreman	2027
7*	3 Years	Patty Hathaway	2026
8*	3 Years	Christina Suarez-Pratt	2026

9	3 Years	Daniel Khan	2026
Fire Commissioners			
1	2 Years	Doug Kopacz	2026
2	2 Years	Joe Zartarian	2027
Planning Commission			
1	3 Years	Alissa Hardy	2028
2	3 Years	George 'Joe' Sherman	2026
3	3 Years	Diane Sherman	2028
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 Lumbra	Feb 2027
{JPs are Elected at the November election prior to their term expiration}			
Appointed	Term	Incumbent	Expires
Water Commission			
1	3 Years	Suzanne Dollois	2026
2	3 Years	Charlie Hancock	2028
3	3 Years	Mark Brouillette	2027
4	2 Years	Leanne Barnard	2026
5	2 Years	Daniel Khan	2027
Development Review Board			
1	4 Years	Mary Garceau	2029
2	4 Years	Sue Wilson	2028
3	4 Years	Barry Kade	2029
4	4 Years	John Kuryloski	2029
5	4 Years	Parma Jewett	2027
6	4 Years	Charles Snedcor-A	2029
7	4 Years	Mark Brouillette-A	2027
8	4 Years	Vacant	2028
Agent To Convey Real Estate	1 Year	Barry Kade	2026
Budget Committee			
1	1 Year	Leanne Barnard	2026
2	1 Year	Mark Brouillette	2026

3	1 Year	Tosca Smith	2026
4	1 Year	Erin Kopacz	2026
5	1 Year	Charlie Hancock	2026
Director Disaster/Ems Management	1 Year	Greg Lucas	2026
Deputy Disaster/Ems Management	1 Year	Doug Kopacz	2026
Fence Viewers			
1	1 Year	Listers	2026
2	1 Year	Listers	2026
3	1 Year	Listers	2026
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	2028
2	3 Years	Leanne Barnard	2028
Animal Control Officer	1 Year	Lynda Cluba	2026
Road Commissioner	2 Years	Mark Brouillette	2026
NW Solid Waste Dist Rep	3 Years	Vacant	2026
Transportation Advisory Rep	1 Year	Mark Brouillette	2026
Transportation Advisory Alt	1 Year	Scott Ovitt	2026
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	2028
6	3 Years	Tiffany Jones	2028
7	3 Years	Brendan O'Shea	2028
Zoning Administrator	3 Years	Ellen Fox	2027
MRBA Wild & Scenic Rep			
1	1 Year	Vacant	2026
2	1 Year	Cynthia Scott	2026
NW CUD Reps	1 Year	Vacant	2026
	1 Year	Vacant	2026
	1 Year	Vacant	2026

Community Garden Board			
1	1 Year	Remi Gratton	2026
2	1 Year	Wendy Howard	2026
3	1 Year	Genvieve Lodal-Guild	2026
4	1 Year	Parma Jewett	2026
5	1 Year	Hannah Sorenson	2026
6	1 Year	<i>Vacant</i>	2025
7	1 Year	<i>Vacant</i>	2025
Conservation Commission			
1	4 Years	Charles Snedikor	2027
2	4 Years	Parma Jewett	2026
3	4 Years	Marielle Ambroch	2029
4	4 Years	Joan Hildreth	2028
5	4 Years	Kip Potter	2029
6	4 Years	Lynn Locher	2026
7	4 Years	Matt Paggi	2026
8	4 Years	Cliff Loos	2028
9	4 Years	Patrick Calecas	2029
Town Hall Committee			
1	3 Years	Tosca Smith	2026
2	3 Years	<i>Vacant</i>	2026
3	3 Years	Tara Lumbra	2026
4	3 Years	Shane Mercy	2026
5	2 Years	Abe Barnard	2027
6	2 Years	Nicole Woodworth	2027
7	2 Years	<i>Vacant</i>	2027
Town Newsletter Editor	1 Year	Suzanne Dollois	2026
Financial Controls Officer	3 Years	Beth Crane	2027
Inspector of Lumber/Shingle/Wood	1 Year	Charlie Hancock	2026
Tree Warden	1 Year	Charlie Hancock	2026
Weigher of Coal	1 Year	Emily Kimball	2026

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF MONTGOMERY TOWN MEETING – 2025

The legal voters of the town of Montgomery in the County of Franklin were hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town to act on the following business to wit. Jacob Racusin called the meeting to order at 9:00am on Tuesday, the 4th day of March 2025.

1. Jacob began with Article 1, to elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. Pat Farmer nominated Jacob Racusin, hearing no other nominations, Jacob was elected to Town Moderator.

Jacob made announcements for the benefit of those present as well as voters attending the Town Meeting for the first time. Charlie moved to suspend the rules to allow a non-voting member to address the body, seconded and passed by voice vote, to allow for our Representative Allen “Penny” Demar to speak. Penny addressed the body to give an update and take questions regarding the legislative session in Montpelier. Jacob recognized Merle VanGieson, who made an inquiry about Article 2 in years past relating to “Accepting Reports of Town Officers”, Charlie Hancock stated the board will make a note on this for next year

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).** Emily declined the nomination. Claudia Stauber nominated Charlie Snedcor. Charlie Hancock nominated Daniel Khan. Jeffrey Altrui rescinded acceptance of his nomination. Candidates were each given an opportunity to speak. Jacob then directed the voters to assemble in a line to conduct the vote by ballot. Jacob called voting to close. Ballots were counted. Daniel Khan received 104 votes & Charlie Snedcor received 53 votes. Daniel Khan was elected to a two-year term by ballot.
- b. **Selectperson- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 by ballot (Charlie Hancock, expires).** Marijke Dollois nominated Charlie Hancock. Merle Van Gieson nominated Cliff Loos. Charlie Snedcor was nominated. Candidates were afforded time to speak. Jacob directed voters to assemble and vote by ballot. Jacob called voting to a close and ballots were counted. Charlie Hancock received 115 votes, Cliff Loos received 17 votes, and Charlie Snedcor received 31 votes. Charlie Hancock was elected to a three-year term by ballot.
- c. **Lister- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 by ballot (Kenny Miller, appointed).** Merle VanGieson nominated Kenny Miller. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, Jacob directed the Selectboard Chair to cast one ballot to elect Kenny Miller to serve a three-year term.
- d. **Collector of Delinquent Taxes- remainder three (3) year term to expire in 2026 (Kat Barnard, appointed).** Sue Wilson nominated Katherine Barnard. Hearing no other nominations Katherine Barnard was elected by unanimous voice vote to serve the remainder three-year term to expire in 2026.
- e. **First Constable- two (2) year term to expire in 2027 (Brent Godin, expires).** Patrick Farmer nominated Brent Godin. Hearing no other nominations, Brent Godin was elected by unanimous voice vote to serve a two-year term.

- f. **Village Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term to expire 2030 (JoAnne Lanphear, expires).** Sue Wilson nominated JoAnne Lanphear. Hearing no other nominations JoAnne Lanphear was elected by a unanimous voice vote to serve a five-year term.
 - g. **Village Cemetery Commissioner- remainder four (4) year term expiring in 2028 (Vacant).** Brent Godin nominated Tim Murphy. Lois Lumbra nominated Emily Altrui, her nomination was removed as she is not a citizen of the United States and is therefore not eligible to be on the voter checklist. Hearing no other nominations Tim Murphy was elected to serve the remainder four-year term to expire in 2028 by unanimous voice vote.
 - h. **Center Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term to expire in 2030 (Jade Dixon-Boles, expires).** Carol Farmer nominated Jade Dixon-Boles. Allan Kalsmith nominated Annie Purrier. Jade Dixon-Boles was elected by two-thirds majority voice vote to serve a five-year term.
 - i. **Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Jane Presler, expires).** Marlene Hambleton nominated Christopher Dixon-Boles. Hearing no other nominations, Christopher Dixon-Boles was elected by a unanimous voice vote to serve a three-year term.
 - j. **Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Cheryl Wisell, expires).** Daniel Khan nominated Deanna Robitaille. Hearing no other nominations, Deanna Robitaille was elected by a unanimous voice vote to serve a three-year term.
 - k. **Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Marijke Dollois, expires).** Marijke Dollois nominated Shana Schaberg. Hearing no other nominations, Shana Schaberg was elected by a unanimous voice vote to serve a three-year term.
 - l. **Fire Commissioner- two (2) year term to expire in 2027 (Joseph Zartarian, expires).** Joseph Zartarian was nominated, hearing no other nominations, Joseph Zartarian was elected by a unanimous voice vote to serve a two-year term.
 - m. **Planning Commission- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Alissa Hardy, expires).** Teresa Almy nominated Claudia Stauber. Carol Farmer nominated Alissa Hardy. Alissa Hardy was elected to a three-year term by two-thirds majority voice vote.
 - n. **Planning Commission- three (3) year term to expire in 2028 (Peter Locher, expires).** Brent Godin nominated Peter Locher. Charlie Hancock nominated Diane Sherman. Candidates were afforded a moment to speak. An initial voice vote was conducted, and a division was called for ballot vote by seven voters. Jacob directed voters to assemble and vote by ballot. Jacob called voting to a close and ballots were counted. Peter Locher received 57 votes and Diane Sherman received 103 votes. Diane Sherman was elected by ballot to serve a three-year term.
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?** Sue Wilson motioned to approve and was seconded. Marijke explained the need to make corrections to the term seats due to the original terms being decreased several years ago from five to three-year terms which resulted

in the expiration becoming out of sync. This correction puts the terms back in a staggered order. This article was passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. **Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4791, to collect Current Taxes?** Mark motioned to approve the article and was seconded; this was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
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.** Patrick Famer motioned to approve and was seconded. Discussion took place, Charlie explained what the established reserve fund is and how it is funded through a request put before the voters each year asking to raise the tax rate by a half-cent allotment for this specific reserve which supports Land Conservation efforts in Town. This allows the electorate to decide each year whether to continue funding this reserve. Mark Brouillette called the question. The article was passed by two-thirds voice vote.
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?** Mark motioned to approve and was seconded. Discussion ensued. Question was raised by Merle regarding the Public Works Building remaining bond amount and whether the Town could re-allocate surplus funds from the Recreation, Library, and Fire Department budgets to pay off that balance; Merle offered an amendment to the motion to transfer \$40,000 from the Library and Fire Dept budget(s) and \$45,000 from the Recreation budget to the General Fund to pay the \$125,000 owed to the Public Works Building Bond. Amendment was seconded; Barry Kade offered a friendly amendment to add “if consistent with the terms of the existing bond” discussion on the topic took place as to whether the terms of the Bond can be accelerated. Question on the amendment was called. Amendment failed by voice vote. Mark motioned to approve article six as written and was seconded. Article six was passed by unanimous voice vote.
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?** Teresa Almy motioned to pass-over article seven. Motioning to pass over an article requires no second and removes the ability to debate or amend and must be passed by a two-thirds majority. The question was called to pass-over and Brent Godin called for division by ballot, seven hands showed in support of division. Jacob directed the body to assemble to vote by ballot. Jacob called voting to a close and ballots were counted. The motion to Pass-Over failed by ballot vote 66-Yes to 97-No. The article was brought forth as written, so moved by Mark Brouillette, and discussion took place. Peter Larkin called the question to cease debate and proceed to a vote to end discussion. Voice vote was taken. There was a call for division by ballot by Chris Pattullo. Jacob directed voters to cast their ballot on the motion of whether to cease debate on article seven. Jacob called voting to a close and ballots were counted. Motion to cease debate passed by ballot vote of 102-Yes and 38-No which passed the two-thirds requirement. Motion to approve article by voice vote, division was called by Teresa Almy to vote the article by ballot, seven hands were counted in support. Voting took place and ballots were counted. Article seven was approved as written by ballot vote of 89-Yes to 45-No.
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?** Mark Brouillette made a motion to approve and was seconded. Discussion took place. Joe Dematos offered an amendment, to change language to “solely from monies raised by the Local Options

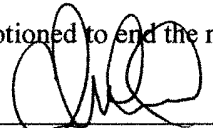
Tax"; debate took place over the amendment and whether other funding sources would be hindered from being added to this reserve fund if other sources or fundraising efforts in the future were made. Mark Brouillette called the question on the amendment; two-thirds majority voice vote passed to cease debate and consider the article amendment. The amendment failed by two-thirds majority voice vote. Chris Pattullo called the question to vote on article eight and proceed, debate ceased by majority voice vote. Article eight was approved as written by two-thirds majority voice vote.

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?** Pat Farmer motioned to approve as written and was seconded. Discussion took place. Mark called the question, article nine was passed as written by two-thirds majority voice vote.

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.** Carol Farmer motioned to approve and was seconded. Mark Brouillette explained the timing of ordering new trucks now takes several years to fulfill versus a few months so he is working proactively to begin the steps of updating our fleet in advance of when our older trucks will come due for replacement. Truck payments on a new purchase will not begin until the purchase occurs in the next year or two. The plans for the 2017 truck, once replaced, will be to sell it. The newer truck will also have longer warranty dates of 7 years, which will help with the future upgrade processes. Rob Barnard called the question, article ten passed as written by two-thirds majority voice vote.

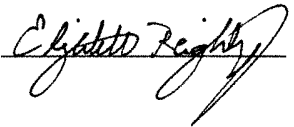
11. **To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.** Cliff Loos asked the board what will happen if the Local Option Tax revenue falls short of the bond/operating costs in any given year; Charlie stated the board would have to assess how to cover that scenario which includes potentially raising user fees, or looking at property tax but the goal has been to not opt to cover any of the bond costs via property tax as that has already been voted down by the electorate. Charlie noted that again the numbers are an estimate, final numbers will not be in until they receive the bids back, but using the conservative numbers they have they are confident that the rooms/meals LOT would be sufficient to meet those needs, but as the project moves forward and they have more concrete numbers they will continue to assess the viability of those changes. Mark Brouillette thanked everyone for attending the town meeting and acknowledged our hard-working road crew. Motion was made by Merle to request the selectboard transfer monies from the Library, Fire, and Recreation budgets to pay the outstanding Public Works Building Bond. There was not a second given, the motion was not considered. Melissa Haberman acknowledged that today is the day our State of Vermont was born on March 4th, 1791.

Scott Perry motioned to end the meeting and was seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:19pm.

Selectboard Chair 

Moderator 

Dated this 10th day of March 2025

Attest: Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk 



2026 State of the Town Letter

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.

FY27 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 FY27 Municipal Budget is \$1,515,240 (**up about 5% from FY25**). Approximately \$1,072,294 will need to be raised by taxes, an increase from FY26 of about \$64,000. This will bring the projected municipal tax rate to an estimated \$0.6420, **an increase from FY26 of 6.2%**. While we continue to see cost increases attributed to inflationary pressure around goods and services procured by the town, as well as increases in costs related to insurance, other cost centers have dropped or remained stable.

A substantial and unforeseen decrease in the municipal Grand List from FY26 has also played a significant role in the projected tax rate increase. This decrease was the result of the State of Vermont unilaterally slashing the appraised value on all utilities in the state, resulting in two properties in town seeing an approximate 50% reduction in value. This reduction in value resulted in approximately \$2,000,000 in value being lost from the Grand List.

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 net increase in non-tax revenue of approximately \$14.6K mostly attributed to the use of reserve funds and the sale of the "Jay Truck" – *more on the Town Fleet below*). Residents will see that some line items have been removed from the Revenue table since last year, the result of these items being combined, or dropped off due to inactivity. **PILOT** payments (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) have been rolled into **Taxes on State Land**, as this is the same revenue center (former PILOT numbers being only reflective of the State Garage on Rt. 118). USPS Rent payments have also dropped off, as the town has not received this payment since FY24 and has no expectation that it will be reinstituted. Water Dept labor and FEMA/State Reimbursement have also been dropped from the table due to inactivity (more on the Water Dept found later in this letter).

Other changes in the Revenue side of the ledger include: a slight increase in Current Use reimbursements; recording fees sustaining the upward trend we've seen since FY24; and interest income remaining higher due to favorable rates and investment vehicles. The \$20k under **Miscellaneous Revenue** is attributed to

the anticipated sale of the “Jay Truck” at the Town Garage as we finalize the changes to the vehicle fleet. The funds from the sale will be used to off-set the FY27 debt service on the two new trucks, each with the first payment due this year. Regarding Grant Revenue, the FY27 budget includes funds from the Better Back Roads program for continued ditching and culvert replacement work. This is off set in the Projects and Events portion of the Public Works budget, which includes a 15% match to the grant award. The YTD revenue under **Other Grants** for FY26 shown in the budget is attributed to the paving work and culvert replacements on Fuller Bridge Road this past year. The \$31k shown under **Use of Reserve Funds Projects and Events** for FY27 are funds which will be drawn from the Building Capital Improvement Reserve to support necessary work at the Town Garage (\$19k), and funds from the Machinery Replacement Fund to finish outfitting the new Western Star truck (\$12k), described below. Lastly, under Revenues, residents will recall that the Town Hall is now managed under a separate reserve fund, showing no General Fund activity.

A quick note on **Unreserved Funds** – With the transition to a fiscal year budget it has been recommended by our Auditors to no longer estimate unreserved funds to be carried forward in a subsequent year budget. On the **Expense** side of the ledger, we’ll note a few changes, as well as some challenges:

While seeing little net change, **General Government Expenses** have seen some fluctuations in both directions. This coming year the Town Office and Garage will have a long overdue upgrade to their computer system hardware, projected to cost approximately \$3.5K. The Town is also seeing a \$3k increase in associated Information Technology costs related to our preferred vendor. While this is a moderate increase in fees, the high level of service from the vendor remains top rate, and an exploration of switching vendors has shown little expected savings. Assessor fees are set to \$0 for FY27 with the anticipation that all upcoming reappraisal expenses will be paid out of the Reappraisal Fund, which continues to carry a healthy balance expected to cover the associated scope of work beginning this fall. In addition, we’ve seen a small increase in legal services (around \$2k), a slight decrease in Workers Comp expenses (down \$3k), a small jump in Dog Licenses (around \$1k), and a modest increase in our EMS/Ambulance contract (around \$1.2k). Overall, the combined FY27 expenses related to non-public works municipal operations are set to see a 2.9% decrease in FY27.

Changes in expenses related to **Municipal Employees** range from moderate to significant. Health insurance rates for 2026 (representing the first half of FY27) saw an increase of only 1.08% (note that 2025 saw an 8.99% increase, and 2024 saw a 20.21% increase). The budget committee made the conservative assumption that for 2027 rates will increase by 3% (as we look at the back end of FY27). While the overall rate increase is relatively low, staffing changes and cumulative insurance costs coming out of FY26 account for a cumulative \$39k increase in this cost center for FY27. The COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for 2026 is 2.8%, up from 2.5% in 2025.

No significant changes are anticipated regarding **Buildings and Grounds**. As noted starting 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. This is now the second year that the Grange Hall serving as a home to *Heart Full Kitchen*, the non-profit run local food shelf, which provides additional rental income. The only significant expenditure related to buildings and grounds for FY27 is

the repair/replacement of snow guards at the Town Garage, anticipated to cost \$19k (which, as noted above, will come from the Building Capital Improvement Reserve). Overall, the combined FY27 expenses related to buildings and grounds are set to see a 3.3% increase in FY27, attributed to small increases in cost centers like heating fuel/propane.

Looking at **Public Works**, things continue to be an up/down story, with payroll and new debt service obligations the most significant changes related to this cost center. Most significantly, with recent upgrades to the municipal fleet, cycling in newer equipment covered under warranty, we anticipate a significant reduction in associated repairs costs, something which has plagued the budget in recent years (in FY25 repair expenditures exceeded \$84k, while FY26 YTD expenditures sit around \$30k). Contracted Services/Road Maintenance is up \$5k from FY26 to account for continued ditching and culvert replacement work anticipated for the coming year (much of which will be supported by approximately \$18k in grant revenue, with a \$3.5k match requirement). Salt costs are up, seeing a \$3k increase from FY26. Anticipated material expenses related to gravel are down due to a healthy stockpile and a slight reduction in cost. Material costs associated with sand and culverts remain flat. Overall, the combined FY27 expenses related to Town Highways are set to see an increase of 7.4%, attributed almost entirely to changes in payroll expenses and insurance.

Regarding the **Vehicle Fleet** at the Town Garage, residents will recall authorizing borrowing capacity for up to \$300k for the purchase of a new Western Star truck at town meeting last year, to replace the 2018 International Truck. The town is expected to take possession of the Western Star truck around July 1st, with the first payment on the loan for \$260k due in FY27. This past year the Town also 1) traded in the 2022 CV International—the “small truck”—(which spent almost as much time in the shop than on the road) for a new Ford F550, using the trade in value to cover the down payment, and 2) purchased a used 2022 International Truck to replace the 2017 International (the motor having gone on the 2017, and using the truck’s sale revenue to cover the used 2022 truck’s down payment). We now anticipate selling the “Jay Truck” (which has served us well as a back-up) in FY27, retaining the now paid off 2018 International Truck as the back-up at the garage. These changes have resulted in a modest increase in **Debt Service** obligations for FY27 (now reflecting the 2025 Ford F550 and 2025 Western Star, in addition to the 2022 International).

Looking at additional **Reserve Fund** appropriations, we anticipate a modest allocation to the Infrastructure Reserve Fund to back fill the use of approximately \$66k associated with work on Fuller Bridge Road in FY26 (funds used to support required grant match of around \$36k, as well as additional culvert expenses of \$30k). \$10k is allocated to the **Town Hall** reserve for continued support of operations and building improvements, to be matched by fundraising activities led by the Town Hall Committee. With the new fleet in place as previously described, we do not anticipate any significant expenses associated with the **Machinery Replacement** Fund. The balances in the remaining accounts remain adequate to support projected needs while still continuing to save for a rainy day.

Public Safety Building/Town Office Renovations

After a lull in activity, work on this project has been re-initiated with a change in architectural firm, which is now working to advance the final drawings and updated cost tables associated with the project. ***The most recent floor plan for the renovation is included herein.***

Residents will recall that voters approved \$250,000 in borrowing authority at Town Meeting in 2024 for the installation of a fireproof vault as part of the project. Since then, staff have worked to successfully secure an additional \$297,000 in State grant revenue to support the project. We anticipate pulling an approximately \$206,000 from the current “ARPA” Reserve, as well as \$150k from the Building Capital Improvement Reserve, to cobble together the *current* estimated total project budget of around \$903,000. It should be noted that this figure is currently the high-end estimate based on the original cost tables *which are now being updated*. As such, we expect the true cost to come in substantially lower, reducing the need to draw on reserves and/or borrow. To date, we’ve already received a revised quote for the installation of the vault, now at \$126,000 (a reduction of \$124k from the initial estimate).

If things proceed as planned, we anticipate construction work on the project to begin in late 2026, extending into 2027.

Municipal Wastewater Project updates

Since 2019, the Town has worked with Hoyle Tanner and Associates (HTA) to provide engineering services for our Municipal Wastewater Project. Much of the work over the past year has focused on completing the final project design/plans and permitting for the system, as well as securing the necessary easements with property owners to advance construction. The final plans were submitted to the State for review in September, with the issuance of the Town’s draft Indirect Discharge Permit to operate the proposed system pending final review and approval.

Also in September, the Town received a quote from HTA subject to the bid phase and construction services needed to continue to advance the project to completion. Given the complexity of the project, we anticipated that the quote would come in justifiably high, however the figure presented by the firm was almost twice the anticipated budget amount, and beyond what the State’s Water Investment Division (WID) would authorize for reimbursement against the project’s funding stack. Given that, WID directed the town to obtain a lower cost fee proposal from another engineering firm. The Town has done that and is now proceeding to the Bid and Construction phase with the firm of Aldrich and Elliot (A&E), with HTA staying on in a supporting role, and in concurrence with our partners at WID.

The pivot in engineering firms (and delay in final approval of the plan set from WID) consumed over four months, setting the project timeline back. Getting the project to bid remains the next critical path item and is now targeted for release by March 1st. The bids received will determine if the funding stack for the project remains viable, as this remains the next significant project milestone. If the bids come back favorably, a contract could be issued by the spring with work commencing at the Wastewater Recovery

Facility (Rt. 242 site) in the fall of 2026, and individual property connections beginning in the spring of 2027. As always, the end user affordability remains the guiding principle for the project.

Streetscape work and 98 Main Street Plans

Work on the Streetscape project—designed to replace and extend sidewalk infrastructure from Main Street out to the Rec Center, establish additional off-street parking at the Rec Center, redesign the old Town Office property into additional parking, and install additional midblock crossings and pedestrian safety enhancements—continues to advance. Primary project plans were finalized in August of 2025, with work to date supported by funds from the State’s *Transportation Alternatives Program*. The Town is now planning to utilize approximately \$80k in funds from the ARPA Reserve account to bring the project through permitting and right-of-way clearance, which will allow the Town to apply for construction funding through the State’s *Bicycle and Pedestrian Program* (the primary avenue for State funding to support the construction of such projects). The town also anticipates re-applying to the Northern Borders Regional Commission for additional funds.

Right-of-way plan development and clearance is expected to last through most of 2026, with the final design completed and the project going to bid in 2027. Assuming construction funding can be secured, work on the project would begin in the spring of 2028.

In the meantime, the Town continues to explore avenues to accelerate the re-development of the 98 Main Street property, bringing the current structure down and initiating the site conversion. The current lease agreement with TD Bank runs until November of 2026, and initial talks regarding the relocation of services in the community have begun.

Water System Operations

Beginning March 1st of this year, the Town has re-entered into a Contract with Simon Operation Services, Inc. (SOS) for management and operation of the municipal water system serving the Village and Center. The Board would like to thank Mark Brouillette for stepping back into the Water Operator role from 2021 to 2026 (after already served in this capacity previously) and his diligence in keeping user rates low while still providing the high level of service the community has come to depend on.

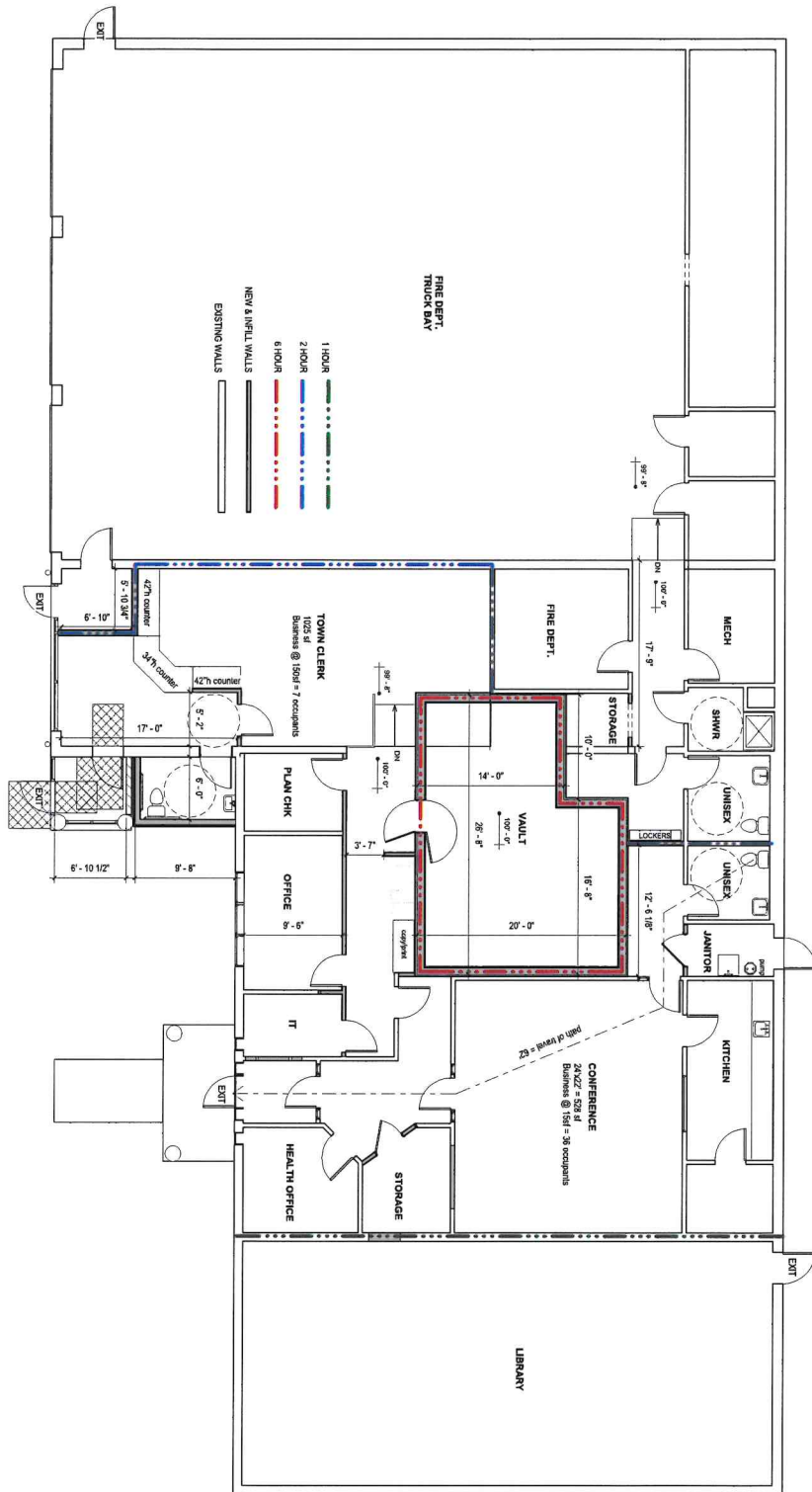
With a transition back to SOS, we look forward to having expanding capacity to address the ever-growing suit of responsibilities and tasks for system management and associated compliance requirements from the State of Vermont. The transition does carry with it an increase in expenses related to system operation, reflected in the FY27 Water Budget (*included herein*). While the Board does not anticipate that this will precipitate an increase in water rates for the coming year, the Board does plan to reassess rates for FY28, which have not seen an increase since 2017.

Website updates

Don’t forget that you can sign up for automated notices, warnings, and minutes from the Town by visiting the town website at and selecting “Email Updates” under the Contact tab.

If you ever want to contact the Board, don't forget you can reach us at: montgomeryselectboard@gmail.com. Regular meetings are the 1st and 3rd 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 all meetings can be found at Northwest Access Television's YouTube channel (with a direct link found in the header to each meetings minutes). Big thank you to the team at 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 3rd!



PROGRESS SET

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Montgomery Town Office - Vault
86 Mountain Road, Montgomery Center, VT 05471
GUILLOT VIVIAN VETIMANN ARCHITECTS, INC., BURLINGTON, VT 802.862.9631

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CONSULTANTS:
ARCHITECT
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
Mechanical Engineer
Electrical Engineer
Other

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7. All work is to be done in a safe and sound manner.
8. All work is to be done in a professional and courteous manner.
9. All work is to be done in a timely and efficient manner.
10. All work is to be done in a cost-effective manner.

WARNING
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY TOWN MEETING – 2026

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 3rd day of March 2026 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

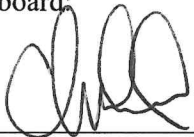
1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year (Jacob Racusin, expires)
2. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. Selectperson- two (2) year term to expire in 2028 by ballot (Leanne Barnard, expires)
 - b. Selectperson- three (3) year term to expire in 2029 by ballot (Suzanne Dollois, expires)
 - c. Lister- three (3) year term to expire in 2029 by ballot (vacant)
 - d. Collector of Delinquent Taxes- (3) year term to expire in 2029 (Kat Barnard, expires)
 - e. Village Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term to expire 2031 (Lois Lumbra, expires)
 - f. Center Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term to expire in 2031 (Charlie Purrier, expires)
 - g. Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2029 (Patty Hathaway, expires)
 - h. Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2029 (Christina Suarez-Pratt, expires)
 - i. Library Trustee- three (3) year term to expire in 2029 (Daniel Khan, expires)
 - j. Fire Commissioner- two (2) year term to expire in 2028 (Doug Kopacz, expires)
 - k. Planning Commission- three (3) year term to expire in 2029 (George 'Joe' Sherman, expires)
3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 VSA 4791, to collect Current Taxes?
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.
5. Shall the voters accept a fiscal year 2027 Budget of expenditures not to exceed \$1,515,240 of which an estimated \$1,072,946 shall be raised by taxes and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?
6. Shall the town of Montgomery Vermont vote to discontinue the use of floor voting by voice and show hands for all binding articles, the annual budget, and the election of officers, instead conduct such votes by Australian ballot (paper ballot)? 17 V.S.A. § 2680 (*added by petition*)

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

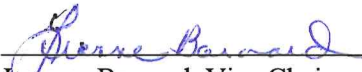
- a. *(Advisory - added by petition)* Whereas: While holding the office of president of the United States, Donald J Trump has brought disgrace to that office by unauthorized acts of war; piracy on the high seas; sent person to be imprisoned and tortured in a country to which they have no affiliation; engaged in censorship and bullying of individuals, corporations, educational institutions and not for profit corporations; used his office for personal aggrandizement of wealth and power; refused to perform ministerial acts of spending money allocated by the Congress; and more; and whereas many of those acts individually, and certainly all of them collectively, constitute "High Crimes and Misdemeanors", as contemplated by the Impeachment clause of the United States Constitution; Therefore the Voters of the Town of Montgomery, Vermont assembled at Town Meeting on March 3rd 2026 request that Becca Ballint, our Congressional Representative, join with other Congresspersons to vote Articles of Impeachment against President Donald J Trump; and that Senators Bernie Sanders and Peter Welch vote for Impeachment if the matter comes before the Senate and the evidence brought forward justifies same. Nothing herein is meant to imply that previous administrations have not engaged in similar actions, but to much less grievous extent.

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 26th day of January 2026 AD

Selectboard:



Charlie Hancock, Chairman



Jeanne Barnard, Vice Chair



Mark Brouillette

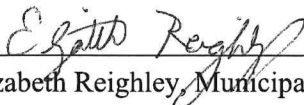


Daniel Khan



Suzanne Dollois

Attest:



Date:

1/31/2026

Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk, Town of Montgomery

WARNING
NORTHERN MOUNTAIN VALLEY UUSD ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District, consisting of the Towns of Bakersfield, Berkshire, Montgomery, and Sheldon, are hereby warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a Clerk.

ARTICLE 3. To elect one school director for a three-year term ending March 2029 who resides in the Town of Bakersfield.

To elect one school director for a three-year term ending March 2029 who resides in the Town of Berkshire.

To elect one school director for a three-year term ending March 2029 who resides in the Town of Sheldon.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the District approve the school board to expend \$24,703,107, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$11,585, which is 1.1% lower than per pupil education spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to deposit \$18,181, the surplus funds from the 2024-2025 school year, into the capital reserve fund?

Said voters are further notified and warned that an informational hearing will be held on **Monday, February 23, 6:00pm, at Sheldon Elementary School.**

Polling Places and Times

Bakersfield Residents – Bakersfield Town Hall, polls open at 10:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Berkshire Residents – Berkshire Town Office, polls open at 10:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Montgomery Residents – Montgomery Grange Hall, polls open at 10:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Sheldon Residents – Sheldon Elementary School, polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called, and held for that purpose on **January 7, 2026.**


Mary Niles, Chair

	REVENUE	ACTUAL FY2024	BUDGET FY2025	ACTUAL FY2025	BUDGET FY2026	YTD FY2026	BUDGET FY2027
1	Unreserved Funds	\$164,045	\$17,175		\$5,000		
2	Property Taxes	\$904,526	\$1,019,446	\$929,521	\$1,008,735.91	\$794,256.99	\$1,072,946.42
3	Delinquent Taxes	\$55,237	\$40,000	\$49,347	\$100,000	\$47,419	\$100,000
4	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$15,436	\$15,000	\$33,542	\$40,000	\$21,883	\$35,000
5	Taxes on State Owned Land	\$16,952	\$16,000	\$16,952	\$16,952	\$16,952	\$16,952
6	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$84,760	\$85,000	\$93,589	\$90,000	\$100,262	\$90,000
7	PILOT (State Garage)	\$2,502	\$2,500	\$2,654	\$2,654		\$0
8	State Aid - Roads	\$84,760	\$88,000	\$91,425	\$90,000	\$47,076	\$90,000
9	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
10	Federal Excise Tax Refund, Highway	\$397	\$7,721	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$2,377
11	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$1,491	\$1,491	\$1,520	\$1,520	\$1,551	\$1,551
12	Recording Fees	\$15,227	\$10,000	\$11,185	\$8,000	\$7,215	\$10,000
13	Office Fees	\$2,210	\$1,600	\$1,303	\$1,600	\$727	\$1,300
14	Copier/Fax	\$333	\$200	\$279	\$400	\$15	\$200
15	Interest	\$10,177	\$6,800	\$8,648	\$7,000	\$4,773	\$7,000
16	Zoning Fees	\$5,045	\$2,500	\$2,655	\$3,000	\$2,550	\$3,000
17	Other Grants	\$176,861	\$0	\$190,730	\$0	\$140,128	\$17,750
18	Licenses-Dog	\$2,644	\$2,200	\$2,705	\$2,500	\$238	\$2,500
19	Licenses-Hunting/Fishing	\$529	\$500	\$485	\$500	\$257	\$450
20	Licenses-Liquor/Tobacco	\$945	\$1,000	\$715	\$1,000	\$370	\$700
21	Licenses-Marriage	\$720	\$500	\$640	\$700	\$880	\$700
22	Vital Records	\$475	\$500	\$555	\$500	\$340	\$500
23	Water Dept Fee	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
24	Miscellaneous	\$847	\$0	\$5,039	\$0	\$138	\$20,000
25	Judicial Fines	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28	\$0
26	DMV/Fleet Permit Fees	\$347	\$400	\$340	\$350	\$40	\$350
27	Lister / Equalization	\$966	\$970	\$964	\$966	\$0	\$964
28	Town Hall Revenue	\$2,553	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
29	Use of Reserve Funds Projects & Events	\$122,000		\$0	\$47,000	\$0	\$31,000
30	TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,680,986	\$1,330,003	\$1,454,793	\$1,441,378	\$1,195,099	\$1,515,240
				Total Revenue (line 34)			
				\$1,515,240			
				Less Total Proposed Tax Revenue (line 2)			
				\$1,072,946			
31	Equals	Total Budgeted Non-Tax Revenue		\$442,294			

	EXPENSES	ACTUAL FY2024	BUDGET FY2025	ACTUAL FY2025	BUDGET FY2026	YTD FY2026	BUDGET FY2027
32	TOWN OFFICE PAYROLL	\$154,709	\$168,348	\$151,932	\$159,120	\$76,923	\$162,167
33	TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES	\$19,139	\$25,000	\$18,106	\$21,000	\$5,770	\$25,400
34	LISTERS	\$7,147	\$27,300	\$9,400	\$15,500	\$4,262	\$2,000
35	ZONING	\$4,146	\$6,283	\$4,281	\$6,200	\$2,318	\$6,250
36	PLANNING	\$17,101	\$5,080	\$11,504	\$4,900	\$12,934	\$0
37	GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXP	\$86,129	\$94,427	\$113,751	\$98,750	\$84,565	\$100,900
38	LICENSES & VITAL RECORDS	\$2,623	\$2,800	\$3,632	\$2,800	\$512	\$3,800
39	EMERGENCY SVCS	\$41,016	\$42,000	\$42,765	\$42,000	\$21,918	\$43,455
40	HIGHWAY						
41	HIGHWAY PAYROLL	\$284,473	\$290,408	\$285,567	\$285,597	\$137,582	\$323,382
42	ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$41,799	\$39,350	\$40,735	\$46,350	\$41,200	\$51,350
43	MATERIALS	\$92,762	\$121,000	\$107,250	\$127,500	\$60,437	\$115,500
44	MACHINERY REPAIR	\$60,055	\$58,000	\$84,254	\$45,000	\$29,980	\$64,000
45	PROJECTS & EVENTS	\$0	\$0	\$127,103	\$47,000	\$236,771	\$21,300
46	MACHINERY FUEL	\$30,730	\$40,100	\$45,617	\$30,100	\$15,436	\$35,100
47	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
48	B&G PAYROLL	\$6,916	\$15,556	\$15,030	\$15,021	\$7,241	\$17,010
49	PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING	\$24,923	\$25,890	\$28,901	\$23,360	\$13,127	\$41,360
50	98 MAIN	\$3,434	\$3,260	\$3,412	\$3,260	\$897	\$3,260
51	TOWN HALL	\$9,446	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
52	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING	\$16,630	\$15,110	\$16,577	\$14,210	\$10,619	\$17,760
53	PUBLIC WORKS MISC	\$28,740	\$32,500	\$34,866	\$32,000	\$14,789	\$32,500
54	DELINQUENT TAXES	\$50,008	\$50,000	\$102,445	\$110,000	\$260,705	\$98,000
55	DEBT SERVICE						
56	PWB Bond Pymt	\$30,616	\$28,000	\$29,805	\$30,000	\$27,200	\$30,000
57	Village Water Bond	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,747
58	2020 Fire Tanker	\$39,252	\$40,000	\$38,213	\$0	\$0	\$0
59	2022 CV Int'l Highway	\$36,223	\$35,000	\$35,262	\$35,000	\$34,256	\$0
60	2025 Ford F550						\$30,000
61	2025 Western Star						\$57,000
62	2022 Int'l Highway-New				\$60,000		\$60,000
63	DEPARTMENTS						
64	Fire Department	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
65	Recreation Department	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$22,700
66	Library	\$23,399	\$24,630	\$24,630	\$28,213	\$28,213	\$30,000
67	RESERVE ACCT APPROPRIATIONS						
68	Listers -Reappraisal \$	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
69	Restoration of Records	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
70	Infrastructure Replacemen	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
71	Machinery Replacement	\$27,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	
72	Bldg Cap Improvement & Ma	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	
73	Town Hall Reserve		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
74	Emergency Mgt Preparednes	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
75	Flood Mitigation	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
76	ASSESSMENTS						
77	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,421	\$1,539	\$1,539	\$1,714		\$1,830
78	Vt. League Cities & Towns	\$2,658	\$2,658	\$2,740	\$2,822		\$2,801

	EXPENSES	ACTUAL FY2024	BUDGET FY2025	ACTUAL FY2025	BUDGET FY2026	YTD FY2026	BUDGET FY2027
79	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$1,373	\$1,415	\$1,415	\$1,457		\$1,501
80	County Tax	\$16,592	\$16,464	\$8,360	\$16,720		\$16,720
81	AGENCY REQUESTS						
82	Age Well	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
83	FCIDC	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
84	Franklin Cty Home Health	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$0	\$2,522
85	Green Up VT	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100
86	Missisquoi River Basin As	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0	\$600
87	Green Mtn Transit	\$626	\$626	\$626	\$625	\$0	\$626
88	VT Covered Bridge Society						\$100
89	Northwest Access TV	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
90	Total Expenditures	\$1,328,545	\$1,330,002	\$1,506,978	\$1,441,378	\$1,253,094	\$1,515,240
91		Total Budgeted Expenses (line 97)		\$1,515,240.20			
92	Less	Unreserved Funds Balance (rev line 1)		\$0.00			
93	Less	Total Budgeted Non-Tax Revenue (rev line 35)		<u>\$442,293.78</u>			
94	Equals	Total Property Taxes (proposed)		\$1,072,946.42			
95		Total Municipal Grandlist (411 dated 1.20.26)		\$1,671,208.00			
96	(Property Taxes / Grandlist)	Projected Tax Rate =		\$0.6420	Does not include Local Agreement Share		
97		Previous Year Tax Rate =		\$0.6048	Does not include Local Agreement Share		
98		Increase/Decrease =		\$0.0372			
99		Percent Increase/Decrease =		6.2%			

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE SINCE 1993					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL	LOCAL** AGREEMENT	TOTAL	EDUCATION	TOTAL
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	MUNICIPAL	TAX RATE	TAX RATE
		Vet. Exempt.		(Set by State)	
2027 Projected					
Homestead	\$0.6420	\$0.0036	\$0.6456	TBD	TBD
Non-Homestead	\$0.6420	\$0.0036	\$0.6456	TBD	TBD
2026 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.6098	\$0.0036	\$0.6134	\$1.5442	\$2.1576
Non-Homestead	\$0.6098	\$0.0036	\$0.6134	\$1.9291	\$2.5425
2025 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.6044	\$0.0026	\$0.6070	\$1.3871	\$1.9941
Non-Homestead	\$0.6044	\$0.0026	\$0.6070	\$1.8023	\$2.4093
2024 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.5784	\$0.0025	\$0.5809	\$1.3382	\$1.9191
Non-Homestead	\$0.5784	\$0.0025	\$0.5809	\$1.6165	\$2.1974
2023 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.5271	\$0.0031	\$0.5302	\$1.2896	\$1.8198
Non-Homestead	\$0.5271	\$0.0031	\$0.5302	\$1.5425	\$2.0727
2022 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.5310	\$0.0025	\$0.5335	\$1.3573	\$1.8908
Non-Homestead	\$0.5310	\$0.0025	\$0.5335	\$1.5904	\$2.1239
18 MONTH BUDGET		18 MONTH BUDGET		18 MONTH BUDGET	
2021 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.7614	\$0.0025	\$0.7639	\$1.3137	\$2.0776
Non-Homestead	\$0.7614	\$0.0025	\$0.7639	\$1.5745	\$2.3384
2019 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.5034	\$0.0025	\$0.5051	1.2816	\$1.7867
Non-Homestead	\$0.5034	\$0.0025	\$0.5051	1.5388	\$2.0439
2018 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4298	\$0.0016	\$0.4314	1.1881	\$1.6195
Non-Homestead	\$0.4298	\$0.0016	\$0.4314	1.5794	\$2.0108
2017 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4401	\$0.0014	\$0.4415	\$1.2728	\$1.7143
Non-Homestead	\$0.4401	\$0.0014	\$0.4415	\$1.5429	\$1.9844
2016 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.2103	\$1.5909
Non-Homestead	\$0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.5349	\$1.9155
2015 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.1997	\$1.6157
Non-Homestead	\$0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.5242	\$1.9402
2014 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.1893	\$1.5892
Non-Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.4833	\$1.8832
TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	
2013 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.4259	\$1.8898
Non-Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.8564	\$2.3203
2012 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.4407	\$1.8878
Non-Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.8127	\$2.2598
2011 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.3560	\$1.7556
Non-Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.7923	\$2.1919
2010 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.4300	\$1.8337
Non-Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.8721	\$2.2758
2009 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.3048	\$1.7240
Non-Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.8347	\$2.2539
2008 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.2808	\$1.7016
Non-Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.7233	\$2.1441
2007 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.1643	\$1.5489
Non-Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.5704	\$1.9550
		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
TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL		TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	
2004	\$0.3650	-----		\$1.0166	\$1.3816
ACT 68		ACT 68 +		ACT 68 +	
2003	\$0.50	\$0.36	\$1.24	\$1.6000	\$2.10
2002	\$0.49	\$0.44	\$1.20	\$1.6400	\$2.13
2001	\$0.47	\$0.41	\$1.13	\$1.5400	\$2.01
2000	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$1.11	\$1.6100	\$2.08
1999	\$0.47	\$0.29	\$1.19	\$1.4800	\$1.95
1998	\$0.46	\$0.42	\$1.14	\$1.5600	\$2.02
FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60		FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60		FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60	
1997	\$0.43	-----	-----	\$1.4500	\$1.88
1996	\$0.35	-----	-----	\$1.4200	\$1.77
1995	\$0.34	-----	-----	\$1.4200	\$1.76
1994	\$0.27	-----	-----	\$1.3500	\$1.62
1993	\$0.29	-----	-----	\$1.1900	\$1.48
* Based on Equalized Grand List					
** Local Agreement rate reflects 2007 Town Meeting approval of increasing the Veteran's Assessment exemption from \$10,000 to \$40,000					



Kittell Branagan & Sargent

Certified Public Accountants

Vermont License #167

February 3, 2026

To the Selectboard of the
Town of Montgomery, VT

Kittell, Branagan and Sargent started the audit for the year ended June 30, 2025, in late October of 2025. 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, 2026.

Sincerely,

KITTELL, BRANAGAN & SARGENT

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kittell, Branagan + Sargent' in a cursive script.

Mark P. Mayer, CPA, Shareholder

MPM:ksm

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - LIABILITIES
As of 12/31/25

<u>Public Works Building Bond:</u> (Final Year – 2030)	Bank of New York – Principal \$100,000	
	Payment due 6/1/26 (interest only)	\$ 4,200.00
	Payment due 12/1/26	\$ 25,000.00
	Payment due 6/1/27 (interest only)	\$ 4,200.00
 <u>2022 International Truck:</u> (Final Year - 2028 (FY28))	 Community Bank – Principal \$110,031.33	
	Payment due 2/19/27	\$55,015.67
 <u>2025 Ford F550:</u> (Final Year – 2028 (FY29))	 Community Bank – Principal \$84,773	
	Payment due 9/17/26	\$ 28,257.67

Water Department

Water Project: USDA-Rural Development

Bond #1: Final Year 2041	Principal Balance - \$93,018.83	
	Payment due 5/13/26	\$ 3,758.00
	Payment due 11/13/26	\$ 3,758.00
	Payment due 5/13/27	\$ 3,758.00
 Bond #2: Final Year 2041	 Principal Balance - \$240,176.34	
	Payment due 5/13/26	\$ 10,625.00
	Payment due 11/13/26	\$ 10,625.00
	Payment due 5/13/27	\$ 10,625.00
 Bond #3: Final Year 2047	 Principal Balance - \$249,964.47	
	Payment due 6/10/26	\$ 8,718.00
	Payment due 12/10/26	\$ 8,718.00
	Payment due 6/10/27	\$ 8,718.00

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

YTD FY26 Report of Reserve Funds

<u>Restoration of Records</u>			<u>Machinery Replacement</u>		
Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)			Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 67,607.51		Reserve	\$ 69,731.71	
		\$ 67,607.51			\$ 69,731.71
Previous Balance	\$ 67,607.51		Previous Balance	\$ 69,731.71	
FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 2,665.00		FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ (54,359.00)	
FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 70,272.51		FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 15,372.71	
YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ 3,995.00		YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ 27,340.00	
YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 74,267.51	YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 42,712.71
<u>Reappraisal</u>			<u>Conservation Commission</u>		
Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)			Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 139,492.49		Reserve	\$ 11,794.32	
		\$ 139,492.49			\$ 11,794.32
Previous Balance	\$ 139,492.49		Previous Balance	\$ 11,794.32	
FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 8,194.00		FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 115.16	
FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 147,686.49		FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 11,909.48	
YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ (25,500.00)		YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ (1,085.08)	
YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 122,186.49	YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 10,824.40
<u>Infrastructure Replacement</u>			<u>Community Gardens</u>		
Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)			Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 57,351.11		Reserve	\$ 1,663.34	
		\$ 57,351.11			\$ 1,663.34
Previous Balance	\$ 57,351.11		Previous Balance	\$ 1,663.34	
FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ 93.54		FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ (94.00)	
FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 57,444.65		FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 1,569.34	
YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ (47,955.08)		YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ (140.00)	
YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 9,489.57	YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 1,429.34
<u>Town Hall</u>					
Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)					
Reserve	\$ 7,346.13				
		\$ 7,346.13			
Previous Balance	\$ 7,346.13				
FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ (9,203.38)				
FY25 Actual Balance	\$ (1,857.25)				
YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ 8,565.88				
YTD FY26 Balance	\$ 6,708.63	\$ 6,708.63			

YTD FY26 Report of Reserve Funds

<u>Capital Improvement</u>			<u>Emergency Management</u>		
Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)			Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 195,592.84		Reserve	\$ 4,487.56	
		\$ 195,592.84			\$ 4,487.56
Previous Balance	\$ 195,592.84		Previous Balance	\$ 4,487.56	
FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ -		FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ -	
FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 195,592.84		FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 4,487.56	
YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ (2,400.00)		YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ -	
YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 193,192.84	YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 4,487.56
<u>Flood/Emergency Road Repair</u>			<u>Conservation Reserve</u>		
Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)			Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)		
Reserve	\$ 20,000.00		Reserve	\$ 39,656.80	
		\$ 20,000.00			\$ 39,656.80
Previous Balance	\$ 20,000.00		Previous Balance	\$ 39,656.80	
FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ -		FY25 Final Rev-Exp	\$ (5,000.00)	
FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 20,000.00		FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 34,656.80	
YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ -		YTD FY26 Rev-Exp	\$ 8,339.23	
YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 20,000.00	YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 42,996.03
			<u>Wastewater</u>		
			Beginning Balance (ending balance last report)		
			Reserve	\$ 172,374.08	
					\$ 172,374.08
			Previous Balance	\$ 172,374.08	
			FY25 Final Rev/Rec	\$ 676,535.89	
			FY25 Expenses	\$ (626,587.32)	
			FY25 Actual Balance	\$ 222,322.65	
			YTD FY26 Rev/Rec	\$ 288,275.86	
			YTD FY26 Expenses	\$ (253,793.34)	
			YTD FY26 Balance		\$ 256,805.17
<u>Total Reserve Funds Balance:</u>			<u>785,080.25</u>		

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY						
YTD FY26 Report of Cash and Reserved Funds (as of 12/31/25)						
<u>General Fund</u>						
	Bank Statement Balance 12/31/25			\$ 4,371,746.24		
	ARPA Checking			\$ 258,673.34		
	Outstanding Receivables			\$ 548,855.23		
	Outstanding Payables			\$ (2,657,429.48)		
			Checking Balance 12/31/25:		\$2,263,171.99	
			CNB LOC 12/31/25:		\$ (998,975.78)	
<u>Summary of All Reserve Balances</u>						
	Fire			\$ 63,884.00		
	Recreation			\$ 75,217.00		
	Library			\$ 83,873.00		
	Department Reserve Balance: * see budgets			\$ 222,974.00		
	Other Reserve Funds Balance:			\$ 785,080.25		
	YTD Total of all Reserve Funds:				\$1,008,054.25	

Delinquent Tax Report as of 12/31/2025

	Parcel	Name	Year	Tax	Interest	Penalty	Total
1	00242.058X-	153512 CANADA INC	2026	\$76.90	\$0.76	\$6.16	\$83.82
2	0N118.001X-	20 MAIN STREET MAR	2025	\$6,583.52	\$0.00	\$526.68	\$7,110.20
			2026	\$11,382.77	\$227.64	\$910.62	\$12,521.03
	00018.005X-	ABRAMOWITZ MICHAEL	2025	\$14.24	\$1.54	\$1.14	\$16.92
1	00020.040X-	BABB STEPHANE	2026	\$255.11	\$2.56	\$20.41	\$278.08
	0S118.106A-	BALLAST BUILDERS L	2025	\$3.80	\$0.12	\$0.30	\$4.22
			2026	\$3,567.13	\$71.36	\$285.37	\$3,923.86
	0N118.041B-	BARNARD ABE	2026	\$1,466.46	\$29.32	\$117.32	\$1,613.10
1	00051.012X-	BEEMER TERESA	2026	\$209.81	\$4.20	\$16.78	\$230.79
1	00033.064X-	BITNICK HOLDINGS L	2026	\$12,056.53	\$241.12	\$964.52	\$13,262.17
3	00006.056X-	BLOUIN SAM	2025	\$3,647.68	\$510.72	\$291.82	\$4,450.22
			2026	\$3,849.35	\$77.00	\$307.94	\$4,234.29
1	00242.055X-	BURGESS ELIZABETH	2026	\$761.16	\$15.22	\$60.89	\$837.27
	0N118.038X-	BYRNE BRIAN	2026	\$3,862.05	\$77.24	\$308.96	\$4,248.25
	00010.013C-	CAMPBELL KAREN	2026	\$1,418.72	\$28.36	\$113.50	\$1,560.58
2	00300.023X-	CARPENTER LEONARD	2026	\$640.71	\$12.82	\$51.26	\$704.79
2	00242.112X-	CARPENTER LEONARD	2026	\$3,779.36	\$75.58	\$302.35	\$4,157.29
	0N118.021X-	CHALET PROPERTIES	2025	\$109.92	\$12.10	\$8.80	\$130.82
			2026	\$6,264.72	\$125.28	\$501.18	\$6,891.18
	00019.057X-	CLAPP PHILIP	2026	\$408.07	\$8.16	\$32.65	\$448.88
	00018.024X-	COTA MARTY & COTA	2026	\$2,002.86	\$40.04	\$160.22	\$2,203.12
	00242.076X-	DABERER CAROLINE	2026	\$30.51	\$0.60	\$2.44	\$33.55
1	0N118.024X-	DARLYN	2026	\$16,741.37	\$0.00	\$1,339.32	\$18,080.69
	00036.022B-	DEVRIES DESIREE A	2026	\$88.99	\$1.78	\$7.12	\$97.89
2	00025.013B-	DOLLOIS SUZANNE	2026	\$2,887.24	\$28.87	\$230.98	\$3,147.09
2	00013.003X-	DONNA DANIEL	2026	\$604.27	\$6.04	\$48.34	\$658.65
2	00011.036X-	DUCOLON STACEY	2026	\$4,296.29	\$85.92	\$343.70	\$4,725.91
	00019.068X-	ELLISON RICHARD PA	2026	\$1,797.55	\$35.96	\$143.80	\$1,977.31
	00011.076X-	ERBES DAVID S	2026	\$722.07	\$14.44	\$57.76	\$794.27
	0N118.002X-	FIX PETER	2026	\$50.62	\$0.00	\$4.04	\$54.66
1	00242.054B-	FLAHERTY NOREEN E	2026	\$3,680.41	\$36.80	\$294.44	\$4,011.65
2	00012.092X-	GAMELIN JASON	2026	\$32.84	\$0.00	\$2.62	\$35.46
	00011.052A-	GENDRON NICOLE	2025	\$402.34	\$56.28	\$32.18	\$490.80
			2026	\$424.60	\$8.48	\$33.96	\$467.04
1	00037.010X-	GERSTEIN WILLIAM	2026	\$148.49	\$1.48	\$11.88	\$161.85
2	00030.031X-	GODFREY LUKE A	2025	\$5,807.30	\$513.12	\$464.58	\$6,785.00
			2026	\$6,634.15	\$132.68	\$530.74	\$7,297.57
	00012.168A-	GODFREY TYLER D	2026	\$345.78	\$6.92	\$27.66	\$380.36
	00042.019X-	HEATHCOTE DEREK &	2026	\$2,574.28	\$51.48	\$205.94	\$2,831.70
1	00242.117X-	JOHNSON KYLE P	2025	\$2,562.44	\$25.62	\$205.00	\$2,793.06
			2026	\$3,709.51	\$74.20	\$296.76	\$4,080.47

1	00001.044X-	KHAN DANIEL	2025	\$2,809.72	\$28.10	\$224.78	\$3,062.60
1			2026	\$5,212.13	\$104.24	\$416.97	\$5,733.34
1	00058.017X-	KHAN DANIEL M	2026	\$929.29	\$18.58	\$74.34	\$1,022.21
1	00242.052X-	KUNERT ARMIN	2026	\$669.72	\$6.70	\$53.58	\$730.00
	00028.015X-	LAMER SHARYN	2026	\$424.60	\$8.50	\$33.97	\$467.07
2	0N118.046X-	LANTERY TODD	2024	\$552.52	\$27.60	\$44.20	\$624.32
			2025	\$837.28	\$117.32	\$66.98	\$1,021.58
			2026	\$1,327.22	\$26.56	\$106.18	\$1,459.96
	00242.086X-	LYMAN CRAIG S	2026	\$1,769.58	\$35.40	\$141.57	\$1,946.55
3	00058.007X-	MANOSH ROLAND	2021	\$491.63	\$236.16	\$39.33	\$767.12
			2022	\$588.65	\$212.04	\$47.09	\$847.78
			2024	\$624.07	\$162.24	\$49.92	\$836.23
			2025	\$684.24	\$95.76	\$54.74	\$834.74
			2026	\$722.07	\$14.44	\$57.76	\$794.27
3	0S118.178X-	MANOSH ROLAND	2022	\$727.52	\$262.04	\$58.20	\$1,047.76
			2024	\$771.29	\$200.72	\$61.70	\$1,033.71
			2025	\$845.66	\$118.44	\$67.66	\$1,031.76
			2026	\$892.41	\$17.84	\$71.40	\$981.65
	00020.024X-	MARCHAND DAVID	2026	\$3,526.18	\$70.52	\$282.10	\$3,878.80
2	00020.046X-	MARSHALL HENRY B I	2026	\$1,780.43	\$0.00	\$142.43	\$1,922.86
	00033.044X-	MCNEIL DAVID	2026	\$139.13	\$1.40	\$0.00	\$140.53
3	0N118.036X-	MILLS LEO E	2024	\$608.68	\$54.72	\$48.70	\$712.10
			2025	\$1,876.44	\$262.64	\$150.12	\$2,289.20
			2026	\$2,030.30	\$40.60	\$162.42	\$2,233.32
2	00242.001X-	MONTGOMERY COMMUN	2025	\$1,042.98	\$0.00	\$83.44	\$1,126.42
			2026	\$5,287.57	\$105.76	\$423.00	\$5,816.33
	00033.077X-	MORRILL KIMBERLY	2026	\$2,772.63	\$55.44	\$221.81	\$3,049.88
1	00242.049X-	NEWMAN PETER	2026	\$199.00	\$3.98	\$15.92	\$218.90
	00001.045X-	NICHOLS JEFFREY T	2026	\$1,004.28	\$20.08	\$80.34	\$1,104.70
	0N118.184X-	NOLAN CHRISTOPHER	2026	\$12,493.85	\$249.88	\$999.50	\$13,743.23
	00020.017X-	ORNDORFF JAMES O	2026	\$1,494.99	\$29.90	\$119.60	\$1,644.49
	00043.003X-	OSTROWSKI MARCIN P	2024	\$1,304.39	\$13.04	\$104.36	\$1,421.79
			2025	\$3,035.72	\$425.04	\$242.86	\$3,703.62
			2026	\$3,203.55	\$57.55	\$256.28	\$3,517.38
	00301.006X-	PRATT MICHAEL & SU	2026	\$144.51	\$1.44	\$0.00	\$145.95
1	00011.067X-	PRESLER PAULA K TR	2026	\$58.73	\$0.00	\$4.70	\$63.43
2	00001.011X-	PUDVAH KATHY	2022	\$147.86	\$1.48	\$11.83	\$161.17
			2024	\$1,084.52	\$281.84	\$86.76	\$1,453.12
			2025	\$1,318.10	\$184.52	\$105.44	\$1,608.06
			2026	\$1,426.18	\$28.52	\$114.10	\$1,568.80
	00058.009X-	RAZORBACK CAPITAL	2026	\$2,613.69	\$42.45	\$209.10	\$2,865.24
	0N118.025X-	REGAN SUSAN	2025	\$471.26	\$28.32	\$37.70	\$537.28
			2026	\$4,292.73	\$85.84	\$343.42	\$4,721.99

	00058.053X-	RICHTER-WILDE EVA	2025	\$622.28	\$55.98	\$49.78	\$728.04
			2026	\$3,383.52	\$67.68	\$270.68	\$3,721.88
	0N118.093X-	ROBITAILLE JACQUES	2026	\$6,418.32	\$119.29	\$513.46	\$7,051.07
	00025.016A-	ROSS HEATHER T	2026	\$50.88	\$0.50	\$4.06	\$55.44
	00028.034X-	SARTHOU NORMAN LIF	2026	\$79.16	\$0.00	\$6.34	\$85.50
1	00001.046X-	SNIDER MICHAEL CED	2025	\$4,052.44	\$567.28	\$324.20	\$4,943.92
2			2026	\$6,854.58	\$137.08	\$548.36	\$7,540.02
1	00052.002X-	STORYBROOK LLC	2026	\$2,082.30	\$21.90	\$166.58	\$2,270.78
	0N118.033X-	SWEARINGEN MELINDA	2026	\$6,610.50	\$132.20	\$528.84	\$7,271.54
2	00011.050X-	SYLVESTER MARGARET	2024	\$211.40	\$2.11	\$16.91	\$230.42
			2025	\$961.50	\$134.68	\$76.92	\$1,173.10
			2026	\$1,121.73	\$22.44	\$89.74	\$1,233.91
1	00242.109X-	TOUCAN HOSPITALITY	2026	\$6,579.19	\$131.58	\$526.34	\$7,237.11
	00011.005X-	VELEZ ANGELITA	2026	\$915.30	\$18.30	\$73.22	\$1,006.82
	00058.047A-	VERCELLI PETER	2026	\$484.35	\$9.68	\$38.75	\$532.78
	0EF31.001X-	WHITFIELD ADRIANE	2026	\$312.73	\$6.24	\$25.02	\$343.99
1	00050.004X-	WILLIAMS HAROLD R	2025	\$332.54	\$16.60	\$26.60	\$375.74
1			2026	\$830.82	\$16.60	\$66.46	\$913.88
	00028.063X-	WORTHINGTON CLEVE	2026	\$171.68	\$1.72	\$13.74	\$187.14
1	00030.062X-	WYNN RICKY	2026	\$1,904.34	\$38.08	\$152.34	\$2,094.76
				\$234,118.78	\$7,879.39	\$18,706.77	\$260,704.94

1 - Paid in full between January 1 and February 2, 2026

2 - Partial payment paid between January 1 and February 2, 2026

3 - Referred for Tax Sale - April 2026. (Official Notice of Tax Sale will be posted publicly when available)

Balances As of 12/31/25:				
	Tax Amount	Penalty	Interest	Total
2021	\$491.63	\$39.33	\$236.16	\$767.12
2022	\$1,464.03	\$117.12	\$475.56	\$2,056.71
2024	\$5,156.87	\$412.55	\$742.27	\$6,311.69
2025	\$38,021.40	\$3,041.72	\$3,154.18	\$44,217.30
2026	\$188,984.85	\$15,096.05	\$3,271.22	\$207,352.12
Totals:	\$234,118.78	\$18,706.77	\$7,879.39	\$260,704.94

Amount Collected:				
Year	Tax Collected	Penalty Collected	Interest Collected	
2021	\$906.71	\$72.53	\$298.94	
2022	\$7,444.79	\$595.58	\$2,039.39	
2024	\$19,275.37	\$1,526.81	\$4,586.45	
2025	\$112,407.77	\$8,946.31	\$9,136.73	
2026	\$131,225.98	\$10,675.95	\$2,042.22	
Totals:	\$271,260.62	\$21,817.18	\$18,103.73	\$311,181.53

Statement of Delinquent Taxes							
Beginning Balance 1/1/25 Total Amount Due:		(+)8%Penalty Assessed FY26	(+)Interest Assessed FY26	(-)8%Penalty Collected 2025	(-)Interest Collected 2025	(-) Tax Collected	Ending Balance 12/31/25 Total Amount Due:
\$205,012.98	\$322,785.63	\$26,635.37	\$17,452.49	\$21,817.18	\$18,103.73	\$271,260.62	\$260,704.94
Amount paid to Treasurer by Katherine R. Barnard, Collector of Delinquent Taxes: \$311,181.53							

In January, 2026 an additional \$83,260.97 of delinquent tax was collected.

Total amount due as of February 2, 2026 is \$177,443.97.

By the end of the fiscal year 6/30/26, it is projected that the total amount due will have decreased to \$66,242, which is in line with historical numbers.

Sincerely,

Katherine R. Barnard

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

Officer Salaries - 2025

<u>SELECTBOARD</u>				
	Charles Hancock			\$1,000.00
	Mark Brouillette			\$1,000.00
	Suzanne Dollois			\$1,000.00
	Leanne Barnard			\$1,000.00
	Daniel Khan			\$1,000.00
				\$5,000.00
<u>TOWN OFFICES</u>				
	Elizabeth Reighley	Clerk	\$43,899.94	
	Erin Kopacz	Treasurer	\$32,773.78	
	Genevieve Lodal-Guild	Asst Treasurer	\$6,918.78	
	Laurie Thompson	Asst Clerk	\$1,586.20	
				\$85,178.70
<u>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (4% of Delq Tax collected)</u>				
	Katherine Barnard			\$8,843.55
<u>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
	Ellen Fox			\$4,573.67
<u>DOG OFFICER</u>				
	Lynda Cluba			\$536.25
		Total Town Officers Wages:		\$104,132.17
<u>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u>				
	Scott Ovitt	Road Foreman		\$87,586.84
	Dave Tanner	Deputy Foreman		\$78,039.75
	Kody Deuso	Highway		\$17,238.41
	<i>Matthew Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Highway (former emp.)</i>		\$34,979.19
	Mark Brouillette	Water Operator		\$13,618.05
		Total Public Works Wages:		\$231,462.24
<i>*Italics denotes personnel not currently employed by the Town /no longer elected or appointed to a position</i>				

State of the Fire Department 2025

In 2025, the Montgomery Fire, First Response, and Search and Rescue teams responded to a total of 51 calls. Montgomery Fire and First Response have a roster of 16 volunteers and continues to train and serve our community in times of need.

This year we conducted required hose, pump, and ladder testing and underwent an ISO (Insurance Services Office) audit to evaluate the communities' fire protection system. Our goal is to improve our PPC (Public Protection Classification) score, which directly affects homeowner insurance rates. Results will be made public when available.

The Fire Department did our annual Fire Prevention Week presentation at Montgomery Elementary School with this year's focus on lithium-ion battery and charging safety. We hosted an open house at the station with live fire extinguisher, and vehicle extrication demonstrations. We also had hands on activities, face painting, and photo opportunities for the kids. We would like to thank the community once again for your continued love and support. Our annual Fourth of July Chicken Barbecue fundraiser was once again a great success selling out a total of 400 dinners!

The Search and Rescue Team completed its first full year in service and has a roster of 17 volunteers. We responded to a total of eight calls, rescuing, many adults, children, and even a dog! Our new team's skills were put to the test with positive results.

Please keep your chimneys clean, and never burn trash, paper, cardboard, or wet wood. Have your heating appliances serviced and inspected. Keep vents clear and please keep your smoke/CO alarms tested and in good working order! Thank you all!

Doug Kopacz,

Chief Montgomery Fire/FR/SAR

Total call response: 51

Fires-9

Gas/Odor-3

Motor Vehicle Collisions-11

Power lines/Trees-1

Alarms-5

Medical/Agency Assist-14

Search and Rescues-8

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2027 BUDGET

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027
Town of Montgomery	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
Town of Westfield	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Donations/Fundraisers	8,244	5,000	6,633	6,000	5,721	10,000
Grants	74,062		0	0	0	
Sale of Equipment	0		0	0	0	
Insurance Proceeds	0		0	0	0	
Use of Reserve Funds	0		0	3052	0	764
Total Revenue	120,306	43,000	44,633	48,052	44,721	49,764
<u>Expenses</u>						
Payroll	3,900	4000	3,631	4000	0	4000
Social Security	298	300	324	300	0	350
Office supplies	13	250	20	100	0	100
Training	3,280	1,375	0	1,500	0	1,500
Telephone	191	450	372	450	248	400
Association Dues	497	550	375	550	345	400
Dispatch Fees	15,083	15,083	16,562	16,152	17,744	16,014
New Equipment	116,627	10,000	10,106	4,000	0	10,000
Vehicle Repairs	306	2,000	1,884	2,000	2,625	2,500
Vehicle Fuel	12	500	35	500	0	300
Radio	0	936	3,748	6000	0	1000
Building Maintenance	2,433	500	9	1000	0	500
Equipment Replacement	2,670	0	1,022	2500	5,267	5500
Miscellaneous	2,775	1,000	746	2,500	1,601	1,500
Fundraising Expense	2,266	2,000	1,547	2,500	96	1,700
Dry Hydrant Reserve	4,000	4000	4,000	4000	0	4000
Total Expenses	154,350	42,944	44,381	48,052	27,926	49,764

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance (From Last Report):

Reserve	45,864
Dry Hydrant	18,000
Capital Improvement	0
	<u>63,864</u>

Final FY25 Balance:

Remaining Revenue	625
Remaining Expenses	<u>21,401</u>
Ending FY24 Reserve Change	-20,776

YTD FY26 Balance:

Beginning Reserve	25,088
Revenue-Expenses	<u>16,796</u>
Current Reserve	41,884
Dry Hydrant	22,000
Capital Improvement	0
Ending Fund Balance	<u>63,884</u>



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The Montgomery Town Library has completed another year of dedicated service to our community, marked by significant physical improvements and a deepening of our local partnerships. Based on the reports from 2025, our library continues to be a vibrant hub of activity. This year we saw over **4,000 patron visits** and over **8,900 circulation transactions**. While our circulation saw a slight temporary dip late in the year due to industry-wide distributor closures, our visitor numbers remained steady, proving that the library is more than just a place for books—it is a community center.

A major milestone of 2025 was the successful **rearrangement of the library interior** in February. Thanks to a generous grant from the Friends of the Montgomery Town Library and the hard work of many volunteers, we installed new shelving units and created a more functional floor plan with 3-foot-wide aisles and expanded display space. We also debuted an **exciting new logo** in September, chosen by the community through an online poll.

Marlene Hambleton, our library director, continues to lead with excellence. Having completed her **Certificate of Public Librarianship** in May 2025, Marlene has applied her expertise to refining our collection. This year, she oversaw the strategic culling and reorganization of the Children's, Juvenile, and Young Adult non-fiction sections to make them more accessible to readers of all ages. Additionally, Marlene successfully navigated a major challenge when our primary book distributor, Baker & Taylor, closed; she quickly established new accounts with **Ingram Content Group** and **Amazon Library**, ensuring our patrons continue to have access to the latest titles at competitive prices.

Our community programming reached new heights in 2025. Highlights included:

- **The Collaborative Garden:** A joint project with Heartfull Kitchen and LEAPS that provided fresh vegetables for the food pantry and community luncheons.
- **Summer Book Bingo:** A massive success where patrons read over 225 books, and the prize box had to be refilled three times!
- **Early Literacy & Knit Nights:** Our Story Time and Tumble Time meet-ups continue to be a big draw for local families, while Knit Night with Sue McGinley has become a staple of our winter community life.
- **Outreach:** The library served as a host site for the Knights of Columbus Coat Drive and continues to maintain a fully stocked Diaper Bank in collaboration with NCSS.

The Board remains committed to the library's future growth in 2026. While we continue to seek grant opportunities like the Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grant for physical expansion, we are grateful for the backbone of support that keeps us running: town resident donations, the Eastman Foundation, the Friends of the Library, and the annual Silent Auction.

We thank our patrons, our tireless volunteers and our donors for their continued support. The Library is excited and ready for 2026; come and see what's new!

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees: Christopher Dixon-Boles, Remi Gratton, Patty Hathaway, Daniel Khan, Nicole Landreman, Carmen Nesbit, Shana Schaberg, Christine Suarez Pratt, Deanna-Dee Robitaille

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY27 BUDGET

LIBRARY

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027
<u>Revenue</u>						
Town support	23,399	24,630	24,630	28,213	28,213	30,000
Book sales	24	25	99	25	603	25
Late fees	184	50	111	75	48	75
Copier/Printer	341	150	215	150	94	200
Fund raising	3,316	5,000	2,656	5,000	3,224	5,000
Auction	12,003	10,000	12,496	10,000	9,957	10,000
Memorial gifts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Replacement/Lost items	0	0	0	0	20	0
Misc. revenue	0	3,000	5,391	5,915	0	500
Grants	0	1,000	1,810	2,000	0	3,150
Reserve funds	0	740	3,449	0	0	0
Expansion/Capital Improvement	2,604	20,000	176	20,600	0	0
Total Revenue	41,870	64,595	51,032	71,978	42,159	48,950
<u>Expenses - Personnel</u>						
Librarian wages	17,222	22,880	18,179	26,208	8,084	26,208
FICA, Medi	1,290	1,750	1,391	2,005	618	2,005
Municipal Retirement						1,835
Total Personnel	18,512	24,630	19,571	28,213	8,703	30,048
<u>Expenses - Operating</u>						
Book Supplies	955	600	718	800	42	840
Office Supplies	791	425	226	425	96	445
Fundraising Expenses	651	1,500	919	1,500	654	575
Postage	411	400	265	300	180	315
Shipping/Handling	90	65	211	65	20	70
Mileage Reimbursement	155	100	306	200	0	215
Telephone	628	500	481	500	268	525
Cleaning	750	750	750	750	0	790
Website Maintenance	27	200	967	250	0	260
Equipment	162	400	36	400	501	420
Equipment repair & maintenance	465	500	0	500	0	0
Furniture	160	300	2,709	300	167	0
Building Maintenance	442	500	429	5,000	334	749
Programming	2,203	2,000	1,387	2,000	1,920	2,500
Professional membership	1,360	1,400	1,633	1,400	1,711	2,000
Capital improvements	17,705	20,000	0	20,600	0	0
Subscriptions	0	200	0	100	0	0
Replacement	121	125	91	125	48	125
Miscellaneous	382	450	917	450	128	450
Grant Related Expenses	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
Movie streaming	456	900	390	450	187	600
	27,912	32,315	12,436	36,115	6,257	10,879
Books: Children	794	1,000	567	1,000	92	1,000
Books: Adult	4,713	4,500	4,316	5,000	1,058	5,160
Books: Young Adult	1,626	1,500	1,719	1,000	334	1,213
DVD's	936	650	638	650	106	650
Total Books and DVD's	8,070	7,650	7,240	7,650	1,590	8,023
Total - Operating Expenses	35,982	39,965	19,676	43,765	7,847	18,902
Total Expenses - Personnel & Operating	54,494	64,595	39,246	71,978	16,549	48,950

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance From Last Report:

Reserve	46,148
Capital Improvement	21,781
Beginning Balance	<u>67,929</u>

Final FY25 Balance:

Remaining Revenue	11,676
Remaining Expenses	<u>21,341</u>
Ending FY25 Reserve Change	(9,665)

YTD FY26 Balance:

Begining Reserve	36,483
Plus Revenues	42,159
Less Expenses	<u>-16,549</u>
Equals Current Reserve	62,092
Capital Improvement	<u>21,781</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>83,873</u>

MONTGOMERY CONSERVATION COMMISSION – 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 was another productive year for the Montgomery Conservation Commission (MCC). The MCC continued to: (i) evaluate funding options for the design & development of trails in the Town Forest; (ii) evaluate design, engineering, and funding options for a bridge in the Town Forest; (iii) continued its stewardship efforts at the Jewett Property - Town Land, which included knotweed control, maintenance of a recreation path, and care of the young fruit and nut trees. The MCC also either sponsored or co-sponsored educational, conservation-related events, providing information and hands-on activities for community members, and; continued 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: awarded a grant for a knotweed control study on the Jewett Property/Town land; provided a local pick-up site option in Montgomery for the FCNRCD Annual Tree Sale; collaborated with staff from UVM's VT Urban & Community Forestry Program to provide free trees to Montgomery residents; coordinated Green-Up Day activities; provided the gift of a tree and plaque to the MES 2025 graduating class; initiated and supported an MES student project to develop and select a MCC logo; created an informational pamphlet for the MCC; staffed the MCC table at the Farmer's Market to share information and engage with community members; attended and participated in Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) events; continued to have meetings with professionals and other town representatives regarding Town Forest plans for trail and bridge design; worked with the FCNRCD to develop a long range Management Plan for the Jewett Property – Town Land, which included flood mitigation/watershed modeling, and; were awarded a 2026 UMATR Wild and Scenic River Communities Grant for the Town Forest 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: Annual January Potluck Gathering with Partners to Coordinate Plans and Events; Bird Migration Webinar; Bird Walk in Richford; "Natural Navigation" Workshop with Elliot Club; "Reading the Landscape" Workshop with Elliot Club; Swimming Hole Clean-Up, and Meetings re: the Town's Flood Resilience Project. The MCC members are all very appreciative of the positive relationships with these partners.

The MCC also experienced continued change in the composition of its Board in 2025, with Susan Baker resigning and Cliff Loos stepping in to assist the MCC.

As always, the MCC recognizes and appreciates the many contributions of those members who are no longer with us and welcomes the contributions of its new members. Everyone remains committed to continuing MCC's mission, which is: ***"To promote land as a community to which we belong."***

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2027 BUDGET

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027
Town of Montgomery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraisers	743	500	729	500	450	500
Membership	250	0	0	0	0	50
Grants/Bequests	4,925	3,800	0	11,500	0	18,800
CD Interest	1,552	139	2,240	0	1,399	1,631
Use of Reserve / Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	7,470	4,439	2,969	12,000	1,849	20,981

Expenses

Event Guests & Speakers	67	1,500	400	500	410	500
Event Supplies	0	100	9	0	0	0
Postage	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Costs	650	650	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,030	1,200	805	800	1,125	2,000
Membership Fees	0	0	0	0	0	50
Grant Related Expenses	322	0	0	11,500	0	19,300
Total Expenses	2,069	3,450	1,214	12,800	1,535	21,850

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance (From Last Report): 11,794

11,794

Final FY25 Balance:

Remaining Revenue 479

Remaining Expenses 364

Ending FY24 Reserve Change 115

YTD FY26 Reserve Balance:

Beginning Reserve 11,909

Revenue - Expenses (not inc CD) -1,085

Ending Fund Balance 10,824

CD

Beginning Balance: 78,017.94

78,017.94

Balance 12/31/25

Beginning Balance 78,017.94

Interest 2,311.69

Ending CD Balance 80,329.63

Planning Commission Annual Report 2025

The Planning Commission continued its work on two key elements of land use in 2025.

- **Montgomery Zoning Regulation Updates** – The Town’s Zoning Regulations serve as a roadmap with which the vision of Town Plan is executed. Utilizing grant funding with a 10% town match, the Planning Commission continued its collaborative work with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to identify, review, and propose changes to existing Zoning Regulations (AKA Bylaws). The primary objectives of zoning regulation revisions are to recognize the changing profile of our community and to address the resulting demands for new, affordable housing while preserving the character of the town and maintaining adequate environmental protections. As our community needs & infrastructure evolve, so must our zoning regulations, with recognition that Act 181 and Act 47 may also influence final recommendations. With public engagement, the PC’s effort to update the regulations governing future development continues to focus on the balance between improving housing stock while preserving the environmental, aesthetic, and community character of Montgomery. Considerable progress was made in 2025, with the PC receiving feedback from the Residents of Montgomery, the Development Review Board, and the current Zoning Administrator. It remains the goal of the Planning Commission to finalize its Zoning Regulation update efforts and present its recommendations to the Selectboard early in 2026. The Planning Commission would appreciate the Town’s support when the updated Zoning Regulations are presented to the Town’s voters.
- **Short Term Rental** – The Planning Commission continues to look for solutions to balance the needs of affordable housing and the growth of short term rentals. The proliferation of short term rentals continues to pressure housing availability, and the public has been actively engaged in the drafting of a Short Term Rental Registry Ordinance. The PC reviewed how other towns in Vermont have successfully approached this issue, and considered fire and safety codes, State law, and how the registry adheres to proposed changes in the Town’s Zoning Regulations/By-Laws. A Short Term Rental Registry Ordinance was drafted and presented to the Selectboard on Dec. 1, 2025, and the PC is in the process of revising this draft based on feedback from the SB and Town Residents. It is the goal of the PC to present a final draft to the Selectboard and Town Residents early in 2026.

PC meetings are open to the public & are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Public Safety Building’s conference room. Community engagement is encouraged and welcomed!

Montgomery Town Hall

The Montgomery Town Hall Committee has ebbed and flowed, but we made it through the full year, open and available to most everyone who asked.

On a positive note, we won't be seeking any additional funding this year as we made it through with having to do some major repairs to septic and elevator without going over budget. Fundraising efforts were very successful with Abe's Lobster Boil and Comedy Dinner leading the pack. Heart Full Kitchen had some great dinners that supported both The Hall and the Food shelf. The rummage situation in the basement has also been a great money maker for both entities as well.

Thanks to Town support from the Capital improvement fund we were able to do 2 major projects that were long overdue and concerned safe access to the building.

The front railings were replaced by Calvin Smith of MarkII Metal, who added some nice design work as well as a much needed center railing for added safety. We think they look great! The Happy Bearded Carpenter replaced the 2 back emergency staircases that were wiped out by ice last year. Thank you Kari and Dave!

This year's plan was to get ice guards up, but unfortunately winter took over before that was done. We are hoping for a break in the weather to get them done asap. In the meantime temporary cover is the best we can do.

We are currently short 2 members on our board and would love to see some new faces get involved.

Our e-mail is Montgomerytownhall@gmail.com

To schedule the Hall please e-mail Schedulemontgomerytownhall@gmail.com

A note on Heart Full Kitchen. It is located in the basement of The Town Hall. This is our local food shelf. It is a registered 501C3.

It is open on Tuesdays from 2 to 5pm and Saturday mornings from 8 to 10 am.

It is open and available for all Montgomery residents and very close neighbors.

We discourage folks coming from towns that have their own food shelves, but we don't turn anyone away.

We supply between 20 and 35 households every week with food and household supplies. We also have a variety of seasonal clothes and household items if someone is in need.

We encourage thrifting and rely on donations to help fund our mission. We also accept donated food and gently used items as well as monetary donations. We ask that you check before dropping anything off.

Please reach out with any questions, our email is Montgomeryheartfullkitchen@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted

Tosca Smith

Town Hall Committee Chair

1/1/2026

Town Hall Budget

Income

Town Appropriation	10,000.00
Rental Income	6,000.00
Fundraising	6,000.00

Expenses

Utilities	7,000.00
Maintenance and Cleaning	9,000.00
Contracted Services	1500.00
Planned Repairs	4000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00

Respectfully Submitted
Tosca Smith
Town Hall Committee Chair
1/14/26



"Praise Recreation!" – Jim Abbott

Montgomery Recreation Department Year-End Letter - 2025

Dear Montgomery Residents,

The Montgomery Recreation Board is pleased to report on a year defined by growth, community spirit, and the enhancement of our town's shared spaces. Our mission remains centered on providing diverse recreational opportunities for residents of all ages while maintaining the beauty and utility of our facilities.

Capital Improvements & Facilities

The centerpiece of our 2025 improvements was the installation of the **Outdoor Fitness Park**. Located at the Rec Center, this commercial-grade equipment provides a free, accessible way for residents to stay active. To support our existing infrastructure, we also refreshed the playground with a new shipment of safety mulch.

As we moved into the winter season, the board addressed a series of "drive-on" vandalism incidents on the fields. We have implemented temporary barriers and are budgeting for permanent, aesthetic gates to protect our communal green spaces for the 2026 season.

Programming & Community Impact

- **Summer Sessions & 4th of July:** Our summer concert series continues to be a highlight of the season. Despite a few weather-related cancellations, the community enjoyed live music.
- **Youth Services:** We proudly supported the LEAPS Day Camp, which served up to 45 children daily. The Board stepped in to bridge funding gaps caused by federal cuts, ensuring that local children could enjoy field trips to Lake Eden.
- **Winter Recreation:** Our partnership with the **Jay Peak Ice Haus** remains strong, providing free skating for Montgomery residents from Thanksgiving through the winter months.
- **Senior Engagement:** The Board continues to support and explore ways to expand the monthly Senior Meals program, ensuring our elders remain a vital part of our social fabric.

Fundraising & Sustainability

The **Arts for the Parks** dinner and auction was the department's flagship fundraiser this year. Thanks to the generosity of local artists and donors, the sold-out event at the Grange raised significant funds that will be reinvested directly into our parks and programs.

Looking Ahead to 2026

In the coming year, we look forward to finalizing a location for a new **Skatepark** in collaboration with local skaters, with the South Richford Road site currently under review. We are also refining our budget to prioritize field restoration and the continued upkeep of our town's recreational assets.

Respectfully Submitted, *The Montgomery Recreation Board* (Peg Doheny, Marsha Phillips, Brendan O'Shea, Jay Farnham, Lisa Perry, Journey Johnston, Tiffany Jones)

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2027 BUDGET

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>
Town of Montgomery	22,700	22,700	22,700	22,700	22,700	22,700
Projected Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Rentals	5,704	0	770	0	370	0
Summer Sessions	8,175	8,500	10,593	8,500	2,450	8,500
Arts For the Parks	14,796	10,000	21,994	10,000	15,461	10,000
Grants	0	20,000	20,000	0	0	0
Use of Reserve / Misc		40,000	0	25,000	0	0
Guidebook	1125	500	311	500	409	500
Total Revenue	52,499	101,700	76,368	66,700	41,390	41,700
Expenses						
Office & Postage	15	50	38	50		50
Telephone & Internet	1,001	1,200	1,107	1,200	505	1,200
Electricity	667	1,000	814	1,000	482	1,000
Heating Fuel	638	750	291	750	267	750
Water	437	400	423	400	139	400
Equipment	939	1900	950	25000	16532	0
Building Maintenance	1518	6000	2316	5000	675	1000
Port-o-lets	1,830	2,100	2,908	3,500	1,620	3,500
Rubbish Removal	870	700	840	700	590	700
Grounds Maintenance	8,229	9,000	12,229	9,500	4,734	13,500
Tennis Maintenance	48.13	60000	59,937	0	16	0
Activities	1,628	500	1,260	1,000	981	1,000
Daycamp	482	7,600	7,686	8,000	645	8,000
Summer Sessions	3,500	8,000	9,498	8,000	1,620	8,000
Fundraising Exp	2007	2000	2008	2100	2814	2100
Capital Improvements/Ctr	0	0	11,203	0	0	0
Capital Improv/Riverwalk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	86	500	10	500	76	500
Total Expenses	23,893	101,700	113,519	66,700	31,695	41,700

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance (From Last Report):	Capital Improvement	23,130	
	Reserve	57,719	
	Beginning Balance		80,849
Final FY24 Balance:	Remaining Revenue		8,253
	Remaining Expenses		23,580
	Ending FY24 Reserve Change		-15,328
YTD FY25 Balance:			
	Beginning Reserve	42,391	
	Revenue-Expenses	9,695	
	Current Reserve	52,087	
	Capital Improvement	23,130	
	Ending Fund Balance		75,217

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - FY2027 BUDGET

WATER DEPARTMENT

	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Actual FY2025	Budget FY2026	YTD FY2026	Budget FY2027
1 Water User Fees	85,955	73,000	66,672	75,000	30,057	75,000
2 Water Bond Fees	35,434	33,000	31,248	35,000	16,249	35,000
3 Water Service Fees	96	50	-25	0	0	0
4 Interest Earned	1,018	80	912	0	361	0
5 Water-Delq Pen & Int	588	250	455	0	306	0
6 Water-Town Support	13,737	13,737		13,737	13,737	13,737
7 Miscellaneous	0	0		0	0	0
8 Total Revenues	136,827	120,117	99,261	123,737	60,710	123,737
9 Water-Town Stipend	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
10 Water Operations	10,927	12,000	7,142	12,000	17,312	0
11 Water Office Supplies	281	500	606	500	0	500
12 Water-Tech Equip/Support	0	300	36	300	380	300
13 Water-Training	275	500	0	500	0	500
14 Water-Telephone	1,452	1,560	1,648	1,700	834	1,700
15 Water-Electricity	9,930	9,500	8,905	10,000	3,861	10,000
16 Water-Mowing	1,530	2,000	1,750	2,000	700	2,000
17 Water-Propane	1,859	2,200	1,889	2,200	723	2,200
18 Water-Contracted Service	623	7,500	10,416	5,000	41,593	57,940
19 Water-Membership Dues	1,426	1,000	1,256	1,000	460	1,000
20 Water-Testing	1,629	1,500	1,005	1,500	867	1,500
21 Water-Tools	0	500	0	500	0	500
22 Water-Equipment	13,934	15,000	5,843	15,000	8,330	15,000
23 Water-Building Maint	523	1,000	28	1,000	0	1,000
24 Water Treatment Supplies	556	500	507	500	283	500
25 Water-Bond Payments	27,261	46,202	46,202	46,202	8,718	46,202
26 Water-VT Fees	263	1,000	393	1,000	389	1,000
27 Service Connection	0	0	0	0	0	0
28 Water-Misc	6	1,500	293	1,500	176	1,500
29 Total Expenditures	80,475	112,262	95,921	110,402	92,626	151,342

12/31/25 Account Balances:

Water Checking	\$85,388.65
Water Money Market	<u>\$82,554.78</u>
Water Total	\$167,943.43

Annual Report of Zoning Permits & Compliance Letters Issued-2025

2025 Zoning Permits

Issue Date	Permit #	Name	Property ID	Address	Project Description
2/13/2025	EXEMPT	John Johnson	00033.077X	2040 Gibou Road	Agricultural structure
1/9/2025	ZP-03-26	Nafis and Sarita Khan	00303.027X	Highland Drive	Subdivision of land
3/27/2025	ZP-01-25	Dejan and Mary Radeka	00028.021X	1228 Regan Rd	Single Family Dwelling
5/22/2025	ZP-04-25	Town of Montgomery			Public Facility
4/17/2025	ZP-02-25	Samantha Thompson&Dennis Himes	00242.046X	797 Mountain Road	New fence
6/19/2025	ZP-27-25	Jamie Seeholzer & Spencer Kelley	00242.067X	1824 Mountain Road	Change of use to STR
5/15/2025	ZP-03-25	Robert and Katherine Barnard	OS118.022X	617 South Main	Shed
6/5/2025	EXEMPT	Jamie and Bradley St Pierre	00012.108X	Gibou Rd	Agricultural structure
6/5/2025	ZP-05-25	Shaun and Kristina Bowen	00058.020X	9 Demar Rd	Shed
6/26/2025	ZP-08-25	Jannette and Richard Hogshire	00013.005X	222 Dreamers Way	Garage
6/19/2025	ZP-06-25	Jeff Messier	00010.012X	689 Black Falls Extension	Single Family Dwelling
6/19/2025	ZP-07-25	Jeff Messier	00010.012X	689 Black Falls Extension	Demolition
7/10/2025	ZP-09-25	Town of Montgomery	00242.039X	428 Mountain Road	Public Facility - Water Resource Recovery
7/10/2025	ZP-10-25	Town of Montgomery	ON118.050X	North Main Street	Public Facility - pump station
7/10/2025	ZP-11-25	Town of Montgomery	mulitple	multiple	Public facility in SFHA
7/17/2025	ZP-12-25	Brad Quintin / Grandpa Grunts	00026.004X	53 Begnoche Farm Rd	Shed
7/17/2025	ZP-13-25	John Trovato and O'Delle Hall	00020.022X	515 Montgomery Heights F	Single Family Dwelling
7/24/2025	ZP-14-25	Steve Coe	00025.013A	311 Creamery Bridge Rd	Garage
7/31/2025	ZP-15-25	Josh Howard	OS118.132X	2949 South Main St	Addition
8/21/2025	ZP-17A25	Kirsten Oloughlin/	00242.091X	2796 Mountain Rd	Shed
8/7/2025	ZP-17-25	Lynn Locher	00033.010X	400 Gibou Rd	Maintain Pond
8/7/2025	ZP-16-25	Dylan Hurtubise	ON118.193X	4182 North Main St	Addition
11/25/2025	DRB appr	Morgan Cluba and Anthony Gervais	00005.007X	220 Green Mountain Dr	Change of use to STR
9/16/2025	ZP-19-25	Sarah and Kirk Borodaft	00028.020X	1275 Regan Rd	porch addition
9/25/2025	EXEMPT	Hazens Notch Woodlands LLC/ Paggi	00028.068X	Regan Rd	Agricultural structure
9/25/2025	ZP-20-25	Jesse Wyman	ON118.074X	270 North Main St	Accessory Dwelling
9/25/2025	ZP-21-25	Craig Lyman	00242.086X	2545 Mountain Rd	Corrective for deck
9/25/2025	ZP-22-25	Richard Bessette & Christa Chambers	OS118.175X	258 Highland Springs Rd	Change to 1 bed camp
10/9/2025	ZP-26-25	Richard Bessette & Christa Chambers	OS118.175X	258 Highland Springs Rd	Change seasonal to year round dwelling
10/16/2025	ZP-24-25	Ridin High LLC, Jon VanHazinga	ON118.021X	168 Main St	Retail
10/16/2025	ZP-23-25	Stewarts Shops Corp	ON118.001Z	20 Main St	Demolition gas pump
12/25/2025	DRB appr	Nicholas Dill/Bitnick Holdings	00033.064X	2145 Gibou Rd	Change of use to STR
10/30/2025	ZP-25-25	Danielle Fleming	00012.139X	4106 Hill West	Corrective for shed
11/20/2025	DRB appr	Tessa Faye Hill	00001.003X	32 Fuller Bridge Rd	Change of use to STR

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2025 Certification of Zoning Compliance

1/30/2025	CC-25-01	Julie Ann Cassidy Reyes Sublett	00242.091X	Mountain Road
2/13/2025	CC-25-02	Leanne Leach	00012.048A	1547 Hill West Road
3/13/2025	CC-25-03	Dominique and Pascal Marthet	00020.005X	118 Montgomery Heights
3/27/2025	CC-25-04	Robert Bealieu	00242.067X	1824 Mountain Road
4/10/2025	CC-25-05	Gendron Robert Diane Life Estate and C	ON118.049X	384 Main Street
4/10/2025	CC-25-06	Samantha Thompson	00242.018X	115 Mountain Road
5/1/2025	CC-25-07	Maryanne Wood	ON118.091X	1246 North Main
5/1/2025	CC-25-08	Michael and Carissa Stein	00012.111X	2948 Hill West
5/15/2025	CC-25-09	Fletcher and Michaelyn Potter	00005.004X	65 Green Mountain Road
6/17/2025	CC-25-12	Merle and Linda VanGieson Life Estate	00011.126X	3539 West Hill Road
6/19/2025	CC-25-11	Alan Cennamo	00242.049X	1012 Mountain Road
7/31/2025	CC-25-13	Murphy	00005.007X	220 Green Mountain Rd
8/19/2025	CC-25-14	Sean and Sarah Gregorek	00007.42B	1375 North Hill Rd
8/21/2025	CC-25-15	Keith and Diane Libby	ON118.044X	318 North Main St
10/16/2025	CC-25-17	Craig Lyman	00242.086X	2545 Mountain Rd
10/16/2025	CC-25-18	Mitesh Amin and Timothy Andrew	00242.121X	3774 Mountain Rd
10/16/2025	CC-25-19	Gila Domina	00001.003X	32 Fuller Bridge Rd
10/16/2025	CC-25-16	Heide Platte	00019.060X	2709 Amidon Rd
10/30/2025	CC-25-20	Alexandra Francis	00019.020X	967 Amidon Rd
11/14/2025	CC-25-24	Danielle Fleming	00012.139X	4106 Hill West
11/6/2025	CC-25-21	Dave Clay and Rajani Rajbhandari	00030.002X	79 Deep Gibou Rd
11/6/2025	CC-25-22	Makenna Young	00037.002X	13 Brook Rd
11/6/2025	CC-25-23	Christopher and Kristin Boucher	00053.002X	55 Howard Rd
12/4/2025	CC-25-30	Edward Deptula	00300.003X	Christmas Road
12/7/2025	CC-25-25	Lauren Hagwood	00033.065X	1856 Gibou Road

submitted by Ellen Fox January 22, 2026

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Financial Report 2025

Beginning Balance 1/1/25	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	25,715.89	
			25,715.89
RECEIPTS	Interest	232.40	
	Donations	0.00	
	Sale of Lots/Perpetual Care	0.00	
	Corner Post	0.00	
			232.40
EXPENSES	Lawn care	0.00	* Paid by Town
	Corner Posts	0.00	* Paid by Town
			25,948.29
Ending Balance 12/31/25	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	25,948.29	
			25,948.29

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Kopacz, Town Treasurer

MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Financial Report 2025

Beginning Balance 01/01/25	Checking	14,082.05	
	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	
			\$67,928.59
RECEIPTS	Interest Income	1,596.26	
	Donations		
	Lots Sold	1600.00	
			\$3,196.26
EXPENSES	Grounds Maintenance	2,130.00	
	Bank Service Charges		
			\$2,130.00
			\$68,994.85
Ending Balance 12/31/25	Checking	15,148.31	
	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	
			\$68,994.85

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Kopacz, Town Treasurer

JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE**Financial Report 2025**

Beginning Balance: 1/1/25	Community Bank Checking	<u>\$6,396.71</u>	\$6,396.71
Income:	Interest	<u>\$54.91</u>	<u>\$54.91</u>
Disbursements:	Care of Old Cemetery	\$1,000.00	
	Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	
	Office Supplies - Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Ending Balance: 12/31/25	Community Bank Checking	<u>\$5,451.62</u>	<u>\$5,451.62</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Kopacz, Successor Trustee

HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**Financial Report 2025**

Beginning Balance:	Checking - Jan. 1, 2025	\$2,000.76	
	Savings - Jan. 1, 2025	\$2,700.52	
	CD - Jan. 1, 2025	<u>\$18,269.72</u>	
		\$22,971.00	\$22,971.00
Income:	Donations	\$335.00	
	Lot Sales	\$1,800.00	
	Town of Montgomery Support	\$200.00	
	Interest	<u>\$832.65</u>	<u>\$3,167.65</u>
Disbursements:	Maintenance - Mowing - \$100 x 10	-\$1,000.00	
	Corner Markers	<u>-\$400.00</u>	<u>-\$1,400.00</u>
			<u>\$24,738.65</u>
Ending Balance:	Checking - Dec. 31, 2025	\$2,935.76	
	Savings - Dec. 31, 2025	\$2,701.87	
	CD	<u>\$19,101.02</u>	<u>\$24,738.65</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Lumbra, Treasurer

2025 STATISTICS					
Town Clerk Report					
2025 Births					
			Registered Births:	9	
January	Lane Boissonneault		Registered Deaths:	8	
March	Maeve Spaulding-Smith		Registered Marriages	13	
April	Gatlin Purrier		Verified Voters	878	
April	Rosemary Willey		2025 Deaths		
April	Maple Willey		January	Joyce Bort	
June	Ryder Wyatt		March	Sharon Neill	
July	Hudson Soule		March	Richard Bocian	
November	Mattie Edwards		April	Heide Platte	
November	Anthuan Rodriguez Worthington		June	Camille Lynch	
			July	Dena Foster	
			November	Marilyn Baker	
			December	Alton Romero JR	
			December	Richard Burns	
2025 Marriages			2025 Marriages Continued...		
Konnie Colburn	Gary Marrier	January	Marissa Luczkow	Andrew Kaweck	October
Lauren Levi	Erica Adams	June	Darrell Campbell	Amelia Howard	October
Jessica Maclean	Jamie Hitchen	August	Demajia Cain	Jennifer Eller	October
Elizabeth McHugh	Edward Mason	August	Wesley Skidmore	Talia Roberts	November
Tricia Kendzia	Nikolas Butler	September	Todd Green	Rachel Miller	December
Samantha Fenton	William Botting	September			
Emily Brown	Sam Harrison	September			
Devry Langlois	Kaitlyn Wood	September			
			Recorded Instruments	518	
			Property Transfers	130	
			Fish & Wildlife Licenses	17	
			Dogs Licensed	214	
			Elections Reported	2	
			New Voters /Active Transfers)	24	

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
TOWN LIBRARY.....	326-3113
TOWN GARAGE.....	326-4418

Who Meets Where and When?

Group	Day/Month	Time	Place
Budget Committee	January	As Needed	Zoom
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 Wednesday	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

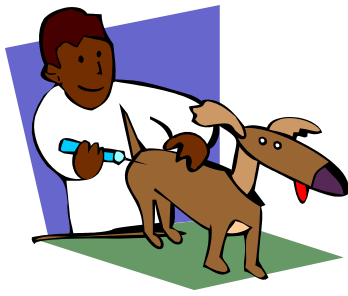
If you would prefer to have your Tax Payments and/or Water Payments automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the due date(s), you will find application forms on our website. ***Please note NEW ACH agreements MUST be submitted to our Treasurer prior to November 1st to meet the processing deadline. 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



2026 Rabies Clinics

Local Clinics- Drive Thru
Offered by Stowe Veterinary:



Saturday, March 28 th , 2026	Saturday, March 28 th , 2026
Montgomery Elementary: 12:15pm-12:45p	Berkshire Elementary: 10:15a-10:45a

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 21 st	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday, March 21 st	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday, April 18 th	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday, May 16 th	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 the current Rabies Certificate filed with the Town (Spay/Neuter Certificate-if applicable). If the rabies has expired, you will need to obtain an updated certificate prior to licensing to show the Town.
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 (Main menu select "Make a Payment"). Registrations that are sent via mail, drop-box, or online methods will receive 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 2026

Where:	When:	Time:
• Morrisville / VFW	3/21	8:00 - 9:00
• Eden / Town Garage	3/21	9:45 - 10:45
• Hyde Park / Town Clerk's Office	3/21	11:30 - 12:00
• Albany / Town Clerk's Office	3/21	1:30 - 2:15
• Wolcott / Town Clerk's Office	3/21	3:15 - 4:15
• Richford / Fire Station	3/28	9:00 - 9:45
• Berkshire / School	3/28	10:15 - 10:45
• Montgomery / Elementary School	3/28	12:15 - 12:45
• Fair Fax / Town Garage	3/28	2:00 - 3:00

Microchips will be provided By Paws of Promise for \$25. This microchip has a 1 time registration. Locations provided will be:
Morrisville, Eden, Hyde Park & Wolcott

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.**

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025

Last year, Age Well served 38 individuals from Montgomery, services included:



37 calls to the Helpline



20 hours of Case Management



298 Meals on Wheels delivered
591 Congregate Meals served



28 hours of Options Counseling

1 Franklin residents volunteered over 159 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 Fiscal Year 2025, we delivered services valued at \$18,822 to Montgomery residents.

State Health Insurance Program: \$68.44 per hour

Case Management: \$143.87 per hour

Options Counseling: \$70.44 per hour

Information & Assistance: \$35.69 per hour

Meals on Wheels: \$10.36 per meal

Congregate Meals: \$12.03 per meal

Grab and Go Meals: \$10.37 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 EMPOWER AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AS THEY AGE BY PROVIDING THEM WITH COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND ACCESS TO SERVICES.



FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation Annual Report 2025

Well, I believe most of us can agree that in terms of new economic development activity within our region the year 2025 would not be one of our more outstanding years. This past year we had multiple strikes against it. First there was the implementation of multiple tariffs that were placed on a variety of items, i.e. steel, grain, packaging, bottles etc. The sectors that were hit the hardest by the tariffs include agriculture and manufacturing. Then there were retaliatory tariffs applied by Canada and China that financially impacted most consumers by paying more for everyday products. Strike two was the high cost of construction materials, it did not matter if it was new construction or rehab projects. The increase in the cost of materials is not nearly as high as pandemic levels, but the majority of construction materials do continue to increase on a regular basis. Strike three was high interest rates on bank loans. When you combine all of these circumstances it does not make for strong economic growth.

In addition to the forementioned three strikes.... throw in the fact that the Canadiens are upset with the US government for applying the tariffs and the rhetoric about making Canada the 51st state and we have an unofficial Canadian boycott on visiting the United States and buying US products. This has impacted downtowns, ski areas, hotels and restaurants. Historically FCIDC will entertain a half a dozen inquiries from Canadian businesses each year who are weighing their options about locating an operation or warehouse in Franklin County. Just last week we had our first conversation in 2025 with a Canadian business.

In 2022 FCIDC decided on a new mission statement, and it reads, "FCIDC is a catalyst for regional economic progress through a community approach." Basically, we have become more engaged in our communities to assist them to become a place-based destination to attract new businesses and residents. FCIDC just awarded the Town of Highgate a grant to offset a portion of the cost of a feasibility study to evaluate where to access water in hopes of developing a senior housing complex. We also worked in conjunction with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission and the Bakersfield Selectboard to find a developer for the long-time vacant Brigham Academy to create housing opportunities. FCIDC is wrapping up our three-million-dollar Perley Block investment on Main Street in Enosburg Village. We rehabilitated a mostly vacant building adding office and retail space along with four new apartments to go along with eight existing apartments. The building is fully rented now.

Our region was made aware of the future closing of the Perrigo Nutritional plant located in Georgia, VT. The proposed closing is scheduled for late 2027, possibly early 2028. The closure will lead to the loss of approximately 425 quality jobs for our region. It will be difficult to find a company to fill that void.

Let's all hope that the year 2026 will be much kinder to our region. All the best in 2026.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith, Executive Director

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GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 3, 2025**



Green Up Day was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. 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've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called **greenSTEM** in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

We are requesting level funding for 2026.

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.

2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.



December 30, 2025

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

Dear Montgomery Selectboard members and Residents of Montgomery,

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) had another 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, river clean-up efforts, site assessments, and water sampling: During 2025, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped plant trees and pull trash from along our riverbanks. An additional 700+ trees were planted along our waterways in 2025, and over 100 lbs of trash was removed from ~4 miles of river. We also assessed 6 streamside properties for any ways landowners might improve their relationship with their waterways, 3 of which occurred in Montgomery - let us know if you'd like a "Stream Wise" assessment of your land in 2026! Additionally, MRBA staff collected water quality samples from 16 locations within our watershed during 2025, assessing the health streams, and the on-going impacts of landowner-led water quality improvement projects.

Educational programs and events: We are always excited to connect with our watershed residents along our rivers, and really enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bugworks program, tending to our rain garden, and more. In 2025, we connected with 216 people at presentations and educational programs, including our River Day at Riverwalk Park with Montgomery Middle School students. We also hosted 11 events where members of the public were invited to explore our watershed through paddle experiences or guided walks, some taking place at the Town Forest and Trout River.

Big news: MRBA turns 30 in 2026 and we are celebrating big successes, including our first dam removal - check out the restored stream channel in Newport Center - and the start of Ironwood Nursery in Jay. Ironwood, which will provide the trees we plant on our rivers banks for years to come, is located on newly-conserved property in downtown Jay: MRBA and the Town collaborated to protect this property, and the public access trails on it.

We respectfully request Montgomery'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 2026 request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John Little'.

John Little, MRBA President

Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

Tel: (802) 933-3645 E-mail: lindsey@mrbavt.com Website: www.mrbavt.com



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, we have been implementing our mission to ensure that unserved and underserved community members in the 72 towns that make up our communications union district have access to reliable, fast, and affordable fiber internet.

We did this through numerous efforts, including focusing on our internal processes, upgrading our financial and build software, and expanding our locally-sourced workforce. We also continued to fully integrate NEK Broadband and CVFiber into a single merged entity.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

Projected Growth by Year

2025		2026 projected	
Towns served	40	Towns served	55
Miles built	510	Miles built	555
Addresses passed	10,026	Addresses passed	15,000

10,026 
SERVICE AVAILABLE

1,055 
MILES OF NETWORK

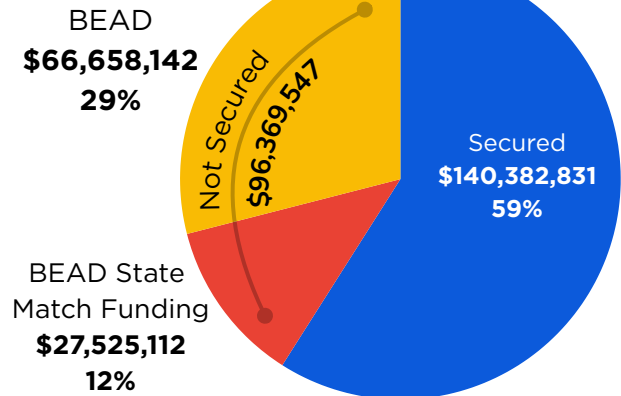
1,902 
CUSTOMERS SERVED



BUILDING CAPACITY

In 2025, we doubled the number of our staff for the 4th year in a row, and now we have 26 staff members. There were also 3 broadband training classes, and out of the 28 graduates, NEKCV employs eight class graduates.

TOTAL FUNDING



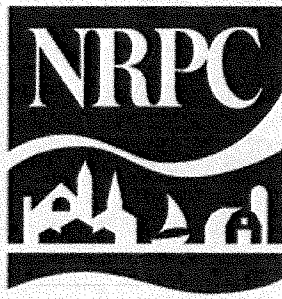
BUDGET SUMMARY

	2025 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Budget
INCOME			
Operations Revenue	\$2,047,769	\$1,890,583	\$3,524,616
RDOF Revenue	\$1,247,036	\$1,830,733	\$477,590
Ops & Admin Grant Revenue	\$3,856,318	\$8,708,463	\$8,000,707
Capital Investment Grant Revenue	\$36,529,448	\$17,208,689	\$34,997,009
Other Revenue	\$220,254	\$366,379	\$346,722
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,900,825	\$30,004,848	\$47,346,644
EXPENSES			
Operational Costs excludes depreciation/amortization	\$1,247,036	\$1,057,340	\$1,671,193
Administrative Costs	\$3,856,318	\$3,634,149	\$5,089,496
TOTAL EXPENSES & COSTS	\$5,103,354	\$4,691,489	\$6,760,689
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS	\$38,797,471	\$25,313,359	\$40,585,955
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$36,529,448	\$18,802,570	\$33,269,506
ANNUAL NET CASHFLOW	\$2,268,023	\$6,510,789	\$7,316,448
PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS			\$6,510,789
TOTAL SURPLUS			\$13,827,238
NON-CASH COSTS depreciation/amortization		\$2,800,000	\$4,430,648

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, visit get.nekbroadband.org. or cvfiber.net

NEKCV is a communications union district (CUD) that aims to provide high-speed internet access to 72 towns across the Northeast Kingdom and Central Vermont.



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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Water and wastewater 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

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

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Leanne Barnard & Mark Brouillette

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Brouillette

NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MONTGOMERY TOWN REPORT - 2025

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs to serve local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region have two locally appointed members of the Board of Commissioners.

2025 MONTGOMERY TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan that will help the town respond to future disasters and assisted with FEMA funds for a past disaster declaration.
- Served as project manager for VTrans grants for bank stabilization work along Longley Bridge Road and 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.
- Updated the Montgomery Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisted with implementation of a construction grant through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), provided funding for clean water projects affecting the Trout River.
- Shepherded sign-off by US Army Corps of Engineers and wrapped up assistance as Municipal Project Manager for Longley Bridge Road Trout River restoration project.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with grant applications, project management, water quality project implementation, and local road permit compliance. NRPC will support local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw updates, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails and update its regional plan to support more housing. 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 – we are here to help with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.



NORTHWEST FIBERWORX

2025

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 14, 2025, 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 fiber to ensure opportunity for all homes and businesses in our region."

Activities of Northwest Vermont Communications Union District

Make Ready

To date make-ready has been successful with the completion of five licenses with Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC).

This milestone represents meaningful progress on the current project and reinforces our commitment to execution and excellence. Our collaboration with VEC highlights a shared dedication to efficient project delivery and robust utility partnerships

Construction RFP

This year, we successfully issued and awarded a Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction services, marking a key milestone in advancing infrastructure development and expanding project capabilities.

Breaking Ground at Last

After years of planning and persistence, we began construction on 10/6/2025 — cue the confetti, hard hats, and high-speed dreams!

	FY2025 Budget	FY2025 Projected Actuals	FY2026 Budget
TOTAL REVENUES	\$26,196,191	\$12,559,170	\$9,852,498
Total Cash Receipts	\$26,196,191	\$12,559,170	\$9,852,498
* Subtotal Capital	\$8,739,616	\$12,142,080	\$8,209,213
Subtotal Operational	\$202,319	\$149,521	\$642,640
Subtotal Staff	\$327,800	\$267,418	\$253,979
Subtotal Technology	\$8,000	\$150	\$500
Totals			
TOTAL CAPEX	\$8,739,616	\$12,142,080	\$8,229,213
TOTAL OPEX	\$538,119	\$417,090	\$897,119
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,277,735	\$12,559,170	\$9,001,695
Deferred Revenues	\$16,918,456	\$9,374,973	\$1,145,760
Net Income			

*FY 2024 Financial Statements are available as part of the FY 2024 Audit

Drafted on:

10/09/2025

Approved for

Distribution on: 10/16/2025

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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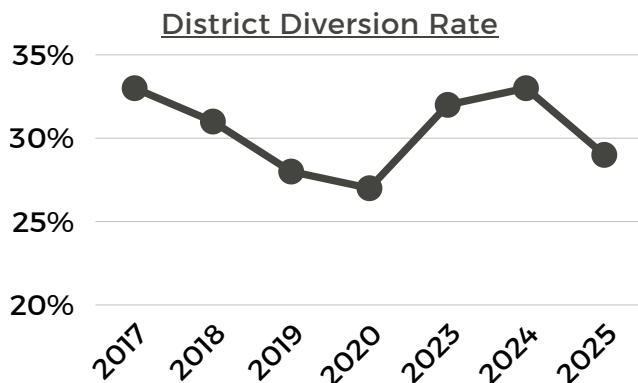
2025 SUPERVISORS REPORT

2025 was a hallmark year for NWSWD. In March, we were featured on NBC5. In May, we held an open house in Alburgh, connecting with customers at our newest site over food and drink. Over the summer, we sent our compost truck to be specially outfitted with a new body designed for food scrap collection. In September, we held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the conclusion of our Georgia Recycling Center expansion project. We are constantly working to improve our operations to make waste management safer and more efficient for Vermonters!

- Services used over 72,000 times
- Composted 720 tons of food scraps
- Collected 61 tons of HHW material, an increase of 15 tons from last year
- Expanded social media presence to earn 250,000+ views



This year, NWSWD organized 20+ events, including papermaking and mending workshops, an upcycled art show, composting seminars, and a waste audit at Enosburg Elementary. We partnered with groups such as Franklin County NRCDC, Composting Association of Vermont, Swanton Arts Council, and Franklin Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition.



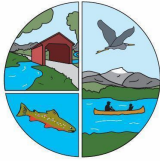
1561 TONS
LANDFILLED



1943 TONS
RECYCLED



NWSWD is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our 19 member communities. Our mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and disposal of solid waste.



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

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

Tel: (802) 933-3645 E-mail: info@umatrvt.org Website: www.umatrvt.org

Dear Residents of Montgomery,

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee strives to protect, enhance, and encourage enjoyment of our beautiful rivers. Since receiving federal designation (in 2014) as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, our Committee has provided 112 events (many of which have become highly-anticipated annual activities) reaching an astounding 2,209 participants. We have funded 94 grant projects, providing \$472,529 dollars to support river-related activities in our communities (in addition to our own events and projects)!

In 2025 alone, we connected with 489 people through our annual slate of events: online winter seminars, snowshoes, the world premiere of our documentary film, The Celebration: Exploring Vermont's Wild and Scenic Rivers, the Wild and Scenic Film Fest, and our swimming hole clean-up, as well as all of our on-water activities - we were able to get 199 people out enjoying our rivers in 2025: tubing, guided nature paddles, scenic paddles, lunch-included paddles, and our River Explorers teen camping trip with Northeast Kingdom Guides.

We also supported 11 great community-led projects with \$62,626 through our small grants program. In Montgomery, \$4,000 of these funds supported Franklin County Natural Resources District's "Celebrating Our Watershed Day" with Montgomery Elementary School students. Paired with several of our UMATR events including Charlie Hancock's snowshoe tour, two sessions of Tubing on The trout, and the annual swimming hole clean-up; we covered a lot of ground in Montgomery in 2025.

We are anticipating another great year in 2026, and would love to see you at some of our events. We have 19 planned events for the year including our online seminar series, guided snowshoe walks, salamander patrol in the spring, our May Open House, and awesome opportunities to get out on the water this summer with returns of Tubing on the Trout and our annual Paddle and Picnic, paddle instructions, and more. Visit our website (umatrvt.org) where you can register, and join our mailing list to stay up-to-date with all our activities.

Additionally, we'd love to have your help: 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!**

Respectfully submitted by your representatives to the W&S Committee: Cynthia Scott and UMATR staff: Lindsey, Sarah, and Ruby. Please contact us with any questions or comments (info@umatrvt.org).

St. Albans Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The St Albans Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Grand Isle and Franklin County. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHStAlbans@vermont.gov

Children, Youth and Families



- In 2025, our **Women, Infants & Children (WIC)** program worked with over 1,200 participants from Grand Isle and Franklin counties.
- Our staff distributed **over \$3,750 in Farm to Family coupons** to WIC families to buy fresh produce directly from Vermont farmers.
- Our office helps participants feel confident and comfortable with breastfeeding. About **74% of WIC infants in our region have breastfed** in the past year.

Giving Back with the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers

- Our office sponsors the **Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps (Northwest VT MRC) Unit**. The Northwest VT MRC volunteers serve Franklin, Grand Isle and Chittenden counties. Our local unit is part of a national MRC network of volunteers who train to support people during emergencies.
- Northwest VT MRC volunteers provide **free health checks, wound care and foot clinics** around Franklin and Grand Isle counties, including at Martha's Kitchen and Franklin County Senior Center in St. Albans, and the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi in Swanton.
- Northwest VT MRC is the largest MRC unit in Vermont, with over 200 volunteers. Last year, our local unit **contributed 850 volunteer hours**, a monetary value of \$41,138.
- To learn more about how to become an MRC volunteer, please visit: rms.vermont.gov

Working Together



- With United Way of Northwest Vermont and the Rotary Club of St Albans, our office hosted the first **Franklin County Volunteering Fair** in May 2025.
- In August, our staff partnered with Grand Isle School, the Northwest VT MRC, the Vermont Free and Referral Clinics, and Dr. John Echternach to host a **free dental pop-up clinic**, serving 17 residents in Grand Isle County, where dental care is scarce.



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Town of Montgomery

To the Officers and Citizens of Montgomery:

In 2024, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) provided Montgomery residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From children with intensive medical needs, to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, to those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring quality health care wherever it is needed, **regardless** of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking federal and state reimbursements, along with rising health care costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Montgomery's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's skilled and dedicated staff made more than 116,288 home visits to 3,989 patients. **In Montgomery, we provided 155 visits to 11 individuals.**

Thank you for your continued support! With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sincerely,



Jessica Boutin, CEO
VNA & Hospice of the
Southwest Region



Dan DiBattista, President
Board of Directors

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589

In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000.00. As one senator said, “that was a pittance amount”. When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can’t wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028

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Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society “Taxi Cat” 802-388-1100

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the “Mom” for free, kittens adopted.

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc: Littleton, NH 603-259-3244

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: Claremont, NH 603-542-3277

Upper Valley Humane Society: Enfield NH 603-448-6888

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

N.E. Kingdom Spay Neuter Program: Orleans Essex CTY 802-334-7393

**** Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2nd Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon animalaidvt@gmail.com 802-734-025**

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, “no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not”.

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson “sponsored” was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia “solution” to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.

STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE



St. Albans Field Station
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January 9th, 2026

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2025 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 primary field 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 are as follows:

- 1 Trooper – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
- 2 Troopers – Tactical Services Unit (TSU)
- 4 Troopers – K9 Team
- 2 Troopers – Search and Rescue Team (SAR)
- 3 Troopers – Bomb Squad (EOD)
- 3 Troopers – Drone team
- 3 Troopers – Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)
- 1 Trooper – Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)
- 2 Troopers – Honor Guard

“Your Safety Is Our Business”

Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:

Total Cases:	5982
Total Arrests:	624
Total Tickets Issued:	229
Total Warnings Issued:	754
Fatal Accidents:	7
Total Burglaries Investigated:	37
Total DUI's:	65

Local Community Report:

Montgomery

Total Cases:	135
Total Arrests:	15
Total DUI's:	3
Total Accidents – Property Damage:	12
Total Accidents – Injury:	1
Total Vandalisms:	1
Total Alarms:	6
Total Burglaries:	2
Total Tickets:	0
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,



Acting Lieutenant Michael Kamerling
Station commander

Please note that the statistical numbers reported are true and accurate at the time the report was generated; they are subject to change with court actions, continuing investigations, case expungements, etc.
The total quantity of arrests reported includes the number of all charges brought against the offenders.