



Town of East Montpelier, Vermont *168th Annual Report*

**Reports of Town
Officers and the
Town School District
July 1, 2016 –
June 30, 2017**

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OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

| | |
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| Emergency: Medical, Fire, Police | 911 |
| East Montpelier Fire Dept. (Fire or Ambulance Call) | 911 |
| East Montpelier Fire Dept. (Non-emergency Calls) | 225-6245, 225-6247 |
| State Police (Non-emergency Calls)..... | 229-9191 |
| Fire Chief & Fire Warden..... Ty Rolland | 229-1153 |
| Permits for Fireworks & Open Burning | 225-6247 |
| Town Garage | Guthrie Perry 223-5870 |
| First Constable | Sandy F. Conti 479-3169 |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes | Bruce Johnson 223-3313 |
| Elementary School | 223-7936 |
| U-32 Middle & High School | 229-0321 |
| Washington Central Supervisory Union | 229-0553 |
| State Rep. Kimberly Jessup <jessupkimberly@gmail.com> | 249-9306 |
| Animal Control Officer | Sandy Conti 479-3169 |
| Town Health Officer | Ginny Burley..... 272-4045 |
| Truant Officer | Alicia Lyford..... 223-7936 |
| Town Service Officer | Rachael Grossman 223-3177 |

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Trail on the former Lylehaven Farm property, East Montpelier.

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DAVID A. COBURN

June 4, 1934 — April 17, 2017

Over the years, Dave Coburn has proved himself to be a man of many hats! Always ready to encourage and support community-building activities, in the last ten years alone, he served our town on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Ancient Roads Committee, Jean Cate Community Fund (master of the coffee pots for lunch on Green Up Day), East Montpelier Senior Housing



East Montpelier Citizens of the Year Dave (2010) and Paulie (2002) Coburn.



Initiative, and the East Montpelier Historical Society. He loved being Parade Marshall on Rally Day; he and Paulie were each celebrated as the Citizen of the Year.

Sandal Cate offered these thoughts: “Dave remembered and shared the past history of our town, he acted in the present to make East Montpelier a stronger community, and he thought ahead to the future to help plan for a vital village that would continue to give joy and pride to its inhabitants. Dave voiced his love of his family, his friends and colleagues and community, and acted to include many in making community work. So many of us are grateful to have shared in Dave’s ventures over the decades.”

The Historical Society is combining with the Four Corners Schoolhouse to build a bench in Dave’s honor. The bench will be installed on the lawn of the schoolhouse, matching the one existing that honors Jean Cate. A May dedication is hoped for.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

9:30 A.M. at the East Montpelier Elementary School

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public Hearing and Informational Meeting concerning Australian Ballot Articles and other Warned Articles for the **March 6, 2018, Town and School Meetings**. Candidates for Town and School Offices will be introduced. The Town will be first on the Agenda at the Forum, as well as at Town Meeting, followed by the Elementary School District.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

East Montpelier Town/School Meetings — Tuesday, March 6, 2018

at the East Montpelier Elementary School, 665 Vincent Flats Road

Australian Ballot Voting

7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

U-32 Australian Ballot voting will also occur at the above place and time.

OFFICE FILED FOR

CANDIDATE(S)

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| TOWN MODERATOR for 1 year | MICHAEL DUANE |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR for 1 year | MICHAEL DUANE |
| SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 3 years | SETH B. GARDNER |
| SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 2 years | EUGENE TROIA |
| LISTER for 3 years | ROSS HAZEL |
| AUDITOR for 3 years | ED DEEGAN |
| AUDITOR for 2 of 3-year term | CARLA OCCASO |
| FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year | SANDY F. CONTI |
| SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year | NO CANDIDATE |
| CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 5 years | EMILY GOYETTE |
| CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 3 of 5-year term. . . . | JONATHAN BOUCHER |
| PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years | JEAN VISSERING |
| (Vote for not more than THREE) | JOHN (JACK) PAULY |
| | MARK LANE |
| EMES SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years | FLOR DIAZ SMITH |
| EMES SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years | MALINDA (LINDY) JOHNSON |

TOWN OFFICERS, ELECTED

Town Moderator: 1-year term; Expires 2018 Michael O. Duane

School District Moderator: 1-year term; Expires 2018 Michael O. Duane

Town Clerk: *Elected position ended July 1, 2017 per amended Town*

Charter; see Town Officers, Appointed on pg. 5 CJ Flynn

Selectboard:

3-year term; Expires 2018 Seth B. Gardner

2-year term; Expires 2018 Gene Troia

3-year term; Expires 2019 Carl Etnier

2-year term; Expires 2019 Kim Swasey

3-year term; Expires 2020 Amy Willis

Listers: 3-year term

Expires 2018 Ross Hazel

Expires 2019 Chris Racanelli

Expires 2020 Rob Chickering

Auditors: 3-year term

Expires 2018: *Resigned Oct. 2017* David Grundy

Appointed in Nov. to fill vacancy; expires 2018 Ed Deegan

Expires 2019 Deborah Fillion

Expires 2020: *Vacancy filled by appointment; expires 2018* Carla Occaso

First Constable: 1-year term; Expires 2018 Sandy Conti

Second Constable: 1-year term; Expires 2018 Vacant

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: *Elected position ended July 1, 2017 per amended*

Town Charter; see Town Officers, Appointed on pg. 5 ... Karen M. Gramer

Planning Commission: 3-year term

Expires 2018 John “Jack” Pauly

Expires 2018 Jean Vissering

Expires 2018 Mark Lane

Expires 2019 Norman Hill

Expires 2019 Julie Potter

Expires 2019 Kim B. Watson

Expires 2020 Scott Hess

Expires 2020 Jay Stewart

Expires 2020 Ray Stout

Cemetery Commissioners: 5-year term

Expires 2018 Frederick C. Strong

Expires 2019 Gary E. Hudson

Expires 2020 Elliott Morse

Expires 2021 (*resigned Jan. 2018*) Chris Reed

Expires 2022 Tim Lamson

Elementary School Directors:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Expires 2018; 3-year term | Flor Diaz Smith |
| Expires 2018; 2-year term | Malinda “Lindy” Johnson |
| Expires 2019; 3-year term | Stephen Looke |
| Expires 2019; 2-year term | Darci Coleman-Graves |
| Expires 2020; 3-year term | Rubin Bennett |

U-32 School Directors: 3-year term

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| Expires 2019 | Kari Bradley |
| Expires 2020 | Karen Bradley |

Justices of the Peace: 2-year term; 2/1/2017–1/31/2019 (*elected in Nov. 2016*)

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| Janice Aldrich (I) | Virginia Burley (D) | Tim Carver (I) |
| Robert Chickering (D) | Edward Deegan (I) | Michael Duane (I) |
| Tony Klein (D) | Florence C. Morse (I) | Rebecca Reed (D) |
| David Grundy (D) (<i>resigned 2017</i>) Lindy Johnson (D) (<i>appointed Jan. 2018</i>) | | |

Board of Civil Authority: Town Clerk, Selectboard, and Justices of the Peace

Town Board for the Abatement of Taxes:

Board of Civil Authority, Listers, and Town Treasurer



TOWN OFFICERS, APPOINTED

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Town Administrator | Bruce Johnson |
| Municipal Assistant | Denise Brown |
| Interim Town Clerk (July 1 to Sept. 1, 2017) | CJ Flynn |
| Town Clerk (1 year; exp. June 2018) | Rosie Laquerre |
| Assistant Town Clerk (1 year; exp. June 2018)..... | Denise Brown |
| Town Treasurer (1 year; exp. June 2018) | Don Welch |
| Assistant Town Treasurer (1 year; exp. June 2018)..... | Denise Brown |
| Collector of Current Taxes (1 year; exp. June 2018)..... | Don Welch |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year; exp. June 2018) | Bruce Johnson |
| Zoning Administrator & E-911 Coord. (1 year; exp. June 2018) | Bruce Johnson |
| Acting Zoning Administrator (1 year; exp. June 2018)..... | Gene Troia |
| Sewage Officer | Bruce Johnson |
| Road Commissioner (1 year; exp. June 2018) | Seth Gardner |
| Road Commissioner (1 year; exp. June 2018) | Bruce Johnson |
| Road Foreman (<i>Mike Garand retired June 2017</i>) | Guthrie Perry |
| Town Attorney | Bruce Bjornlund |
| Town Health Officer (3 years; exp. 2018) (<i>resigned 2017</i>) | Dave Grundy |
| (<i>appointed Dec. 2017; exp. Dec. 31, 2020</i>) | Ginny Burley |
| Town Service Officer (1 year; exp. 2018) | Rachael Grossman |
| Animal Control Officer (1 year; exp. 2018) | Sandy Conti |
| Assistant Animal Control Officer (1 year; exp. 2018) | Elliott Morse |



Town Fire Warden (5 years; exp. 2018)..... Ty Rolland
 Emergency Management Co-Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2018)..... Bill George
 Emergency Management Co-Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2018) Toby Talbot
 Town Tree Warden (1 year; exp. 2018) Paul Cate
 Regional Planning, Town Representative (1 year; exp. 2018) Julie Potter
 Alternate (1 year; exp. 2018)..... Jack Pauly
 Transportation Advisory Committee Rep (1 year; exp. 2018) Frank Pratt
 Solid Waste District Representative (1 year; exp. 2018) Casey Northrup
 Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Rep. (3 years; exp. 2019)..... Kim Kendall
 Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc. Rep. (1 year; exp. 2018)..... Carolyn Shapiro
 State Police Community Advisory Board (1 year; exp. 2018) Carol Welch
 State Police Community Advisory Board (1 year; exp. 2018) Don Welch
 Green Up Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2018) Chris Racanelli

Forest Committee: 3 years

Paul Cate, *Chair* (2019) Mark Lane (2020) Colin Blackwell (2019)

Development Review Board: 3 years

Rich Curtis, *Chair* (2018) Mark Lane (2018) Ken Santor (2018)
 Jeff Cueto (2019) Norman Hill (2019) Carol Welch (2019)
 Alice Starr Dworkin (2020) Steve Kappel (2020) Kim Watson (2020)

Recreation Board: 3 years

Phillip Heinz, *Chair* (2019) Cristin O'Donnell (2019) Jan Aldrich (2020)
 Alex Rob (2020) Mike Blanchard (2020) Bob Fitch (2020)
 Jack Zeilenga (2020) Paul Winters (2020)

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: 3 years

Charles Johnson, *Chair* (2018) Brian Lusignan (2020) Art Chickering (2019)
 Bruce Howlett (2019) Ginny Callan (2020) Natalie Chapell (2020)

Funding Request Study Committee: 1 year; Exp. 2018

Lindy Johnson, *Chair* Susan "Charlie" Catlin Jeanne Malachowski
 Ann Stanton Sue Racanelli Paul Erlbaum Sandal Cate

East Montpelier Village Committee: No term set

Michelle McFadden, *Chair* Bob Morey Casey Northrup
 Frank Pratt Alice Smith Bob Smith Jean Vissering

Energy Committee: No term set

Lindy Biggs, *Chair* Carl Etnier Bob Morey
 Cort Richardson Steve Knowlton Rob Chickering Tom Fisher

Revolving Loan Advisory Committee: No term set

Bruce Bjornlund Renée Carpenter Ed Deegan
 Ross Hazel Gabrielle Malina

Capital Improvement Committee: 1 year; Exp. 2018

Gene Troia, *Chair* Kim Watson Casey Northrup
 Don Welch Ed Deegan

Town Charter Committee: No term set

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| Edie Miller, <i>Chair</i> | Richard Brock | Ed Deegan | Michael Duane |
| Carl Etnier | Karen Gramer | Norman Hill | Rick Mastelli |
| Jack Pauly | Julie Potter | Kim Watson | |

Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee: No term set

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| Seth Gardner, <i>Chair</i> | Ginny Callan | Bob Morey |
| Andy Shapiro | Ray Stout | Zach Sullivan |

Rural Road Vegetation Assessments PAC: No term set

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| Paul Cate | Jeff Cueto | Ken Feld | Seth Gardner |
| Mark Lane | Jack Pauly | Guthrie Perry | Jean Vissering |

Emergency Management Committee: No term set

Selectboard Members

Planning Commission Chair and Vice-chair (or chosen delegates)

Emergency Management Coordinator(s)

EMFD Chief

Town Administrator

Town Road Foreman

In Appreciation

We, the townspeople of East Montpelier, thank the following citizens for their years of public service to our town. Many of the people listed here have served, or continue to serve, in other town offices as well. We appreciate their contributions to our community.

| | | | |
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| CJ Flynn | Town Clerk | | |
| Casey Northrup | Selectboard | | |
| Paulie Coburn..... | Cemetery Commissioner | | |
| Chris Reed..... | Cemetery Commissioner | | |
| Cherie Staples | Town Auditor | | |
| Karen Gramer..... | Collector of Delinquent Taxes | | |
| Dave Grundy (<i>d. Jan. 21, 2018</i>) | Town Auditor, Justice of the Peace, Health Officer, Energy Committee | | |
| Kimberly Kendall..... | Elementary School Director | | |
| Emily Goyette | U-32 School Director | | |
| Mike Garand | Road Foreman | | |
| Andrew Greenwald | Development Review Board | | |
| Kathy Richardson..... | Recreation Board | | |
| Kris Jensen | Recreation Board | | |
| Michael Dworkin | Conservation Fund Advisory | | |
| Leslie Drown..... | Revolving Loan Advisory | | |
| Louise Frazier | Old LaPerle Farm Property | | |
| EM Fire District #1 Prudential Committee: | | | |
| Steve Gilman | Rubin Bennett | Bob Morey | |
| Town Clerk Selection Committee: | | | |
| Denise Brown | Rob Chickering | Emily Goyette | Bruce Johnson |
| Rosie Laquerre | Karen Saudek | Amy Willis | |

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in said Town, on **Tuesday**, the **sixth (6th)** day of **March, 2018** at **9:30 AM** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on those Articles so noted:

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Town Moderator, 1-year term
 Selectboard Member, 3-year term
 Selectboard Member, 2-year term
 Lister, 3-year term
 Auditor, 3-year term
 Auditor, 2 of 3-year term
 First Constable, 1-year term
 Second Constable, 1-year term
 Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term
 Cemetery Commissioner, 3 of 5-year term
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,726,496** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$42,022** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2019 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received by the Town Treasurer at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Thursday, November 15, 2018 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$3,000** for the Land Conservation Fund.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$3,100** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$17,250** for the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during fiscal year 2019.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** for the East Montpelier *Signpost* to provide for the production and mailing of six issues of the East Montpelier *Signpost* for each East Montpelier resident household and non-resident property owner during fiscal year 2019.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2019.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$5,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,333** as its fiscal year 2019 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the Green Mountain Transit commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations for fiscal year 2019.

| | |
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| 1) American Red Cross | \$ 250 |
| 2) Capstone Community Action | \$ 500 |
| 3) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education | \$ 750 |
| 4) Central Vermont Council on Aging | \$ 1,875 |
| 5) Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity | \$ 250 |
| 6) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center | \$ 1,000 |
| 7) Circle | \$ 675 |
| 8) Downstreet Housing & Community Development | \$ 150 |
| 9) East Montpelier Community Connections | \$ 2,500 |
| 10) Family Center of Washington County | \$ 500 |
| 11) Friends of the Winooski River | \$ 200 |
| 12) Girls/Boyz First Mentoring | \$ 300 |
| 13) Good Beginnings of Central VT | \$ 300 |
| 14) Good Samaritan Haven | \$ 750 |
| 15) Green Mountain Transit | \$ 1,366 |
| 16) Green Up Vermont | \$ 150 |
| 17) Home Share Now | \$ 800 |

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| 18) North Branch Nature Center | \$ 750 |
| 19) Onion River Food Shelf | \$ 1,000 |
| 20) OUR House of Central VT | \$ 250 |
| 21) People's Health and Wellness Clinic | \$ 1,250 |
| 22) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont | \$ 300 |
| 23) Project Independence | \$ 125 |
| 24) Sexual Assault Crisis Team | \$ 250 |
| 25) Twin Valley Senior Center | \$ 3,500 |
| 26) T. W. Wood Gallery | \$ 500 |
| 27) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired | \$ 150 |
| 28) Vermont CARES | \$ 150 |
| 29) Vermont Center for Independent Living | \$ 250 |
| 30) Vermont Family Network | \$ 100 |
| 31) Washington County Diversion Program | \$ 600 |
| 32) Washington County Mental Health Services | \$ 800 |
| 33) Washington County Youth Service Bureau | \$ 400 |

Total: \$22,691

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of East Montpelier enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82.

ARTICLE 16: Other non-binding business.

Shall the Town of East Montpelier adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugarers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.

2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Protecting Town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing Town lands;
 - b. Weatherizing Town buildings and schools;
 - c. Enlisting state support to install solar as appropriate on Town and school buildings;
 - d. Promoting the siting of renewable energy in appropriate sections of Town;
 - e. Promoting higher density development with access to public transportation;
 - f. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping us reduce overall energy use.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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9:30 AM at the East Montpelier Elementary School
665 Vincent Flats Road, East Montpelier

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Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 29th day of January, 2018.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

SETH GARDNER
 GENE TROIA
 CARL ETNIER
 KIM SWASEY
 AMY WILLIS

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, 30th day of January A.D. 2018
 at 10:50 A.M. received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual
 Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Whereas 2016 was a year of recognition that change was both necessary and unavoidable, 2017 was the year of assimilation as we strove to incorporate and adjust to the changes. The East Montpelier governance charter changes approved at 2017 Town Meeting were enacted into law in June. On July 1st the town clerk and delinquent tax collector offices became appointed positions. After a long selection process, we were happy to welcome Rosie Laquerre as town clerk in September. Town Administrator Bruce Johnson was appointed as collector of delinquent taxes, with the functions of that office integrated into the duties of the town office staff. We thank outgoing Clerk CJ Flynn and Collector of Delinquent Taxes Karen Gramer for their meritorious service to the town and their good-natured assistance during the transition period. Another element of the charter change was the dissolution of East Montpelier Fire District #1, with its duties reverting back to the town. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Bob Morey, Steve Gilman, and Rubin Bennett over the past seven years as leaders of the fire district.

Activity centered on East Montpelier Village continues unabated. The Planning Commission recently completed the EM Village Master Plan and has now received another state Municipal Planning Grant to update the zoning regulations to effectuate the plan. The Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee received a VHCB feasibility study grant to further its efforts to evaluate options for that town-owned parcel. In July the town purchased the Hudson lot on US Rte. 2, adding it to the abutting Village Cemetery and old town hall parcel.

Great strides are being made on the EM Village infrastructure projects. The Park 'n Ride facility is open! There will be some finish work in the spring, but the facility is fully operational, GMT is using the bus stop, and the Level II and four Level I electric vehicle charging stations are in use. The major US Rte. 2 aspect of the VTrans Village Bridge replacement and Rte. 2/Rte. 14 intersection project is mostly complete. The temporary bridge is ready for use during the 2018 construction season as the bridge replacement work takes center stage, with the new bridge expected to be open by the end of 2018. The final elements of the project should be completed by mid-2019. Our sidewalk and shoulder enhancement project planned for the US Rte. 2/VT Rte. 14 corridor remains somewhat at the mercy of the bridge project, with construction now targeted for 2019, although the culvert and drainage component might be done in late 2018.

After 22 years as road foreman, Mike Garand turned in his keys last June. We were remarkably fortunate to have the benefit of both his Roads Scholar talents (2001 VT Municipal Highway Person of the Year) and keen community service mentality (10 years as EMFD chief). Enjoy retirement, Mike—you've earned it!

Guthrie Perry took over as road foreman in July. Together with his veteran crew, Ken Lorden, Frank Campbell, and Craig Seadeek, along with part-timer Peter Hill, Guthrie will be tasked with meeting the mandates of the new state local roads permit program designed to minimize stormwater-related erosion into the road drainage system. Grant-funded drainage infrastructure improvements were

made to road segments of Snow Hill Road, Center Road, and Sanders Circle in 2017. You can expect more of the same in 2018. Snow Hill Road in particular is slated for major work. In the same vein, a town stormwater master plan is currently under development that will highlight specific road stretches in need of remediation. The Watershed Consulting Associates plan, paid for by a state grant to the Central VT Regional Planning Commission, will target 20 areas for in-depth analysis with partial design plans developed for the top five sites.

In other highway news, in September we took delivery of a 2018 Mack 10-wheel truck, and then in December we replaced our 2006 loader with a 2018 Komatsu. The town is currently investigating the purchase of a roadside mower to provide the flexibility to allow mowing multiple times per year to combat the spread of invasive species and maintain sight lines. In 2017 the town benefited significantly from the VTrans local roads grant programs for paving and structure upgrades. The northernmost mile of County Road and all of Muddy Brook Road had drainage improvements installed and were then repaved. A large culvert at the Montpelier line on Murray Road was replaced. Grant-funded work continues in 2018 as we replace the severely undersized culvert located mid-way along Quaker Road and complete an engineering study of options to replace the culvert carrying Mallory Brook under Center Road just south of Dodge Road.

The FY2019 budget reflects a concerted effort to present a prudent spending plan while absorbing some unavoidable cost increases. The general fund budget is up 3.4%, mostly due to a 20% spike in health insurance expense along with moderate cost increases in personnel and emergency services. Overall expenditures, including projected appropriations for all voted articles, are up 3.3%. The use of \$100,000 of our available fund balance coupled with a minimal expected rise in the grand list results in a projected municipal tax increase of 2.3%. Now in its fourth year, the capital planning process led by the Capital Improvement Committee continues to prove its worth as the town managed to juggle nearly a million dollars in grant expenditures, the purchase of two highway vehicles, and the purchase of the Hudson parcel with no significant effect on the budget. The Capital Reserve Fund budget line is up 4.0% for FY2019, but much of that is offset by the elimination of the roadside mowing budget line as the board shifts assets in anticipation of the change in roadside mowing methodology.

Once again, we offer heartfelt thanks to the town employees, school employees, elected officials and volunteers whose work makes East Montpelier such a vibrant and caring community. This year saw the passing of two dedicated town and community servants, Dave Coburn and Dave Grundy. Both were masters of getting the job done, whatever it took. Remember Dave C. spending untold hours down at Montpelier City Hall sifting through old (pre-1849) records in search of one last ancient road or Dave G. sliding through tiny spaces in the town office basement to weatherize every nook and cranny. We are humbled by their service and encourage all to emulate their dedication to the greater good.

SETH GARDNER, *Chair*

GENE TROIA, *Vice Chair*

CARL ETNIER

KIM SWASEY

AMY WILLIS

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

REVENUES

CASH & RECEIPTS

AVAILABLE CASH ON HAND:

NON-TAX RECEIPTS:

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Dog licenses | 2,500 | FY17 Budget (7/1/16- 6/30/17) | FY17 Actual (7/1/16- 6/30/17) | Over (Under) FY17 | FY18 Budget (7/1/17- 6/30/18) | FY19 Proposed Budget (7/18-6/19) | Change from FY18 Budget Increase (Decrease) | Change fr. FY18 Budget (+/-) % |
| Excess Weight Fees | 400 | | 2,287.50 | (212.50) | 2,300 | 2,300 | 0 | 0% |
| Liquor licenses | 100 | | 540.00 | 140.00 | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0% |
| Recording/copy fees | 20,000 | | 210.00 | 110.00 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% |
| School Share town expenses | 9,000 | | 16,783.10 | (3,216.90) | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Vault fees | 4,000 | | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Zoning fees | 4,000 | | 3,481.30 | (518.70) | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0% |
| | 4,000 | | 5,160.00 | 1,160.00 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Non-Tax | 40,000 | | 37,461.90 | (2,538.10) | 39,800 | 39,800 | 0 | 0% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Lister's Grant Education | 0 | | 1,175.00 | 1,175.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| VLCT Grants | 0 | | 938.82 | 938.82 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Grants | 0 | | 2,113.82 | 2,113.82 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Current use hold harmless | 88,000 | | 96,939.00 | 8,939.00 | 92,000 | 95,000 | 3,000 | 3.26% |
| Green Up | 225 | | 0.00 | (225.00) | 225 | 225 | 0 | 0% |
| ESF Bond Reimbursement - Calais | 57,214 | | 52,779.07 | (4,434.93) | 52,847 | 51,491 | (1,356) | -2.57% |
| State aid highways | 144,000 | | 144,158.36 | 158.36 | 144,000 | 144,000 | 0 | 0% |
| ANR Pilot Program | 1,000 | | 1,129.49 | 129.49 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| General State Building Pilot Program | 2,500 | | 3,194.00 | 694.00 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0% |

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| State Equalization Reimbursement | 0 | 1,218.00 | 1,218.00 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Traffic fines | 9,000 | 12,269.96 | 3,269.96 | 9,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Reimbursements | 301,939 | 311,687.88 | 9,748.88 | 302,072 | 1,644 | 0.54% |
| Interest / Money Market | 500 | 2,466.66 | 1,966.66 | 500 | 0 | 0% |
| Miscellaneous income | 100 | 1,356.39 | 1,256.39 | 100 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Other | 600 | 3,823.05 | 3,223.05 | 600 | 0 | 0% |
| Interest on delinquent taxes | 9,000 | 11,798.87 | 2,798.87 | 9,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Penalty on delinquent taxes | 10,000 | 16,408.05 | 6,408.05 | 10,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Interest on late taxes | 6,000 | 4,841.75 | (1,158.25) | 6,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Education retention fees | 8,000 | 10,189.11 | 2,189.11 | 9,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Tax Related Charges | 33,000 | 43,237.78 | 10,237.78 | 34,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Non-Tax Receipts | 375,539 | 398,324.43 | 22,785.43 | 376,472 | 1,644 | 0.44% |
| TAXES: | | | | | | |
| Select board Budget | 1,667,039 | | 1,681,597 | 1,726,496 | 44,899 | 2.67% |
| Other Money Articles | 110,258 | | 117,383 | 119,896 | 2,513 | 2.14% |
| Total Taxes | 1,777,297 | 1,779,457 | 2,160 | 1,798,980 | 47,412 | 2.64% |
| TOTAL TAXES | 1,777,297 | 1,779,457 | 100.12% | 1,798,980 | 47,412 | 2.64% |
| GRAND TOTAL CASH & RECEIPTS | 2,227,836 | 2,177,781 | 97.75% | 2,250,452 | 74,056 | 3.29% |
| Grand List (estimated for FY19) | | \$2,990,262 | | 2,999,000 | 3,010,000 | |
| Local Tax Rate (estimated for FY19) | | 0.5944 | | 0.5999 | 0.6134 | |

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Town Officers:

| | FY17 Budget (7/1/16- 6/30/17) | FY17 Actual (7/1/16- 6/30/17) | Under (Over) FY17 | FY18 Budget (7/1/17- 6/30/18) | FY19 Proposed Budget (7/18-6/19) | Change from FY18 Budget Increase (Decrease) | Change fr. FY18 Budget (+/-) % |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Town Clerk | 43,500 | 51,946.51 | (8,446.51) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Municipal Employees | 145,000 | 140,060.45 | 4,939.55 | 194,000 | 213,000 | 19,000 | 9.8% |
| Assistant Town Clerk II | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Health Officer | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Selectboard | 5,500 | 5,500.00 | 0.00 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 | 0% |
| PC Stipend | 4,750 | 4,750.00 | 0.00 | 4,750 | 4,750 | 0 | 0% |
| Internal Audit (Town Auditors) | 6,900 | 5,993.63 | 906.37 | 6,900 | 7,000 | 100 | 1.4% |
| Listers Payroll | 20,000 | 16,482.87 | 3,517.13 | 20,000 | 21,000 | 1,000 | 5.0% |
| Animal Control Officers Stipend | 1,500 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 0% |
| Constables Stipend | 1,500 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 0% |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | 10,000 | 16,408.05 | (6,408.05) | 10,000 | 0 | (10,000) | -100% |
| Total Town Officers | 240,650 | 245,141.51 | (4,491.51) | 245,150 | 255,250 | 10,100 | 4.1% |

Employee Benefits/Insurances:

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| Social Security/Medicare | 36,500 | 34,691.06 | 1,808.94 | 37,500 | 38,000 | 500 | 1.3% |
| Municipal Retirement | 21,000 | 20,761.77 | 238.23 | 21,000 | 24,000 | 3,000 | 14.3% |
| Unemployment | 4,200 | 2,948.00 | 1,252.00 | 2,600 | 1,600 | (1,000) | -38.5% |
| Health Insurance | 75,000 | 89,192.16 | (14,192.16) | 98,000 | 118,000 | 20,000 | 20.4% |
| Dental Insurance | 3,000 | 2,638.79 | 361.21 | 3,000 | 3,100 | 100 | 3.3% |
| Life & Disability Insurance | 3,600 | 3,530.07 | 69.93 | 3,600 | 3,800 | 200 | 5.6% |
| Town Liability Insurance | 7,000 | 7,279.00 | (279.00) | 8,000 | 8,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Workers Compensation | 20,000 | 20,289.50 | (289.50) | 23,000 | 19,000 | (4,000) | -17.4% |
| Total Employee Benefits/ Insurances ... | 170,300 | 181,330.35 | (11,030.35) | 196,700 | 215,500 | 18,800 | 9.6% |

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|--|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| Law Enforcement Expenses: | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Advisory Board | 50 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Vermont State Police | 32,800 | 28,671.68 | 4,128.32 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Total Law Enforcement | 32,850 | 28,721.68 | 4,128.32 | 33,100 | 33,100 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Professional Fees: | | | | | | | | | |
| Contracted Payroll Services | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| External Audit | 14,000 | 14,055.00 | (55.00) | 14,500 | 15,000 | 500 | 3.4% | | |
| Legal Fees | 8,000 | 4,478.99 | 3,521.01 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Total Professional Fees | 23,000 | 18,533.99 | 4,466.01 | 23,500 | 24,000 | 500 | 2.1% | | |
| Municipal Building: | | | | | | | | | |
| Custodial | 2,700 | 2,580.00 | 120.00 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Electricity | 1,800 | 1,453.39 | 346.61 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 0 | 0% | | |
| General Expenses | 1,000 | 452.76 | 547.24 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Heating Fuel | 2,000 | 1,071.68 | 928.32 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 3,000 | 3,440.39 | (440.39) | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Telephone | 2,400 | 2,423.96 | (23.96) | 2,400 | 2,400 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Water (Crystal Springs) | 900 | 667.80 | 232.20 | 900 | 900 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Total Municipal Building | 13,800 | 12,089.98 | 1,710.02 | 13,800 | 13,800 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Municipal Operations: | | | | | | | | | |
| Advertising | 2,000 | 2,029.81 | (29.81) | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Copier Lease | 2,700 | 3,168.05 | (468.05) | 2,900 | 3,500 | 600 | 20.7% | | |
| Education/Seminars | 2,000 | 2,203.16 | (203.16) | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Equipment Purchases (over \$200) | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% | | |
| Gifts/Special Occasions | 300 | 692.23 | (392.23) | 300 | 500 | 200 | 66.7% | | |
| Mileage/Travel Expense | 1,500 | 1,157.70 | 342.30 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 0% | | |

| EXPENDITURES (continued) | FY17 Budget | FY17 Actual | Under (Over) | FY18 Budget | Proposed FY19 Budget | Increase (Decrease) | Change (+/-) % |
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| <i>Municipal Operations (continued)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Fees | 350 | 324.00 | 26.00 | 350 | 350 | 0 | 0% |
| Grounds Maintenance | 10,500 | 9,644.00 | 856.00 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 0 | 0% |
| Off Premise Record Storage | 1,100 | 1,080.00 | 20.00 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 0 | 0% |
| Office Supplies | 5,000 | 3,362.32 | 1,637.68 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Postage | 3,700 | 3,111.71 | 588.29 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 0 | 0% |
| Printing | 1,200 | 1,323.31 | (123.31) | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0 | 0% |
| Town Report Printing and Mailing | 6,100 | 5,623.95 | 476.05 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 0 | 0% |
| Property and Casualty Insurance | 20,000 | 19,329.00 | 671.00 | 20,000 | 16,000 | (4,000) | -20.0% |
| Public Records Management | 8,500 | 8,314.50 | 185.50 | 8,500 | 10,000 | 1,500 | 17.6% |
| Street Lights | 4,700 | 4,619.67 | 80.33 | 4,700 | 6,000 | 1,300 | 27.7% |
| Subscriptions/Memberships | 450 | 485.48 | (35.48) | 450 | 450 | 0 | 0% |
| Town Document Updates | | | | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Municipal Operations | 71,100 | 66,468.89 | 4,631.11 | 77,500 | 77,100 | (400) | -0.5% |
| Loans and Interest: | | | | | | | |
| Bond Interest for ESF (20-year) | 66,644 | 53,337.20 | 13,306.80 | 53,542 | 49,472 | (4,070) | -7.6% |
| Bond Principal for ESF | 105,000 | 105,000.00 | 0.00 | 105,000 | 105,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Tax Anticipation Interest | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Loans and Interest | 172,644 | 158,337.20 | 14,306.80 | 159,542 | 155,472 | (4,070) | -2.6% |
| Computer: | | | | | | | |
| Equipment/Hardware Purchases | 3,500 | 139.99 | 3,360.01 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0 | 0% |
| General Services/Maintenance | 7,000 | 6,532.85 | 467.15 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 0 | 0% |
| GIS Mapping Services | 2,100 | 2,029.96 | 70.04 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 0 | 0% |
| Software | 2,700 | 2,086.96 | 613.04 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Computer | 15,300 | 10,789.76 | 4,510.24 | 16,300 | 16,300 | 0 | 0% |

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| Town Clerk Budget: | | | | | | |
| Ballot Clerks/Election Workers | 2,000 | 2,334.40 | -334.40 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 100.0% |
| Dog Licensing - tags and licenses | 200 | 183.00 | 17.00 | 200 | 300 | 50.0% |
| Election Equipment | 4,000 | 2,480.90 | 1,519.10 | 2,000 | 3,000 | 50.0% |
| Record Restoration/Preservation | 3,000 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0% |
| Vault Expenses/Town Records | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0% |
| Total Town Clerk Budget | 10,200 | 4,998.30 | 5,201.70 | 7,200 | 9,300 | 29.2% |
| Dues and Fees: | | | | | | |
| CV Economic Development | 900 | 900.00 | 0.00 | 900 | 900 | 0% |
| CV Regional Planning Commission | 2,834 | 2,833.60 | 0.40 | 2,834 | 2,911 | 2.7% |
| CV Solid Waste Mgt. Dist. | 5,198 | 2,626.00 | 2,572.00 | 2,650 | 2,650 | 0% |
| VT Association of Conservation Districts | 100 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 0% |
| VT League Cities & Towns | 3,784 | 3,784.00 | 0.00 | 3,917 | 4,001 | 2.1% |
| Washington County Court Expense | 24,682 | 24,682.00 | 0.00 | 24,936 | 24,838 | -0.4% |
| Wrightsville Beach Dist. | 2,400 | 2,922.70 | -522.70 | 2,923 | 3,188 | 9.1% |
| Total Dues & Fees | 39,898 | 37,848.30 | 2,049.70 | 38,260 | 38,588 | 0.9% |
| Budget Requests: | | | | | | |
| Fire Department | 105,040 | 105,040.00 | 0.00 | 106,693 | 113,570 | 6.4% |
| Ambulance Service | 129,379 | 129,378.66 | 0.34 | 145,337 | 152,798 | 5.1% |
| Recreation Board | 3,000 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0% |
| Total Budget Requests | 237,419 | 237,418.66 | 0.34 | 255,030 | 269,368 | 5.6% |
| TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES | 1,027,161 | 1,001,678.62 | 25,482.38 | 1,066,082 | 1,107,778 | 3.9% |
| GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS | | | | | | |
| Invasive Species Control | 500 | 548.50 | -48.50 | 500 | 500 | 0% |
| Front Porch Forum | 500 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500 | 500 | 0% |

| EXPENDITURES (continued) | FY17 Budget | FY17 Actual | Under (Over) | FY18 Budget | Proposed FY19 Budget | Increase (Decrease) | Change (+/-) % |
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| <i>Grants and Special Projects (continued)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Fund | 414,817 | 464,817.00 | -50,000.00 | 414,817 | 431,484 | 16,667 | 4.0% |
| TOTAL GRANTS & SPECIAL PROJ .. | 415,817 | 465,865.50 | -50,048.50 | 415,817 | 432,484 | 16,667 | 4.0% |
| HIGHWAY EXPENSES: | | | | | | | |
| Highway Operations | | | | | | | |
| Chloride | 25,000 | 22,308.00 | 2,692.00 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Crack Sealant | 12,000 | 0.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Culverts | 7,400 | 8,866.97 | (1,466.97) | 7,600 | 7,600 | 0 | 0% |
| Diesel | 64,000 | 41,976.36 | 22,023.64 | 58,000 | 58,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Edu./Seminars - Highway Personnel .. | 600 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% |
| Equipment Rentals | 7,000 | 8,832.73 | (1,832.73) | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Erosion Stone | | | | | 8,000 | 8,000 | |
| General Supplies | 14,500 | 12,779.42 | 1,720.58 | 14,500 | 14,500 | 0 | 0% |
| Gravel | 107,000 | 118,607.62 | (11,607.62) | 110,000 | 110,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Green Up Expenses | 600 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% |
| Guardrails | 5,000 | 6,722.00 | (1,722.00) | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Haz Mat disposal | 750 | 0.00 | 750.00 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% |
| Pavement Management | 3,000 | 2,363.04 | 636.96 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Pavement Markings | 5,200 | 350.00 | 4,850.00 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 0 | 0% |
| Permit Fees | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 220 | 3,000 | 2,780 | 1,263.6% |
| Reciprocal Road Maintenance | 1,300 | 0.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0% |
| Road Fabric | 3,500 | 3,415.05 | 84.95 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0 | 0% |
| Roadside Mowing | 10,000 | 4,950.00 | 5,050.00 | 10,000 | 0 | (10,000) | -100% |
| Salt | 60,000 | 53,717.14 | 6,282.86 | 52,000 | 52,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Sand | 40,000 | 11,609.31 | 28,390.69 | 42,000 | 42,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Signs | 4,000 | 1,746.25 | 2,253.75 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0% |

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| Stabilization Fabric | 3,000 | 965.21 | 2,034.8 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Uniforms | 3,650 | 4,520.15 | (870.15) | 3,800 | 4,800 | 1,000 | 26.3% |
| Weather Reporting | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Highway Operations | 378,500 | 303,729.25 | 74,770.75 | 370,070 | 371,850 | 1,780 | 0.5% |
| Town Garage Expenses: | | | | | | | |
| Electricity | 1,400 | 1,038.04 | 361.96 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0 | 0% |
| General Expenses | 2,000 | 1,645.21 | 354.79 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Heating Fuel | 7,000 | 3,335.33 | 3,664.67 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Bldg Repairs and Maintenance | 1,000 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 1,000 | 100% |
| Rubbish | 1,600 | 1,644.31 | (44.31) | 1,600 | 2,000 | 400 | 25% |
| Security | 400 | 120.00 | 280.00 | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0% |
| Telephone/Communications | 2,700 | 2,760.21 | (60.21) | 2,700 | 2,700 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Town Garage Expenses | 16,100 | 10,543.10 | 5,556.90 | 16,100 | 17,500 | 1,400 | 8.7% |
| Vehicle/Equipment Repairs: | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle-Gas/Oil/Grease | | 5,417.18 | | | | | |
| Vehicle - Maint/Supplies/Equipment | | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Vehicle - Plows/Blades | | 4,861.07 | | | | | |
| Vehicle - Tires/Chains | | 10,215.93 | | | | | |
| '13 GMC Sierra Pickup | | 678.28 | | | | | |
| '06 John Deere Grader | | 4,999.71 | | | | | |
| '08 International Dump Truck...289 | | 6,027.23 | | | | | |
| '08 Volvo Excavator | | 1,975.07 | | | | | |
| '08 Volvo Loader | | 4,718.77 | | | | | |
| '18 Komatsu Loader | | | | | | | |
| '13 Mack Truck | | 6,034.97 | | | | | |
| '17 Mack Truck | | 1,461.42 | | | | | |

| EXPENDITURES (continued) | FY17 Budget | FY17 Actual | Under (Over) | FY18 Budget | Proposed FY19 Budget | Increase (Decrease) | Change (+/-) % |
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| <i>Vehicle Equipment/Repairs (continued)</i> | | | | | | | |
| '18 Mack Truck | | 1,146.98 | | | | | |
| '15 International 7400 | | 88.28 | | | | | |
| '82 Ford Chloride Truck | | 0.00 | | | | | |
| '98 MorBark Brush Chipper | | 0.00 | | | | | |
| York Rake | | 0.00 | | | | | |
| Sander | | | | | | | |
| Total Vehicle/Equipment Repairs | 60,000 | 47,624.89 | 12,375.11 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 0 | 0% |
| <i>Highway Labor:</i> | | | | | | | |
| Total Labor | 220,000 | 201,681.36 | 18,318.64 | 205,000 | 215,000 | 10,000 | 4.9% |
| Total Highway Labor | 220,000 | 201,681.36 | 18,318.64 | 205,000 | 215,000 | 10,000 | 4.9% |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET | 674,600 | 563,578.60 | 111,021.40 | 651,170 | 664,350 | 13,180 | 2.0% |
| TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET ... | 2,117,578 | 2,031,122.72 | 86,455.28 | 2,133,069 | 2,204,612 | 71,543 | 3.4% |
| <i>Voted Articles:</i> | | | | | | | |
| Cemetery Commission | 7,000 | 7,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,000 | 17,250 | 10,250 | 146.4% |
| Four Corners Schoolhouse | 4,200 | 4,200.00 | 0.00 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 0 | 0% |
| Kellogg-Hubbard Library | 38,614 | 38,614.00 | 0.00 | 38,614 | 42,022 | 3,408 | 8.8% |
| Land Conservation Fund | 10,000 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,500 | 3,000 | (4,500) | -60.0% |
| East Montpelier Signpost | 7,800 | 7,800.00 | 0.00 | 7,000 | 6,000 | (1,000) | -14.3% |
| GMTA Rte 2 Commuter Bus Service ... | 8,333 | 8,333.00 | 0.00 | 8,333 | 8,333 | 0 | 0% |
| Montpelier Senior Activity Center | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,000 | 8,000 | 1,000 | 14.3% |
| East Montpelier Trails | 4,000 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Central VT Home Health & Hospice ... | 5,500 | 5,500.00 | 0.00 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 | 0% |

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| Cross Vermont Trail Association | 0 | 0.00 | 7,500 | 0 | (7,500) | -100.0% |
| Total Voted Articles | 90,447 | 90,447.00 | 95,547 | 97,205 | 1,658 | 1.7% |
| Funding Requests: | | | | | | |
| American Red Cross | 250 | 250.00 | 250 | 250 | 0 | 0% |
| Capstone Community Action (CVCAC) | 500 | 500.00 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0% |
| Central Vermont Adult Basic Education . | 750 | 750.00 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% |
| Central Vermont Council on Aging | 1,875 | 1,875.00 | 1,875 | 1,875 | 0 | 0% |
| Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity . | | | | 250 | 250 | 100% |
| Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| Circle (Battered Women's Serv & Shelter) | 675 | 675.00 | 675 | 675 | 0 | 0% |
| Community Connections | 2,500 | 2,500.00 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 | 0% |
| Downstreet Housing & Comm Dev (CVCLT) | 150 | 150.00 | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% |
| Family Center of Washington County .. | 500 | 500.00 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0% |
| Friends of the Winooski River | 200 | 200.00 | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0% |
| Girls/Boyz First Mentoring | 300 | 300.00 | 300 | 300 | 0 | 0% |
| Good Beginnings of Central VT | 300 | 300.00 | 300 | 300 | 0 | 0% |
| Good Samaritan Haven | 750 | 750.00 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% |
| Green Mountain Transit | 1,366 | 1,366.00 | 1,366 | 1,366 | 0 | 0% |
| Green Up Vermont | 150 | 150.00 | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% |
| Home Share Now | 800 | 800.00 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0% |
| North Branch Nature Center | 750 | 750.00 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0% |
| Onion River Food Shelf Inc. | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0% |
| OUR House of Central VT | 250 | 250.00 | 250 | 250 | 0 | 0% |
| People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc.. | 1,250 | 1,250.00 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 0 | 0% |
| Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont | 300 | 300.00 | 300 | 300 | 0 | 0% |
| Project Independence | 250 | 250.00 | 125 | 125 | 0 | 0% |
| Sexual Assault Crisis Team | 250 | 250.00 | 250 | 250 | 0 | 0% |
| Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. | 1,500 | 1,500.00 | 3,000 | 3,500 | 500 | 16.7% |

EXPENDITURES *(continued)*

Funding Requests (continued)

| | FY17 Budget | FY17 Actual | Under (Over) | FY18 Budget | Proposed FY19 Budget | Increase (Decrease) | Change (+/-) % |
|--|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| T W Wood Gallery | | | | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0% |
| Vt Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired | 150 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% |
| Vermont Cares | 150 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150 | 150 | 0 | 0% |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living . | 245 | 245.00 | 0.00 | 245 | 250 | 5 | 2.0% |
| Vermont Family Network | | | | | 100 | 100 | 100% |
| Washington County Diversion Program . | 450 | 450.00 | 0.00 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0% |
| Washington County Mental Health Serv | 800 | 800.00 | 0.00 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 0% |
| Washington County Youth Serv Bureau . | 400 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0% |
| Total Funding Requests | 19,811 | 19,811.00 | 0.00 | 21,836 | 22,691 | 855 | 3.9% |
| Total Voted Articles & Funding Requests | 110,258 | 110,258.00 | 0.00 | 117,383 | 119,896 | 2,513 | 2.1% |
| GRAND TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES .. | 2,227,836 | 2,141,380.72 | 86,455.28 | 2,250,452 | 2,324,508 | 74,056 | 3.3% |

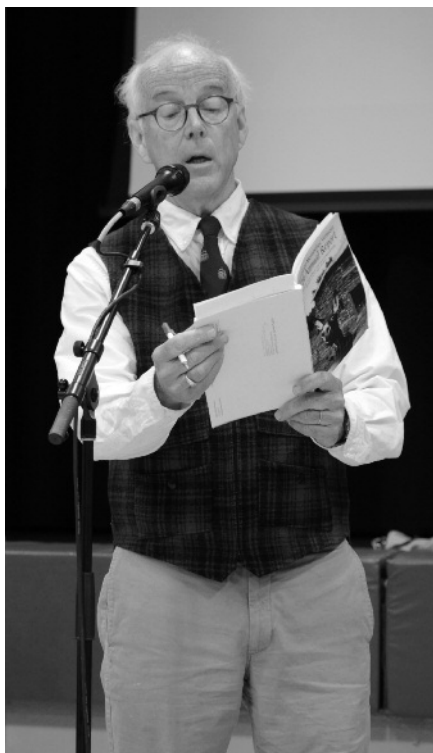
TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

| | FY15: 7/14-6/15 | FY16: 7/15-6/16 | FY17: 7/16-6/17 | FY18: 7/17-6/18 | FY19: 7/18-6/19 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Selectboard w/o Voted Articles | 1,992,042 | 1,996,291 | 2,117,578 | 2,133,069 | 2,204,612 |
| Less: Cash on Hand | 150,000 | 0 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 100,000 |
| Subtotal | 1,842,042 | 1,996,291 | 2,042,578 | 2,058,069 | 2,104,612 |
| Less: Proposed Non-Tax Receipts | 358,497 | 375,590 | 375,539 | 376,472 | 378,116 |
| Municipal Proposed Taxes w/o Articles | 1,483,545 | 1,620,701 | 1,667,039 | 1,681,597 | 1,726,496 |
| Plus: Voted Articles | 168,219 | 98,108 | 110,258 | 117,383 | 119,896 |
| Total Town Current Taxes | 1,651,764 | 1,718,809 | 1,777,297 | 1,798,980 | 1,846,392 |

TOWN MEETING — MARCH 7, 2017



Photos: Alex Brown



DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

| Notes Payable: | Payments Due | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 |
| Emergency Services Facility* | | | | | | |
| Loan Balance: \$1,575,000 | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate: 4.34% | | | | | | |
| Principal payments: | 105,000 | 105,000 | 105,000 | 105,000 | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| Interest payments: | 53,337 | 53,542 | 49,472 | 55,382 | 51,230 | 46,919 |
| 2017 Mack Truck** | | | | | | |
| Loan Balance: \$148,234 | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate: 2.49% | | | | | | |
| Principal payments: | 59,329 | 28,909 | 29,629 | 30,367 | 0 | |
| Interest payments: | 2,916 | 2,214 | 1,494 | 756 | | |
| 2018 Mack Truck*** | | | | | | |
| Loan Balance: \$155,317 | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate: 2.84% | | | | | | |
| Principal payments: | 32,827 | 29,348 | 30,182 | 31,039 | 31,921 | 0 |
| Interest payments: | | 3,479 | 2,645 | 1,788 | 906 | |
| Debt Payments: | \$ 253,409 | 222,492 | 218,422 | 224,332 | 189,057 | 151,919 |
| Outstanding Principal at Fiscal Year End: | \$ 1,681,395 | 1,518,138 | 1,353,327 | 1,186,921 | 1,050,000 | 945,000 |

As noted above and below, on June 30, 2017, the Town of East Montpelier owed \$1,681,395: \$1,470,000 on Emergency Services Facility Bond, plus \$211,395 on two Mack Truck leases.

*** FY11 Emergency Services Facility Bond:**

Upon completion of construction in FY10, a twenty (20) year bond for the full construction costs including the interest on the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) was executed in the authorized amount of \$2.1 million (East Montpelier 2/3 share = \$1,400,000; Calais 1/3 share = \$700,000). Beginning in FY12, principal payments are constant (\$105,000 total: East Montpelier = \$70,000; Calais = \$35,000). The interest payment declines each year as the principal amount is reduced, resulting in a constantly declining annual payment in subsequent years. Payments are made twice a year. In FY16, East Montpelier's share was \$116,529.50 of the \$174,794 due. In 2016 a bond refinancing generated interest savings for FY17, FY18, and FY19; the original interest schedule resumes in FY20. Final payment of the bond is due in December 2030.

**** FY17 Lease with option to purchase for 2017 Mack 10-Wheel Dump/Plow Truck (Town took delivery in Sept. 2016):**

Purchase agreement payable to Kansas State Bank. An initial payment of \$31,122.76 was made on 7/11/16 from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be followed by annual principal and interest payments of \$31,122.76 due March 1st of each year. Annual interest averages 2.49% over the life of the lease. Final payment of the lease is due March 1, 2020.

***** FY17 Lease with option to purchase for 2018 Mack 10-Wheel Dump/Plow Truck (Town took delivery in Sept. 2017):**

Purchase agreement payable to Kansas State Bank. An initial payment of \$32,827.11 was made on 6/20/17 from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be followed by annual principal and interest payments of \$32,827.11 due March 1st of each year. Annual interest averages 2.84% over the life of the lease. Final payment of the lease is due March 1, 2021.

GRANTS REPORT FOR 2017

Open and recently closed town grants: Most are state grants with a town match of 0–20%. We also receive some small targeted grants from other organizations.

Active Grants

2018 Municipal Planning Grant for revisions to E. Mont. Land Use & Dev. Regulations.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| State funds | \$ 20,000 |
| Town match | \$ 6,000 |
| Total grant | \$ 26,000 |

VTrans LTF Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Grant for sidewalk and shoulder enhancements along US 2/VT 14 in E.M. Village.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| State funds | \$ 441,000 |
| Town match | \$ 49,000 |
| Total grant | \$ 490,000 |

VTrans Municipal Park 'n Ride Program Grant for a park 'n ride and bus stop facility in E.M. Village. Funds are for town-managed facility construction. Other costs handled by VTrans.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| State funds | \$ 345,604 |
| Town match | \$ 0 |
| Total grant | \$ 345,604 |

VTrans Better Roads Grant for road surface and road erosion inventories.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| State funds | \$ 8,000 |
| Town match | \$ 2,000 |
| Total grant | \$ 10,000 |

VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant to replace large culvert on Murray Rd near the Montpelier line.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| State funds | \$ 114,387 |
| Town match | \$ 12,709 |
| Total grant | \$ 127,096 |

VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant to replace an undersized culvert mid-way along Quaker Rd.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| State funds | \$ 76,500 |
| Town match | \$ 8,500 |
| Total grant | \$ 85,000 |

VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant for study to replace Mallory Brook culvert on Center Rd.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| State funds | \$ 10,800 |
| Town match | \$ 1,200 |
| Total grant | \$ 12,000 |

VTrans Class 2 Town Highway Paving Program Grant for County Rd from Horn of the Moon to the Calais line.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| State funds | \$ 168,000 |
| Town match | \$ 42,000 |
| Total grant | \$ 210,000 |

VTrans Class 2 Town Highway Paving Program Grant to Muddy Brook Road for slump repair and repaving the entire length in East Montpelier.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| State funds | \$ 102,816 |
| Town match | \$ 25,704 |
| Total grant | \$ 128,520 |

VTrans High Risk Rural Roads Program Grant to improve signage on County Rd.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| State funds | Total cost of project |
| Town match | \$ 0 |
| Total grant | Total cost of project |

ANR Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Project through CVRPC. Funds will be used for various road drainage upgrades.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| State funds | \$ 9,700 |
| Town match | \$ 1,940 |
| Total grant | \$ 11,640 |

CVRPC Transportation Study Funds Program for safety study of Towne Hill, Gallison Hill, Brazier Roads intersection.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| State funds | \$ 20,000 |
| Town match | \$ 0 |
| Total grant | \$ 20,000 |

VHCB Feasibility Study Grant for Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee to study potential multi-generational housing on town-owned LaPerle property.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| VHCB funds | \$ 10,000 |
| Town match | \$ 0 |
| Total grant | \$ 10,000 |

Grant Closed in 2017

2016 Municipal Planning Grant to develop East Montpelier Village master plan.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| State funds | \$ 17,290 |
| Town match | \$ 4,644 |
| Total grant | \$ 21,934 |

EAST MONTPELIER FY17 TAXES RAISED

Base Tax Rates:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| School - Homestead | \$ 1.9537 |
| School - Non-Residential | \$ 1.6226 |
| Town | \$ 0.5944 |
| Local Agreement | \$ 0.0028 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Homestead Tax Rate | \$ 2.5509 |
| Total Non-Residential Rate | \$ 2.2198 |

Values, include Farm Contracts/Local Agreements:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Municipal Grand List | \$2,989,271.77 |
| Homestead Edu. Grand List | \$2,201,865.96 |
| Non-Residential Edu. Grand List | \$792,779.13 |



| | |
|---|----------------|
| Taxes to be raised (as billed): | |
| at Town Tax Rate $0.5944 \times 2,989,271.77 =$ | \$1,776,823.08 |
| at Local Agreement Rate $0.0028 \times 2,989,271.77 =$ | 8,369.99 |
| at Homestead Tax Rate . . $1.9537 \times 2,201,865.96 =$ | 4,301,785.62 |
| at Non-Res. Tax Rate . . . $1.6226 \times 792,755.13 =$ | 1,286,324.48 |
| plus late homestead filing penalties | WAIVED |

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| TOTAL | <u>\$7,373,303.17</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|

TY16/17 TAXES collected as of 5/16/2017

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Current Taxes Collected | \$7,204,693.46 |
| Abated Taxes | 1.64 |
| Uncollected TY16/17 taxes (see facing page) | 168,608.07 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$7,373,303.17</u> |



2016/2017 EDUCATION TAX BREAKDOWN

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Total Due Schools | <u>\$5,596,940.00</u> |
| Town payments to schools: | |
| EMES | \$1,983,093.34 |
| U-32 | 2,375,353.58 |
| State adjustment payments | 1,228,303.97 |
| 0.225% Retained by Municipality | 10,189.11 |
| Total education tax paid | <u>\$5,596,940.00</u> |
| Balance due school district (within 120 days) | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |

DELINQUENT TAXES

| Tax Year | Taxes Due July 1, 2016 | Paid In FY17 | Abated FY17 | Balance Due June 30, 2017 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| TY11/12 | 1,102.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,102.22 |
| TY12/13 | 1,146.81 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,146.81 |
| TY13/14 | 3,260.91 | 1,749.72 | 0.00 | 1,511.19 |
| TY14/15 | 37,216.93 | 33,763.90 | 0.00 | 3,453.03 |
| TY15/16 | 128,980.12 | 98,608.72 | 2.40 | 30,369.00 |
| | <u>\$171,706.99</u> | <u>134,122.34</u> | <u>2.40</u> | <u>37,582.25</u> |
| TY16/17 Del. Taxes Submitted to Collector as amended 5/18/17 | <u>168,608.07</u> | <u>72,281.15</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>96,326.92</u> |
| | <u><u>\$340,315.06</u></u> | | <u><u>2.40</u></u> | <u><u>133,909.17</u></u> |
| Interest on Delinquent Tax | | 11,798.87 * | | |
| Total Delinquent Taxes and Interest collected in FY17 | | <u><u>\$218,202.36</u></u> | | |

* In addition to Del. Interest, Town collects Late Interest (as per below).

Note: The Collector of Delinquent Taxes may charge a commission of 8% penalty on the amount of taxes owed (32 V.S.A. §1674).

In FY17, \$16,408.05 in penalties were collected and turned over to the Town. These penalties were then paid to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes: \$16,408.05 paid in FY17 (see Payroll, pg 30).

Under the Town's amended charter, starting in FY18 the Collector of Delinquent Taxes is an appointed position and the functions of the position are handled collectively by the town office staff.

The 8% penalty now accrues to the Town's General Fund.

TAX COLLECTION NOTICE

In August 2017, one property tax bill was sent out, payable in two installments. The due date and time is voted on at Town Meeting each year. The first installment for tax year 2017/2018 was due in November, and the second is **due by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. A slot has been installed in the back door of the Municipal Office Building for after-hours drop off.** Property taxes must be received in the Town Treasurer's office by 5:00 P.M. on the due date. The Town offers two methods for electronic payment of taxes: direct debit and a payment portal for credit and debit cards along with eChecks. **Post-marked tax payments dated on or before the tax due date, but received after the tax due date are NOT accepted as timely payments.** First installment taxes not received by the due date in November are charged Late Interest of 1% per month. Any taxes not received by the due date in May are turned over to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and charged an 8% penalty, in addition to 1% per month delinquent interest.

TOWN PAYROLL SUMMARY

| Employee | FY17 Salary | Salary & Benefits* | Employee | FY17 Salary | Salary & Benefits* |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| OFFICE | | | STIPEND | | |
| Sparrow, Denise** | \$ 31,829 | \$ 51,168 | Conti, Sandy | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,691 |
| Chickering, Rob | 2,533 | 2,727 | Etnier, Carl | 1,000 | 1,077 |
| Conti, Terri** | 18,699 | 21,381 | Gardner, Seth | 1,500 | 1,615 |
| Fillion, Deborah | 5,627 | 6,057 | Grundy, Dave | 1,000 | 1,077 |
| Flynn, CJ** | 33,462 | 55,544 | Hess, Scott | 500 | 538 |
| Flynn, Kristi | 1,513 | 1,628 | Hill, Norman | 500 | 538 |
| Gramer, Karen | 16,408 | 17,663 | Lane, Mark | 500 | 538 |
| Grundy, Dave | 99 | 106 | Morse, Elliott | 500 | 538 |
| Hazel, Ross | 10,391 | 11,186 | Northrup, Casey | 1,000 | 1,077 |
| Johnson, Bruce** | 74,275 | 85,134 | Pauly, Jack | 500 | 538 |
| Kehne, Theresa | 144 | 155 | Potter, Julie | 500 | 538 |
| Racanelli, Chris | 3,552 | 3,823 | Stewart, Jay | 500 | 538 |
| Staples, Cherie | 268 | 289 | Stout, Ray | 500 | 538 |
| Welch, Don | 33,500 | 36,063 | Swasey, Kim | 1,000 | 1,077 |
| | | | Troia, Gene | 1,000 | 1,077 |
| | | | Vissering, Jean | 750 | 807 |
| | | | Watson, Kim | 500 | 538 |
| | \$ 232,300 | \$ 292,924 | | \$ 14,250 | \$ 15,340 |
| HIGHWAY | | | Town | | |
| Campbell, Frank** | 45,290 | 72,394 | Subtotal | \$ 450,182 | \$ 597,849 |
| Garand, Mike** | 67,327 | 98,392 | | | |
| Hill, Peter | 1,260 | 1,356 | | | |
| Lorden, Ken** | 46,846 | 53,873 | | | |
| Seadeek, Craig** | 42,909 | 63,570 | | | |
| | \$ 203,632 | \$ 289,585 | CEMETERY | | |
| | | | Lamson, Nicholas | 1,442 | 1,553 |
| | | | Lamson, Timothy | 3,968 | 4,272 |
| | | | Morse, Elliott | 3,501 | 3,769 |
| | | | | \$ 8,911 | \$ 9,594 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 459,093 | \$ 607,443 |
| | | | PAYROLL | | |

* All benefits include Town's share of FICA (Social Security) and Medicare.

** These benefits also include employer-paid premiums for coverage of Health and Dental Insurance, Retirement, Short- and Long-Term Disability, and Life Insurance. Totals do not include Workers Compensation (\$20,289.50) and Unemployment Insurance (\$2,948.00) coverage for road crew and office staff in FY17.

FY17 payroll does not include \$2,334.40 paid to Election Workers.

Notes:

This payroll report shows 26 biweekly payrolls (FY17 pay periods ending on 7/7/16 through 6/22/17). Reports elsewhere in this book show accrued (partial) pay periods.

Mike Garand includes \$4,728.36 for pay-off of unused vacation and comp time.

COMPARATIVE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

| | FY16 | FY17 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,035,380 | \$ 1,268,571 |
| Investments | 111,929 | 314,067 |
| Receivables | 213,073 | 392,421 |
| Loan Receivable | 274,009 | 266,293 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 47,242 | 26,986 |
| Capital Assets: | | |
| Land | 358,328 | 488,483 |
| Construction in Progress | 57,815 | 136,417 |
| Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) | 3,774,246 | 3,940,171 |
| Total Assets | 5,872,022 | 6,833,409 |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS | 66,973 | 106,239 |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | 66,973 | 106,239 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts Payable | 60,173 | 278,943 |
| Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable | 12,438 | 10,634 |
| Due to Fiduciary Fund | 19,573 | 19,607 |
| Due to Delinquent Tax Collector | 13,737 | 10,713 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | 4,445 | 10,821 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities: | | |
| Due within One Year | 61,252 | 176,865 |
| Due in More than One Year | 1,746,892 | 1,797,019 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,918,510 | 2,304,602 |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | |
| Prepaid Property Taxes | 16,460 | 2,793 |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS | | 941 |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 16,460 | 3,734 |
| NET POSITION | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 2,639,366 | 2,907,695 |
| Restricted For: | | |
| Culture and Recreation | 51,143 | 51,537 |
| Community Development | 192,250 | 200,424 |
| Cemetery | 92,100 | 92,850 |
| Other | 1,403 | 1,405 |
| Unrestricted | 1,027,763 | 1,377,401 |
| Total Net Position | \$ 4,004,025 | \$ 4,631,312 |

*Adapted from FY16 & FY17 audits performed by Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier.
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TOWN PROPERTY

Information as of December 31, 2017

LAND, BUILDINGS, AND CEMETERIES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Town Office | 0.35 acre |
| Town Garage | 24.70 acres |
| Town Salt Shed | 1.50 acres |
| Templeton Fire Station | 1.00 acre |
| Emergency Services Facility | 1.52 acres |
| Town Forest | 96.36 acres |
| North St. (Baird) | 45.73 acres |
| Rte. 2 (Benton) | 10.42 acres |
| Coburn Rd. (Soule) | 5.00 acres |
| Recreation Field | 12.00 acres |
| Rte. 2 (Old LaPerle Farm) | 48.52 acres |
| Rte. 14N (WEC garage) | 0.55 acres |
| Rte. 2 (Hudson parcel) | 0.25 acres (<i>acquired July 20, 2017</i>) |
| Coburn Covered Bridge | |
| Cate Cemetery | 0.67 acre |
| Cutler Cemetery | 2.70 acres |
| Doty Cemetery | 2.80 acres |
| Quaker Cemetery | 0.42 acre |
| Tinkham Cemetery | 0.20 acre |
| Village Cemetery | 2.70 acres, <i>incl. former Town Hall lot</i> |
| Wheeler Cemetery | 1.30 acres |

Note: EMES and 18 acres belong to the East Montpelier Elementary School District

| VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT | Mileage | Hours |
|--|--------------------|-------|
| 2018 Komatsu WA270-8 Wheel Loader | 33 | 68 |
| 2018 Mack 10-wheel Dump/Plow Truck | 4,713 | 310 |
| 2017 Mack 10-wheel Dump/Plow Truck | 15,221 | 1,318 |
| 2015 International 7400 6-wheel Dump Truck | 19,668 | 1,662 |
| 2013 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Pickup | 46,338 | N/A |
| 2013 Mack 10-wheel Dump Truck | 72,273 | 4,969 |
| 2008 Volvo Excavator | N/A | 3,604 |
| 2008 Volvo 4-wheel Bucket Loader | ** Traded In ** | |
| 2008 International 10-wheel Dump Truck #289 | ** Traded In ** | |
| 2006 John Deere 772D Grader | N/A | 8,160 |
| 1998 Morbark Brush Chipper | N/A | 996 |
| 1982 GMC Chloride Truck | * Out of Service * | |
| 2015 Kubota Lawn Tractor (Cemetery Commission) | N/A | 397 |

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2017

| | Beginning Balance | Increases | Decreases | Ending Balance |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Governmental Activities | | | | |
| Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 358,328 | \$ 130,155 | \$ 0 | \$ 488,483 |
| Construction in Progress | 57,815 | 78,602 | 0 | 136,417 |
| Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated | <u>416,143</u> | <u>208,757</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>624,900</u> |
| Capital Assets, Being Depreciated: | | | | |
| Buildings and Building Improvements | 2,370,389 | 4,547 | 0 | 2,374,936 |
| Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment | 1,101,839 | 388,551 | 291,540 | 1,198,850 |
| Infrastructure | 2,078,390 | 193,900 | 99,712 | 2,172,578 |
| Totals | <u>5,550,618</u> | <u>586,998</u> | <u>391,252</u> | <u>5,746,364</u> |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation for: | | | | |
| Buildings and Building Improvements | 399,655 | 47,621 | 0 | 447,276 |
| Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment | 498,653 | 66,929 | 206,540 | 359,042 |
| Infrastructure | 878,064 | 178,498 | 56,687 | 999,875 |
| Totals | <u>1,776,372</u> | <u>293,048</u> | <u>263,227</u> | <u>1,806,193</u> |
| Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated | <u>3,774,246</u> | <u>293,950</u> | <u>128,025</u> | <u>3,940,171</u> |
| Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net | <u>\$ 4,190,389</u> | <u>\$ 502,707</u> | <u>\$ 128,025</u> | <u>\$ 4,565,071</u> |

Depreciation was charged as follows:

Governmental Activities:

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| General Government | \$ 4,438 |
| Public Safety | 39,812 |
| Highways and Streets | 247,698 |
| Cemetery | 1,100 |

Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities \$ 293,048

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PASS-THROUGH ACCOUNTS

| <i>FY17:</i> | <i>Paid to State</i> | <i>Balance Due</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dog State Rabies Program | \$ 481 | \$ 37 |
| State Dog Spay / Neuter Program | 1,912 | 132 |
| Marriage Licenses | 450 | 100 |
| | | <u>\$ 269</u> |

(Pass-through funds are fees collected by the Town Clerk and paid to the State.)

RESTRICTED FUNDS SUMMARY

Permanent Funds account for assets held by the Town pursuant to a trust agreement. The principal portion of this fund type must remain intact, but the earnings may be used to achieve the objectives of the fund: Carlton C. Smith Recreational Fund and the Perpetual Care Fund portion of the Cemetery Commission's accounts.

Special Revenue Funds are proceeds of specific revenue sources that are either legally restricted to specified purposes or designated to finance particular functions or activities of the Town. These restricted funds include: Emergency Services, Grand List Reappraisal, Land Conservation, Paving and Structures Projects, Rally Day, Recreation Fund, Town Forest, Veterans Memorial, Village Sidewalk Project, Capital Reserve, Cemetery's expendable savings accounts, and the Sandy Pines Community Development Fund.

CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND*

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 50,996.18 |
| Interest Income | 391.75 |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | <u>\$ 51,387.93</u> |

**\$50,000 bequest held in a CD; interest used for recreation in town.*

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 23,977.04 |
| Interest Income | 42.12 |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | <u>\$ 24,019.16</u> |

GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 79,378.26 |
| Interest Income | 144.76 |
| Received from State of Vermont | 10,353.00 |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | <u>\$ 89,876.02</u> |

LAND CONSERVATION FUND

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 5,535.25 |
| Interest Income | 16.07 |
| Voted 2016 Town Meeting Art.7 | 10,000.00 |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ 15,551.32 |

PAVING & STRUCTURES PROJECTS *

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Beginning Bank Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 8,254.00 |
| Expenses | (249,750.77) |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ (241,496.77) |

** to be reimbursed by grant funding*

RALLY DAY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 647.43 |
| Interest Income | 1.14 |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ 648.57 |

RECREATION FUND

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 9,180.74 |
| Interest Income | 3.25 |
| Town Appropriation, Voted 2016 Town Meeting | 3,000.00 |
| Revenue: Program Fees, Concessions, etc. | 4,424.17 |
| Expenses: Program Costs, Field Maintenance, etc. | (3,242.08) |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ 13,366.08 |

TOWN FOREST FUND

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 25,837.13 |
| Interest Income on CD and Savings account | 261.78 |
| Revenues (Forest Committee Program) | 1,300.00 |
| Expenses | (1,170.72) |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ 26,228.19 |

VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 1,402.53 |
| Interest Income | 2.46 |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ 1,404.99 |

VILLAGE SIDEWALK PROJECT

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Beginning Bank Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 27,390.00 |
| Revenues (from Grant)..... | 18,128.29 |
| Expenses | (20,325.99) |
| Ending Bank Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ 25,192.30 |

EAST MONTPELIER CAPITAL PLANNING BUDGET EXECUTIVE SUMMARY *

Details of the Capital Planning Budget are posted on the Town Website:
<http://eastmontpelier.vt.org/boards-commission/capital-improvement-committee/>

| Item | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Municipal Building | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 0 | 8,600 | 500 | 19,400 | 0 | 0 | 2,400 | 500 | 2,500 | 0 |
| Town Garage | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,000 | 0 |
| Emergency Services Facility | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 3,000 | 6,000 | 18,000 | 7,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,000 | 36,000 | 6,000 |
| Vehicles | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 63,950 | 63,950 | 63,950 | 62,827 | 0 | 35,000 | 135,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 70,000 |
| Heavy Equipment | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 175,000 | 100,000 | 0 | 300,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 175,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Paving | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 68,000 | 187,500 | 530,625 | 448,125 | 318,750 | 281,250 | 215,625 | 0 | 0 | 375,000 |
| Opportunity Fund | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 113,139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Totals | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Exp by Yr | 423,089 | 366,050 | 613,075 | 840,352 | 318,750 | 316,250 | 353,025 | 213,500 | 79,500 | 451,000 |
| Yearly Planning Budget | 414,817 | 431,484 | 431,484 | 431,484 | 431,484 | 431,484 | 431,484 | 431,484 | 431,484 | 431,484 |
| Capital Plan Balance | 574,214 | 639,647 | 458,056 | 49,188 | 161,922 | 277,155 | 355,614 | 573,598 | 925,582 | 906,066 |
| Total Initial Capital Plan Balance | \$582,486 | | | | | | | | | |

* See facing page and Capital Improvement Committee report on page 46.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$223,756.20 |
| Revenues: | |
| Interest earned | 331.50 |
| FY17 Appropriation (Budget Line Item) | 464,817.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Vehicle Loan Payments | (95,072.63) |
| Templeton Road Fire Station Renovations | (4,547.29) |
| Local Match for Grants | (4,643.52) |
| Old LaPerle Farm Committee | (2,155.50) |
| Ending Bank Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$582,485.76 |



Capital Reserve for the Emergency Services Facility (ESF)

In the agreements reached with the East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD) for the use of the ESF (a town-owned building), the EMFD agreed to use a portion of the ambulance service revenue to fund a capital reserve to cover long-term maintenance of the facility. Routine maintenance is covered by the EMFD's operating budget. The Town, in conjunction with EMFD, has developed a capital plan covering the life expectancies of most capital items connected with the facility. A portion of those costs will be covered by EMFD capital reserve, a portion by Calais, and the remainder by the Town. The Town's new capital plan includes expected outlays for ESF capital items and the current expectation is that the Town's portion will be covered by its new capital reserve fund.

Also Note: The East Montpelier Fire Department holds recent years' capital contributions for future equipment and truck replacement in its accounts. On June 30, 2017, the EMFD had \$104,118 designated in a capital account. In any calendar year, the Department may spend up to \$20,000 of capital account funds for emergency purchases at its own discretion. Any capital purchase exceeding \$20,000 requires approval by both Calais and East Montpelier Selectboards or, at the discretion of the Selectboards, may require approval by the voters of both towns with a warned article at Town Meeting.

EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION *

Christopher Reed was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2017–2018. It is our intention that the graves of all veterans be marked with a flag. Please advise the commission if a grave has been missed.

Goals for the 2018 season include:

- Complete the rehabilitation of the Cutler cemetery fence. The area was too wet to complete the project last summer.
- Completion of the landscaping and fence repair at the Tinkham cemetery.
- Update and improve the map of the Doty cemetery.
- Repair and stabilization of the Cutler cemetery vault.

2017 Activities:

- A perimeter tree that fell on adjoining property at the Cutler cemetery was cut and removed.
- Some of the Cutler fence improvement project was completed.
- The heavy steel door was removed from the Cutler vault to relieve strain on the structure. The granite has been temporarily braced to prevent further movement.

Future anticipated expenses:

- Equipment replacement (push mower and string trimmer).
- Land acquisition for additional burial space.

A budget of \$17,250 was developed for the coming year. Due to depletion of the cemetery bank accounts, and planning for repair of the Cutler vault,

\$17,250 is requested from the town. The budget is as follows:

Payroll \$11,000 • Fence Painting & Repair \$2,000 • Tombstone cleaning & repair \$1,500 • Parts, supplies and equipment maintenance \$1,500 • Tree cutting \$500 • Flags & markers \$150 • Cemetery Association \$100 • Contingency/Hogweed remediation \$500. Total = \$17,250.

Burial lots are available in the Doty cemetery. Costs are as follows:

- Four grave plot \$1400 includes \$750 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.
- Two grave plot \$800 includes \$375 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.
- Cremation plot \$550 includes \$225 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.

The commissioners thank: Chris Reed for his leadership this year; Frederick Strong for his many years of service and for hosting the meetings; Chris Lumbr for mowing the White cemetery; Dr. Gilbert for assisting with cleanup from the fallen tree at the Cutler cemetery.

CHRISTOPHER REED, *Chair* FREDERICK C. STRONG, *Clerk*
GARY HUDSON ELLIOTT MORSE TIM LAMSON

*** See Town Warning, Article 8 on page 9.**

CEMETERY FUNDS**Article 8
on page 9**

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Ending Fund Balance – reported June 30, 2016 | \$ 99,370.37 |
| June 2016 CD interest posted in July | 27.70 |
| Beginning Fund Balance, Adjusted – July 1, 2016 | \$ 99,393.07 |
| Income: | |
| Voted 2016 Town Meeting Art. 10 | 7,000.00 |
| Sale of plots (perpetual care) | 750.00 |
| Sale of plots (expendable) | 750.00 |
| | <u>8,500.00</u> |
| Interest Income | |
| People's Bank & TD Bank; Savings and CDs | 540.13 |
| Care of Cemeteries Expense (see Orders below) | (13,377.93) |
| Ending Balance - June 30, 2017 | <u>\$95,055.27</u> |

BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2017

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Expendable Funds: | |
| People's Bank Savings Account | <u>2,430.27</u> |
| | 2,430.27 |
| Non-Expendable Perpetual Care Funds: | |
| People's Bank CD | 71,125.00 |
| NCFCU CD | <u>21,500.00</u> |
| | 92,625.00 |
| Total Cemetery Funds | <u>\$95,055.27</u> |

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Payroll | \$ 9,753.87 |
| Fencing | 878.69 |
| Stone Cleaning & Repair | 225.00 |
| Trees & Invasive Species | 474.50 |
| New Corner Markers | 203.00 |
| Equipment Maintenance | 1,543.35 |
| Fuel | 190.46 |
| Memberships & Dues | 25.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 84.06 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$ 13,377.93</u> |

SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 24,874.92 |
| Loan Repayments from Housing Foundation, Inc. | 15,889.19 |
| Interest earned in FY17..... | 36.88 |
| Annual Payment to State of VT (as per below) | (7,944.60) |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ <u>32,856.39</u> |

Revolving loan/grant of Sandy Pines funds:

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| EMSLI (East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative) | |
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 | \$ 19,572.75 |
| Interest earned in FY17 | 34.40 |
| Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 | \$ <u>19,607.15</u> |

The Town of East Montpelier was awarded a grant of \$318,900.00 from the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) to fund the replacement of the sewage systems of Sandy Pines Mobile Home Park. The Town loaned the money to the Housing Foundation, Inc. at three (3%) percent per annum amortized over thirty (30) years. The project was completed in 1999.

Repayment Terms: Principal and interest payments began September 1, 2004. Monthly installments are in the amount of \$1,319.20, with the balance of any remaining indebtedness due and payable on June 1, 2022. Under VCDP rules, half of the principal and interest collected are to be turned over to the State annually.

Repayment Deferral: On August 15, 2005, the Selectboard approved a 5.5-year deferral of repayments and extension of the life of the loan as requested by the Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA). The VSHA used the deferred payments (\$15,830 per year) for the repair and upgrade of the water and electrical systems at Sandy Pines. Repayment of the \$311,472.78 balance resumed on April 1, 2011. Final loan payment is due on December 1, 2027.

Revolving Loan Fund:

The Revolving Loan Advisory Committee (RLAC) reviews appropriate uses for the town's portion of the repayment of VCDP funds. In 2013, the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI) requested funds for engineering tests and permit applications for a proposed senior housing project in East Montpelier. The committee conducted a public meeting in November 2013 to discuss this potential obligation and voted to recommend \$20,000 as a grant with the stipulation that if EMSLI moves forward and can acquire funding to build, that this grant be transitioned into a deferred loan. The Selectboard voted to approve the grant/loan to EMSLI.

Note: EMSLI's annual report appears on page 47.

CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Article 6
on page 8**

2017 saw the completion of two items we've been working on for quite some time. First, in April the Selectboard adopted our recommended revisions to the East Montpelier Conservation Fund Application Packet that is a result of two years of public discussion on the goals of the town's land conservation program, culminating in the October 2016 Conservation Summit. The updated packet was the result of six months of work by the committee, with significant contributions from the Planning Commission, to reduce to a few sentences the community's desired subtle shift in the priorities guiding the program. Added to the town's fundamental intent to preserve the working rural landscape that makes East Montpelier so special are broadened provisions for the enhancement of recreational opportunities and protection of natural resources along with an acknowledgment that fund use be consistent with the Town Plan.

Second, the Fairmont Dairy Phase 1 conservation project closed in late summer. This project, the first of a planned three-phase conservation effort of the former Lylehaven properties, permanently conserves 361 acres around Drake Road and provides a permanent trails easement along a stretch of the old rail bed heading toward Plainfield. The town contributed \$6,000 from the Land Conservation Fund to the easement purchase.

The committee appreciates the town's long support of land conservation through the use of the Conservation Fund. This year we're requesting an appropriation of **\$3,000** (Warning Article 6) for the fund to continue this mission.

LAND CONSERVATION FUND SUMMARY

| Date | Project | Town Funds | Total Amount | Acres |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 12/7/90 | Cleaves Farm | \$ 32,000 | \$ 301,968 | 285 |
| 5/14/93 | Bair/Chapell | 4,000 | 264,030 | 479 |
| 10/13/94 | Sparrow Farm | 31,000 | 307,975 | 163 |
| 6/28/96 | Frihauff/VLT | 5,000 | 106,470 | 167 |
| 10/24/96 | Sibley Farm | 10,000 | 229,895 | 172 |
| 6/16/99 | Christiansen Farm | 14,795 | 150,000 | 237 |
| 10/12/04 | Mallory Brook/Pratt | 15,000 | 400,000 | 481 |
| 6/15/06 | Clark Farm, phase 1 | 5,000 | 177,500 | 72 |
| 2/5/07 | Fairmont Farm | 10,000 | 316,092 | 159 |
| 6/19/08 | Benton Project | 12,000 | 120,000 | 11.5 |
| 3/5/12 | Soule (Coburn Rd) | 2,100 | 21,000 | 5 |
| 1/15/14 | Clark Farm, phase 2 | 4,685 | 136,385 | 134.7 |
| 11/2/15 | Ormsbee Farm | 15,000 | 15,000 | 171.5 |
| 9/27/17 | Fairmont Dairy | 6,000 | \$470,000 | 361 |
| Total Completed Projects | | \$ 166,580 | \$3,016,315 | 2,898.7 |

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST — 2017 EQUALIZATION STUDY*

East Montpelier 12195

School Dist. ID: 65

| Category | Property Count | ED Form 411 Listed Value | CUSE Value | Education Listed Value Excl. CUSE | Municipal Listed Value Excl. CUSE | Applied Ratio | Education Equalized Value | Municipal Equalized Value | COD | Average List Value Incl. State Exemption |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Residential 1 | 486 | 110,735,400 | 0 | 110,735,400 | 110,495,400 | 96.04 | 115,301,333 | 115,051,437 | 12.39 | 227,357 |
| Residential 2 | 403 | 136,110,953 | 796,200 | 135,314,753 | 135,194,753 | 95.37 | 142,722,616 | 142,596,791 | 9.96 | 356,569 |
| Mob.Home-Unlanded | 58 | 1,335,800 | 0 | 1,335,800 | 1,335,800 | 96.29 | 1,387,268 | 1,387,268 | 16.39 | 23,031 |
| Mobile Home-Landed | 47 | 6,202,600 | 0 | 6,202,600 | 6,172,600 | 105.20 | 5,896,008 | 5,867,490 | 2.69 | 131,332 |
| Seasonal 1 | 4 | 961,000 | 0 | 961,000 | 961,000 | 96.05 | 1,000,521 | 1,000,521 | 0.00 | 240,250 |
| Seasonal 2 | 3 | 259,700 | 6,600 | 253,100 | 253,100 | 96.05 | 270,460 | 270,460 | 0.00 | 111,133 |
| Commercial | 46 | 17,280,100 | 16,000 | 17,264,100 | 17,264,100 | 96.13 | 17,975,971 | 17,975,971 | 0.00 | 378,250 |
| Commercial Apts | 3 | 3,434,600 | 0 | 3,434,600 | 3,434,600 | 96.13 | 3,572,870 | 3,572,870 | 0.00 | 1,144,867 |
| Industrial-Manufac. | 3 | 3,359,900 | 0 | 3,359,900 | 3,359,900 | 96.13 | 3,495,163 | 3,495,163 | 0.00 | 1,119,967 |
| Utilities-Electric | 8 | 6,796,000 | 0 | 6,796,000 | 6,949,500 | 92.07 | 7,381,340 | 7,548,061 | 0.00 | 868,688 |
| Utilities-Other | 1 | 320,000 | 0 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 96.13 | 332,883 | 332,883 | 0.00 | 320,000 |
| Farm | 25 | 6,972,740 | 783,500 | 6,189,240 | 6,189,240 | 96.13 | 7,263,664 | 7,263,664 | 0.00 | 531,716 |
| Other & Woodland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 93 | 6,312,284 | 276,700 | 6,035,584 | 6,033,184 | 96.13 | 6,570,012 | 6,567,515 | 34.20 | 97,438 |
| Total Real Prop. | 1,180 | 300,081,077 | 1,879,000 | 298,202,077 | 297,963,177 | | 313,170,108 | 312,930,093 | | |
| Personal Property: | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Cable | 594,948 | 0 | 100.00 | 594,948 | 0 | | |
| | | | Inventory | Inv. Exempt | 0 | 100.00 | Inv. Exempt | 0 | | |
| | | | Machinery & Equipment | M&E Exempt | 0 | 100.00 | M&E Exempt | 0 | | |
| | | | Total Personal Property | 594,948 | 0 | | 594,948 | 0 | | |
| GRAND TOTAL (Real and Personal Property) | | | \$298,797,025 | \$297,963,177 | \$297,963,177 | 95.83 | \$313,765,056 | \$312,930,093 | 12.50 | Townwide COD |

----- Listed Value of Contracts and Exemptions -----

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|------------|
| Total Approved VEPC: | 0 | Total Grandfathered Exemptions: | 0 |
| Total Approved TIF District: | 0 | Total Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed. Tax): | 0 |
| Total Non-Approved Exemptions: | 2,400 | Total Special Exemptions Value: | 153,500 |
| Total Partial-Statutory Exempt.: | 0 | Total Current Use Reduction Value: | 17,088,023 |
| Total Veterans Exemptions EGL: | 130,000 | Total PVR-Applied - EGL: | 0 |
| Total Veterans Exemptions MGL: | 520,000 | Total PVR-Applied - MGL: | 0 |

Certified to County: \$313,765,000
 Certified to State: \$313,765,000

*from 12/15/17 Certified Final Computation Sheet
 VT Division of Property Valuation & Review

BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

In the Town of East Montpelier, between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017, there were 33 arms-length sales. An arms-length sale is a valid sale between two private parties. In the previous year (2015–2016) there were 31 valid sales and in 2014–2015 there were 27 such sales.

2017 was another good year for East Montpelier as measured by both our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) and our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion). The CLA increased from 94.94% to 95.83%. This change helps lower the education tax rate. The COD increased slightly from 12.02% to 12.50%. The COD is a measure of the disparity in the ratios of assessed values to arms-length sale prices that in the aggregate make up the CLA as measured against the median values of these ratios. In essence the COD measures the fairness of the assessed values relative to each other. The smaller the COD, the more equitable the assessments. When the COD rises to 20% or the CLA drops to 80%, the State of Vermont mandates a town-wide reappraisal.

The Listers of East Montpelier would like to thank the people of East Montpelier for their cooperation as we carry out the duties of our office.

ROSS HAZEL
ROB CHICKERING
CHRIS RACANELLI

| CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| 1998 | 100.93% | 2003 | 87.67% | 2008 | 56.44% | 2013 | 98.98% |
| 1999 | 99.99% | 2004 | 77.38% | 2009* | 98.73% | 2014 | 94.10% |
| 2000 | 100.35% | 2005 | 68.91% | 2010 | 98.92% | 2015 | 94.60% |
| 2001 | 98.69% | 2006 | 60.89% | 2011 | 97.16% | 2016 | 94.94% |
| 2002 | 92.27% | 2007 | 57.55% | 2012 | 98.22% | 2017 | 95.83% |
| *Reappraisal | | | | | | | |

See Final Computation Sheet of 2017 Equalization Study on the facing page

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In 2017, the Planning Commission focused on three major endeavors.

East Montpelier Village Master Plan

A Municipal Planning grant provided technical assistance from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) in developing the Master Plan. The Planning Commission held several public forums, which helped determine appropriate village boundaries, densities, and types of desired uses. The final plan (available on the town web site) includes two core mixed use areas, the Lower and Upper Villages, each with a mix of residential, institutional and business uses. These will be surrounded by residential areas extending west along upper Quaker Road to the East Montpelier Elementary School, and to the Humane Society on the east.

2018 Town Plan

The 2013 Town Plan expires in June of 2018, and the Planning Commission spent the last half of 2017 updating the Plan. The Town Plan guides community decisions of the town, especially as it relates to land use. It provides background and analysis of current conditions, and identifies goals, policies, and specific actions for the future. It is relied upon in both the Act 250 and Section 248 development review processes. The 2018 Town Plan will include new data and several new sections. The Town Plan is updated on a 5- to 8-year cycle.

Municipal Planning Grant to Update

Land Use Regulations and Zoning Districts

The Planning Commission applied for and received a grant to review the town's Land Use and Development Regulations as well as the zoning districts beginning in 2018. While the zoning regulations have been periodically updated, the zoning districts, boundaries, purposes, lot sizes and setbacks have not been revised since 1974. As a result, the regulations have not kept pace with current conditions or development trends and may not be meeting the stated purpose. In addition, new regulations and districts will be needed to implement the *East Montpelier Village Master Plan*, including updating planned unit development regulations and parking standards.

The Planning Commission also assisted the Energy Committee in developing an East Montpelier Municipal Energy Plan. This Plan, provides a roadmap for the town to achieve 90% renewable energy by 2050. At the same time it provides siting guidance to assure that new energy projects will be well sited and designed. When approved by the state, the town will receive substantial deference by the state as it reviews energy projects proposed to be located in East Montpelier.

Various Planning Commission members serve on other related committees, including the LaPerle Farm Committee, the Capitol Improvement Committee, the Energy Committee, the Development Review Board (DRB), and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

The PC holds its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 PM in the municipal building. The PC encourages inter-

ested citizens to attend any of its meetings; meetings begin with an opportunity for public comment. Persons may also contact any of the nine PC members (as of January 2018) below:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| JEAN VISSERING, <i>Chair</i> | SCOTT HESS | JACK PAULY |
| JULIE POTTER, <i>Vice Chair</i> | NORMAN HILL | JAY STEWART |
| KIM WATSON, <i>Corr. Secretary</i> | MARK LANE | RAY STOUT |



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Although permit activity remains slow, 2017 saw an encouraging jump in residential development. Six new single-family dwellings and 8 new building lots were approved, compared to 1 lot and 2 dwellings in 2016. Commercial activity, however, was essentially nil, with just a business sign permit and a boundary line adjustment. Overall, the 53 applications in 2017 are in line with the average of 54 over the previous 5 years, but well below the 20-year mean of 92 applications annually (1997-2016).

Zoning Applications Submitted Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2017

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 8 | New & Replacement Dwellings |
| 28 | Residential alteration, addition, garage, or accessory structure |
| 8 | Subdivision, Planned Unit Dev., or Boundary Line Adjustment |
| 1 | Commercial, Multi-Family, Public Facility, or Sign |
| 8 | Access or Right-of-Way Permits |
| <u>53</u> | Total Zoning Permit Applications |

In addition to providing staff support to the Planning Commission and Development Review Boards, the Zoning Administrator's job includes guiding applicants through the zoning process, issuing zoning permits, enforcing the zoning regulations, and serving as the town's E-911 coordinator and sewage officer.

Remember that the town plan, zoning regulations, application forms, maps, and much more are available on the town website: <http://eastmontpeliervt.org>. One thing you should always do, even for minor projects, is contact the state permit specialist for our region, Peter Kopsco (802-505-5367). Please contact me if you have any questions about your project, the zoning regulations, or the permitting and approval process.

—C. Bruce Johnson, *Zoning Administrator*



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board (DRB) is responsible for all local board review and management of land development in town. Permit applications that the Zoning Administrator is not empowered to approve or deny, under East Montpelier's Land Use and Development Regulations, are publicly reviewed by the DRB. The DRB also handles appeals of actions taken by the Zoning Administrator. The

DRB convenes to review applications as needed on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal office building. In addition, special or continued meetings will be held when necessary. Meetings are open to the public.

In 2017, the DRB met 7 times and conducted the following reviews:

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Site Plan, Conditional Use, and/or Permit Compliance |
| 7 | Subdivision, Planned Unit Dev., or Boundary Line Adjustment |
| 2 | Appeal, Variance, and/or Waiver |
| 6 | Sketch Plan and/or Conceptual Site Plan |
| 16 | Total DRB hearings |

The current members of the DRB are: Richard Curtis (Chair), Steve Kappel (Vice-Chair), Jeff Cueto, Carol Welch, Mark Lane, Norman Hill, Ken Santor, Kim Watson, and Alice Dworkin. Kristi Flynn, who is not a member of the DRB, serves as the Recording Secretary.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE *

The CIC has been meeting since 2013 to develop a capital improvement program and budget for the town. The CIC consists of five members, one selectboard member, one planning commissioner, the town treasurer and two members at large. Agendas and meeting minutes as well as the East Montpelier Capital Planning Process and our Future Needs Survey are posted on the Town website. Also posted on the website are details of the Capital Improvement plan as well as the Capital Reserve budgets adopted by the Selectboard.

Each year in the spring we solicit input from various town boards and committees, town officials, community organizations, and town residents, on projected future needs. We accept input and suggestions at any time. The group or individual proposing a project is responsible for defining the extent and costs of a project. The CIC's role in this process is to identify which projects are most important to the Town and how they might be financed. At this juncture there is no long line of projects looking for funding. We have heard some ideas from a few groups but have received little follow up information.

The CIC has reviewed and refined budgets for building maintenance, paving, truck and heavy equipment purchases. This year's recommendation for the Capital Reserve budget contribution has been included by the Selectboard in the Town FY2019 Budget.

We strongly feel that it is important to plan and save for the Town's future needs so that taxpayers in the town are not faced with large tax increases for projects that have not been carefully studied and adequately funded.

GENE TROIA, *Chair (Selectboard member)*

KIM WATSON (*Planning Commissioner*)

DON WELCH (*Town Treasurer*)

ED DEEGAN (*Member at Large*)

CASEY NORTHRUP (*Member at Large*)

**See Capital Planning Budget Executive Summary and Capital Reserve Fund on pp. 36–37.*

OLD LAPERLE FARM PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee, formed in 2016 to explore and recommend the possibilities for the use of the town-owned 48-acre LaPerle Farm property at the northeast end of East Montpelier Village, continues to sift through options for both the 3-acre site with the farmhouse and the large tract east of Sodom Pond Brook. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board awarded the town a \$10,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study for a multi-generational housing project on the large undeveloped parcel. The key element is wastewater capacity, which a 2016 analysis showed to be a limiting factor for a potential 20-30 unit project. The committee is currently investigating adjoining properties in hopes of gaining rights to additional septic capacity to boost the viability of any housing development.

The current committee members are Seth Gardner (Chair), Zach Sullivan, Andy Shapiro, Ray Stout, Bob Morey, and Ginny Callan. Advocates for the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative and Twin Valley Senior Center, along with members of the town's Village Committee, often take part in the committee's meetings. This is a lovely, but expensive to develop, property with myriad possibilities to enhance our community, including trails and other recreational uses, affordable housing, small commercial ventures, a community garden, renewable energy, and more.

Meeting times and minutes are posted on the town website, and the public are more than welcomed at the meetings. We want feedback and ardently encourage public participation in the committee's activities.



EAST MONTPELIER SENIOR LIVING INITIATIVE

EMSLI was created in 2005 by a group of town residents with a goal to provide housing for seniors and to assure that seniors who prefer to remain in town through their later years would have that option. We were granted non-profit status by the IRS in 2008.

After reviewing several potential properties over the years, we have hopes to collaborate with the Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee to include senior housing units with their final plan on the current site. Toward that end, EMSLI designed three possible buildings, each of which would include community facilities to provide services, including space for a permanent home for Twin Valley Senior Center.

All residents interested in housing for seniors should join us at the regular OLFPF committee meetings announced above.

At the time of this writing, EMSLI's Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on Feb. 20th, 2018, when we will elect new officers.

— RENÉE CARPENTER

TOWN CLERK REPORT

It has been a year of transition at the Town Clerk's office. During the 2017 Town Meeting, the Charter was changed to appoint the Town Clerk (as well as other town positions) for a one-year term. After a search process, I was hired and began work on the fifth of September. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received and have enjoyed greeting old friends and meeting new ones as you come into the office.

Professional development for this position is rich and varied. I hold a membership in the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA) and have attended two trainings of the Washington/Lamoille County group. Area town clerks have been gracious with their mentoring time, and attendance at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns workshops in October provided information about the new vital records law for Denise and me.

This new law goes into effect on July 1, 2018. Act 46 (not to be confused with school consolidation) will tighten security of birth and death records, requiring more formalized methods for requesting documents. Requestors of certified documents must be family members, complete a request form that will be held in the Clerk's office, and show valid identification. This new law is expected to enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates and reduce identity theft. An advantage of the law is Town Clerk access to any birth or death certificate *in the state*. This will minimize delays incurred with the current system which forced travel to another town, the state archives, or waiting for a mailed certificate. Please feel free to contact me for more information about the changes in how we handle death and birth certificates.

There is currently an initiative by the VMCTA to change the fee schedule for the recording of land records to better reflect the actual cost of recording and preserving documents. Vermont is one of only three states that uses a per page fee schedule and current charges have not been updated for several years. VMCTA will be forwarding the request for changes to this year's legislature for review and approval.

While the Town Clerk's chief statutory functions are to maintain the town's land records, vital records, and serve as the election official, there are a variety of other resources and services offered, including:

- Licensing for Dogs and Wolf Hybrids
- Marriage Licenses
- Certified copies of Birth and Death Certificates
- Green Mountain Passports
- Land Posting
- Voter Registration
- Free Notary Service with valid ID
- Land Records research
- Cemetery maps
- East Montpelier Trail maps
- Administration of Mallory Brook hunting permit lottery
- Petitions for Town Offices
- A bound copy of Vermont Statutes for in-building reference use
- Resources for basic genealogical research
- Historical Society publications available for purchase

Documentation held in the Town's vault continues to grow at a healthy rate. During the 2017 calendar year, a total of 614 documents consisting of 2,256 pages were recorded in the Land Records. Preservation of older records and document scanning for current records continues. A records retention policy and schedule for all documentation held in the vault is in development to mitigate current and future space issues.

We are here to help you! If you have questions about any of the services the office provides, please stop in, call or e-mail us.

—ROSIE LAQUERRE, *Town Clerk*

DENISE SPARROW, *Assistant Town Clerk*

ANIMAL LICENSES

All dogs and wolf-hybrids 6 (six) months of age or older shall annually on or before **April 1** be licensed. Any dog that is acquired after April 1 or becomes 6 (six) months old during the year shall be licensed within 30 days.

Fees for licensing a dog or wolf-hybrid are as follows:

| | | Late registration |
|--|---------|----------------------|
| 1. Neutered/Spayed dogs or wolf-hybrids | \$9.00 | \$11.00 |
| 2. Unneutered/Unspayed dogs or wolf-hybrids | \$13.00 | \$17.00 |

Note: For each license sold, \$5.00 pass through to the State as follows:

\$1.00 to State Rabies Program; \$4.00 to VT Spay/Neuter Program (below).

Spaying or neutering certificates from veterinarian **must** be exhibited.

A current rabies vaccination certificate **must** be filed with the Town Clerk.

Current rabies vaccination means that:

- (1) dog/wolf hybrid over 3 months or less than a year of age has been vaccinated
- (2) dog/wolf hybrid within 9–12 months of initial vaccination must receive a booster shot
- (3) dog/wolf hybrid subsequent vaccination following initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months [V.S.A. Title 20, Section 3581]

RABIES & VT SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

Neutering and spaying your pet helps control the population and reduces the chance for mammary and testicular cancer in pets. **Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program** (VSNIP) offers affordable spaying and neutering through most veterinarians. Applications and guidelines for the income sensitive VSNIP spay/neuter program are available at the Town Clerk's office (223-3313) and at the annual Rabies Clinic in March.

The East Montpelier Fire Department is hosting its annual **Rabies Clinic** on Thursday, **March 15, 2018** from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm for DOGS and CATS. The clinic will be held at the **East Montpelier Fire Department Station #2 at 54 Village Acres**. The cost is \$15.00 per animal. Thank you to Dr. Tom Stuwe, DVM for his continued willingness to vaccinate pets with all proceeds to benefit EMFD's Donation Fund.

Staff from the Town Clerk's office will be on hand to license dogs.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Beginning January 1, 2017, eligible persons may register to vote on any day up to and including the day of the election. You can also still register at the East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM, and Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM (17 V.S.A. § 2144).

Also, Vermont signed into law a bill to automatically and securely register eligible citizens to vote when they obtain or renew a driver's license from the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, unless they opt out of registration. The DMV has now implemented this Opt Out Voter Registration to replace the previous system of Opt In registration. You can also still register at the Department of Social Welfare, Department of Aging & Disability, the Department of Health, and various other State Agencies.

There is an electronic registration process through the Secretary of State's Website called the My Voter Page (MVP). Information regarding your registration status can be reviewed at this site. New Voter Registrations can be processed electronically by using your VT Driver's License Number or Personal ID Number. If neither of these are available, the last four digits of your Social Security Number can satisfy the requirement. If none of these options are available, the Secretary of State will issue a unique identifying number for the voter's use. This site includes a list of local poll locations as well as a link to allow you to order absentee ballots, a copy of the most current required Voter's Oath, and Sample Ballots, and can be accessed by voters at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Voter approval to allow the Town Clerk to add names to the checklist was given at Town Meeting in 2003. After any additions or amendments, the voter will receive an acknowledgement letter from the Town Clerk via US Mail. Seventeen-year-olds who will be eighteen by the time of the Election may register early and then vote at Town Meeting. If you register by means of any of the State Departments listed above, that part of the form is sent to our office by the Secretary of State's Office, and the Town Clerk then processes it with others received of recent date. You may administer yourself the Voter's Oath on the Voter Registration application. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk 223-3313.



VOTING RECORD AND POPULATION

East Montpelier Residents per 2010 Census: 2,576

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Total Registered</u> | <u>Australian Ballot (AB)</u> | <u>AB / FV Percentage</u> | <u>Floor Vote (FV)</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Town Meeting: | | | | |
| 2017 | 2,115 | 552 | 26% / | |
| 2016 | 2,025 | 1,130 | 56% / 14% | 290 |
| 2015 | 1,997 | 571 | 29% / 10% | 190 |
| 2014 | 1,995 | 543 | 27% / 13% | 255 |
| 2013 | 2,109 | 576 | 27% / 10% | 216 |
| 2012 | 2,037 | 696 | 34% / 11% | 218 |
| 2011 | 2,028 | 510 | 25% / 11% | 214 |
| 2010 | 1,990 | 650 | 33% / 11% | 213 |
| 2009 | 2,057 | 880 | 43% / 13% | 262 |
| 2008 | 1,903 | 1,151 | 60% / 16% | 301 |
| 2007 | 2,102 | 743 | 35% / 11% | 222 |
| 2006 | 2,059 | 674 | 33% / 12% | 249 |
| 2005 | 2,076 | 626 | 30% / 8% | 160 |
| 2004 | 1,984 | 807 | 41% / 8% | 164 |
| 2003 | 2,011 | 525 | 26% / 8% | 167 |
| 2002 | 1,973 | 587 | 30% / 15% | 294 |
| 2001 | 1,993 | 513 | 26% / 8% | 156 |
| 2000 | 1,832 | 727 | 40% / | |
| 1999 | 1,805 | 511 | 28% / | |
| 1998 | 1,777 | 671 | 38% / 9% | 156 |
| 1997 | 1,768 | 511 | 29% / 10% | 173 |
| 1996 | 1,622 | 521 | 32% / 16% | 263 |

Primary Election:

| | | | |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|
| 2016 | 2,024 | 889 | 44% |
| 2014 | 1,986 | 147 | 7% |
| 2012 | 2,052 | 326 | 16% |
| 2010 | 2,011 | 730 | 36% |
| 2008 | 1,942 | 160 | 8% |
| 2006 | 2,066 | 423 | 20% |
| 2004 | 2,053 | 224 | 11% |
| 2002 | 1,995 | 394 | 20% |
| 2000 | 1,892 | 724 | 38% |
| 1998 | 1,777 | 432 | 23% |
| 1996 | 1,689 | 145 | 9% |

General Election:

| | | | |
|------------|-------|-------|-----|
| 2016 | 2,107 | 1,631 | 77% |
| 2014 | 2,014 | 1,093 | 54% |
| 2012 | 2,116 | 1,600 | 76% |
| 2010 | 2,038 | 1,330 | 65% |
| 2008 | 2,046 | 1,675 | 82% |
| 2006 | 2,097 | 1,450 | 69% |
| 2004 | 2,116 | 1,569 | 74% |
| 2002 | 2,029 | 1,300 | 64% |
| 2000 | 2,020 | 1,530 | 76% |
| 1998 | 1,806 | 1,299 | 72% |
| 1996 | 1,777 | 1,323 | 75% |

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

To change a name
or address on the
voter checklist,
real estate grand list,
property deed,
dog license, etc.,
please contact:

Town Clerk
P.O. Box 157
East Montpelier
VT 05651
(802) 223-3313

— VITAL STATISTICS —
January 1 to December 31, 2017

BIRTHS

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Matilda Graves (F) | Ryden Murphy (M) | Theo Connor (M) |
| Hanaleia Hartz (F) | Truman Morse (M) | Breanna Chappell (F) |
| Jayden Cote-Wong (M) | Jacob Peake (M) | Sofia Chappell (F) |
| Ajax Adamant (M) | Maxton Garrett (M) | Alessia Miles (F) |
| Rhys Feld (M) | Sawyer Grant (M) | Emerson Renner (F) |
| Eric Sullivan (M) | Rilynn Morse (F) | |

MARRIAGES

Michael Ciampi & Dorothy Cool
 Christopher Wilson & Suzannah Vissering Klein
 Mary Beth Alderman & Margaret Bardossi
 Kenneth Libertoff & Sarah Davies Hofmann
 Marcus Haas & Stephanie Hazlett
 David Huber & Katherine Amey
 Andrew Frey & Jamie Trindle
 Omar Aguilar & Nicole Demestihias
 Jonathan Laroche & Jenna Brazier
 Lloyd Brown & Sandra Graves
 Daniel Riley & Karia Young-Eagle
 Jackson Ellis & Lisa Harmon
 Adam Cyr & Carrie Lacillade
 Chad Santor & Morgan Kittell
 Lawrence Daugherty & Kimberly Olsen

DEATHS

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Roy Bair (73) | Diane Dexter (65) |
| Armonia Cueto (95) | Jeffrey Biron (55) |
| Jean Smith (81) | Alice Walbridge (96) |
| David Coburn (82) | Robert Bragg (89) |
| Pamela Pollock (59) | Anna Towne (86) |
| Alexander Lamell-Henry (2) | Andrew Kline (71) |
| Esther Hoffman (96) | Jacqueline Durkee (65) |
| Barbara Starr (93) | Madeline Cutler (89) |
| Jeannette Harris (84) | Charles Haynes (73) |

EAST MONTPELIER ENERGY COMMITTEE

In 2017 the town energy committee was reconvened to address VT Act 174. Our focus was to meet new state guidelines specified in the legislature's Act 174 that will give the town a stronger voice in decisions about siting of renewable energy installations. Working with the Planning Commission (PC), we created guidelines that will allow for development of ample renewable energy while preserving the rural character of our town. In arriving at our guidelines, we crafted a balance between a number of attributes: size, location, demand, visual and environmental impact. These guidelines are included in the Town Plan to be voted on in 2018.

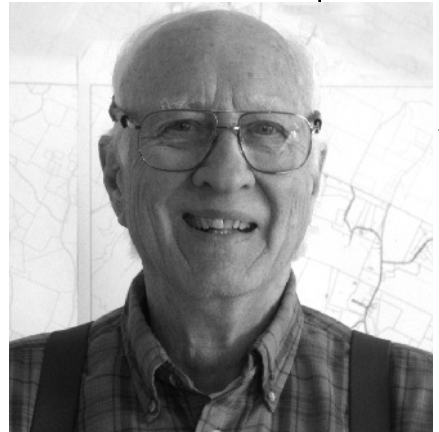
Committee members: *Lindy Biggs, Carl Etnier, Tom Fisher, Steve Knowlton, Cort Richardson, Bob Morey, Rob Chickering, and Scott Hess (PC liaison).*

DAVID B. GRUNDY Dec. 17, 1934–Jan. 21, 2018

Energy Committee founding member Dave Grundy passed the torch onto others this past year, finishing years of service to the cause of promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy, and community resilience in East Montpelier and in central Vermont. He raised awareness of the need for and possibilities of conservation and efficiency, helped arrange energy audits and renovations in town buildings, and helped bring energy auditors to many homes in town. He also recognized that a community where people know their neighbors is more resilient in the face of challenges on the energy front as well as others, and so he helped foster neighborhood dinners around town. —Carl Etnier

Dave Grundy, long time East Montpelier resident, died of cancer recently. I met Dave in 1970 when U-32 High School opened and we were both teachers at the new and innovative school. Over the years, Dave and I served on various town boards and committees together, as well as business and church endeavors. He enriched our community with thoughtfulness and good judgment. It will not be easy to fill the shoes he leaves behind but, fortunately for all of us, he leaves a great model of community service for us to follow. —Rob Chickering

Dave, in his quiet yet alert and intelligent manner, contributed a huge amount of energy to so many efforts in East Montpelier and also to his church community in Montpelier. He knew we all have to take care of the earth to make our planet sustainable for all life. He embodied a true citizen of our town by using his talents to make things work and grow in so many ways. Dave's life impacted so many—students, teaching colleagues, gardeners and recyclers, family and friends as well as the many volunteers in our town government who worked with him. —Sandal Cate



COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

At 2017 Town Meeting voters overwhelmingly approved changes to the East Montpelier governance charter that, among a number of other important amendments, shifted the Collector of Delinquent Taxes position from elected to appointed subject to the town's standard personnel policies. Effective July 1, 2017 Town Administrator Bruce Johnson was appointed as the delinquent tax collector and the functions of the position were absorbed by the town office staff. Although the town will still impose an 8% penalty on unpaid taxes, those funds will be treated as a general fund revenue item and will no longer be paid over to the tax collector.

You can view the town's delinquent tax collection policy on the town website at <http://eastmontpeliervt.org>. It is the intent of town personnel to handle tax collection in a sensitive, compassionate, fair, and consistent manner.

We appreciate the unfailingly gracious efforts of Karen Gramer during the transition period last summer. She has earned our gratitude for her decade of excellent service as the town's last elected collector of delinquent taxes.



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FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

With brutish cold forecasted (as I write), it is difficult to recall the mild winter we had last year. But that milder winter resulted in our prized schoolhouse needing less heat, equaling less oil consumed. Consequently, money was left over for another year's heating budget! This, combined with the heat savings created by the new interior thermal window inserts, has left us a bit of room in our budget, giving way to a level-funded budget request of **\$3,100** for fiscal year 2019.

Nothing too surprising occurred in the upkeep of our town's communal building; a leaky faucet was unplanned (!) but quickly repaired by a talented board member. Otherwise the routine was commonplace—the septic tank was emptied, the south exterior face of the building was prepared and painted, the flower gardens were attended to (again involving talented board members). Planning continues for exterior painting, the replacement of a failing exterior door, and further buttoning up of the building in pursuit of energy savings.

Spring will see the placement of a bench to honor Dave Coburn and his many contributions to the Historical Society, the FCSA, and the Town.

Worth noting is that the Four Corners Schoolhouse is now an official host to town notices and announcements. Simply open the outer front door into the entry and the town sanctioned bulletin board will be on your right. Please do not post any other notices on it.

We have the usual list of suspects contributing to the livelihood of the building and its schedule: Living Strong, the Sunday Singers, the Historical Society,

and the Gully Jumpers. We're very grateful for their long-term presence and contributions to the schoolhouse. In addition, the building played host to presentations of the Armchair Traveler, birthday and graduation parties, a painting workshop, numerous concerts, a sorority reunion, and story-telling from the wonderful duo of Tim and Leanne Jennings.

Please keep an eye on Front Porch Forum, as well as the town website and *The Signpost*, for what's going on at the Four Corners Schoolhouse!

Anyone wishing to reserve a space should contact Rachael Grossman at 223-3177, during civilized hours.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| HOBIE GUION, <i>President</i> | PETER BURROUGHS |
| DIANA FIELDER, <i>Vice President</i> | SHAWN DAVIDIAN |
| PAULIE COBURN, <i>Treasurer</i> | BENEDICT KOEHLER |
| RHODA CARROLL, <i>Secretary</i> | CHRIS REED |
| RACHAEL GROSSMAN, <i>Scheduler</i> | CAROLYN SHAPIRO |

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2016 **\$ 8,248.66**

Income

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| FY17 Town Funds (2016 Art. 8) | 4,200.00 |
| Rentals | 1,360.00 |
| Living Strong | 395.00 |
| Donations | 308.00 |
| Sunday Singers | 195.00 |

6,458.00

Expenses

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Electricity | 393.00 |
| Fuel oil | 774.32 |
| Janitorial | 650.00 |
| Insurance | 812.00 |
| Mowing/Plowing | 1,335.00 |
| Supplies | 62.00 |
| Floor Refinishing | 1,045.00 |
| Window Inserts | 573.74 |
| Repairs. | 200.00 |

(5,845.06)

Ending Balance – June 30, 2017 **\$ 8,861.60**

Ending Balance breaks into the following funds:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Painting Fund | \$2,000.00 |
| Reserve Fund (building improvement) | 1,136.50 |
| Septic Fund | 330.00 |
| Floor Refinishing Fund | 250.00 |
| General Fund | 5,145.10 |
| | \$ 8,861.60 |

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EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

Since the town voted in 2014 to support the East Montpelier *Signpost*, volunteers have worked to find a sustainable level of support which will cover operating expenses, while allowing a reasonable reserve fund to cover unexpected situations. Each year we have asked for less money as our reserves have built faster than expected. This year follows the same pattern as we decrease this year's request to \$6,000. This sum will assure the financial stability of the *Signpost* while not burdening East Montpelier taxpayers more than absolutely necessary.

Signpost volunteers continue to be heartened by taxpayer support—the financial aid voted at Town Meeting, and also the sponsorships, contributions, and complimentary comments we hear throughout the year. We encourage each of you to get involved with the *Signpost*—by actively helping with its creation, by making known what you like and don't like, by contributing ideas about what we should cover, by offering to write articles or take photos or draw pictures. In other words, please join us in any way you'd like to help make the *Signpost* something you want to read.

Regular *Signpost* volunteers are Terry Allen, Jennifer Boyer, Alex Brown, Charlie Catlin, Darryl Garland, Rachael Grossman, Rosie Laquerre, Edie Miller, Carolyn Pastore, Barbara Ploof, Mary Redmond, Merry Schmidt, Michelle Singer, Wendy Soliday, Ann Stanton, and Kathy Topping. We thank Rhoda Chickering and Ed Day who have contributed greatly for many years and stepped away from active involvement more recently.

This report shows the *Signpost* revenues and expenses for calendar year 2017 and notes the balances at the North Country Credit Union, the sole holder of *Signpost* funds.

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| 2017 Revenue: | |
| Sponsorships | \$ 1,350.00 |
| Contributions | 610.00 |
| Town Funding | 6,300.00 |
| Interest Earned | 14.77 |
| Total Revenue | <u>\$ 8,274.77</u> |
| 2017 Expenses: | |
| Printing & Mailing | \$ (7,826.09) |
| Miscellaneous (PO Box, returned mail, filings) | (209.80) |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$ (8,035.89)</u> |
| Net Operating Income | \$ 238.88 |

Bank Accounts as of Dec. 31, 2017

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Checking | \$ 3,254.84 |
| Savings | \$ 7,877.31 |
| Total | <u>\$11,132.15</u> |

EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS, INC.

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East Montpelier Trails is proud to report that our newest trail, the Ormsbee Trail is fully open from Powderhorn Glen to Center Road, with new parking areas and trailhead signs at each end of the trail. This multi-use trail is dedicated to generations of the Ormsbee family who settled and farmed the beautiful fields and forest there. We worked in partnership with Fairmont Farms, adjoining landowners, the Montpelier Area Mountain Bike Association, the road crew of East Montpelier, and of course our many volunteers. This trail connects to our existing trail network via the scenic stretch of Center Road past the Butler Farm.

We won a grant for \$1,200 from Outdoor Gear Exchange for making the new trailhead signs. An easy to read template has been created and we will continue to construct the signposts at each trail segment. This is a slow but steady process.

The Mallory Bridge replacement continues to present its special challenges due to its remote location and dynamic fluvial system, but progress has been made and we expect to see the new bridge open before the end of 2018. Until then, the bridge is closed, although the rest of the trail is open.

We saw extensive damage especially to pine groves along certain trails due to the big wind and rain storm in November. Some of these trees have been cleared from the path, some will be harvested by the landowners, and some will have to be professionally removed. Use patience and caution when you encounter these.

We are ever appreciative to the community for funding maintenance and construction work on the town trails. Most trails are accessible during all four seasons, so please get out and enjoy them. You can find us on Facebook and there is a trail map on our website: **emtrails.org**.



EAST MONTPELIER RECREATION BOARD

Programs thrived in 2017. The Recreation Board and Selectboard reviewed the plan to separate the Recreation Board into an independent entity; the decision was to put this on the back burner to be researched further and reexamined at a future date to be determined. The Board took on some internal reorganization and is currently working on updating all procedures and practices. New governing documents will be published as soon as possible.

We constantly examine new program opportunities brought to us to better serve the town of East Montpelier. Please note the new park area developing between the Elementary School property and the recreation fields. Further work will develop as the volunteer park committee itself grows and plans get finalized.

We also welcome all snowshoeing and cross country skiing enthusiast to join us on the new exercise loops being groomed on the school and recreation fields.

—PHILLIP HEINZ, *Chair* MIKE BLANCHARD, *Vice-Chair*
JACK ZEILENGA, *Secretary* ROBERT FITCH, *Treasurer*

TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

The Twin Valley Senior Center, founded in 1983, serves the communities of Cabot, Calais, East Montpelier, Marshfield, Plainfield, and Woodbury.

The TVSC facility at Blueberry Hill Commons (phone: 223-3322) on Rt. 2 between Plainfield and East Montpelier is alive with activity. A typical day will attract 30 to 35 people who come to the center to eat meals and/or participate in a variety of programs and services. These include information and referrals for healthier living; exercise and Tai Chi classes; craft workshops; free blood pressure and tax clinics; game nights; community dinners. Foot clinics are available for \$15 through Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice.

Since 2009, the TVSC has operated the regional Meals-on-Wheels program. The meals are prepared in our on-site kitchen by our paid part-time cook. The meals are packaged and delivered by a team of dedicated volunteers. Careful attention is paid to providing diet-appropriate meals and variety for each individual meal recipient. The drivers deliver these meals in all kinds of weather and road conditions. They are reimbursed mileage but volunteer their time and wear and tear on their vehicles.

In 2015–2016 TVSC delivered 6,757 meals to home bound seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities under age 60. We served 3,953 meals at the center. These numbers are growing each year as people live longer and strive to remain as independent as possible.

The expenses of Meals-on-Wheels are covered by contract with a monthly payment of \$3.50 per meal reimbursement with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. The actual cost is \$9.58 per meal, three times the reimbursement level. That difference and other operating costs are covered with funds from town appropriations, donations, fundraising by staff and volunteers, and contributions for meals from additional donations.

With a lingering uncertainty on the level of support we can expect from the state and federal government, TVSC relies more and more on the generosity of the people in the communities that we serve.

Twin Valley Senior Center is asking for your support. We are requesting that the Town of East Montpelier appropriate **\$3,500** to help TVSC continue with its mission. Only with your help can we continue to meet the need for Meals-on-Wheels and to facilitate the social, emotional, and physical well-being of independent senior citizens in our towns.

—RITA COPELAND, *Executive Director*

MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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Everyone 50+ is welcome at the MSAC, where vibrant, diverse programming promotes lifelong learning, healthy aging, socialization, enhanced nutrition, and access to aging resources. To learn more, visit www.montpelier-vt.org/msac, call us at 223-2518, or stop by at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier.

The mission of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center is to enhance the quality of life for the older adults in the Montpelier area through opportunities that develop physical, mental, cultural, social, and economic well-being at a welcoming, flexible environment.

Our core program is our diverse set of nearly 70 weekly classes, including movement classes, humanities classes, and arts classes that encourage mental and physical well-being. Our welcoming center offers a gathering space for games, computer use, a book and DVD library, and more. Classes are very affordable (a 12-week yoga class is just \$35), many activities are free, and financial aid is available to all.

Community meals, called FEAST Together, are offered on Tuesdays and Fridays for a low suggested donation. Meals are delivered daily to residents in Montpelier and Berlin. Over 17,000 meals in total were served last year. Additionally, MSAC serves to connect older adults to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent. MSAC hosts a free tax clinic, inexpensive foot care clinics, and serves as a gateway to community agencies. Our Resource Room provides a library of information about senior services and options. 99% of participants would recommend the Senior Activity Center to a friend, and 94% of participants tell us that the Center has had a positive effect on their life. One member told us, I am healthier, happier, more connected, more alive!

In the past year, at least 128 residents from East Montpelier participated in our programs, a 27% increase over the previous year (101), which has led us to increase our funding request to \$8,000 from \$7,000. However, our request per participant has decreased to \$62 from \$69 last year. As a supporting town, East Montpelier members have reduced dues and can register for classes as early as Montpelier residents and two weeks earlier than members from non-supporting towns. Additional uncounted residents from East Montpelier took advantage of the many MSAC and community events, meals, and services that are free and open to the public at the Center.

We recognize the great importance of Twin Valley Senior Center to your residents, including their senior nutrition program and increasingly diverse class and event offerings, and we believe in working collaboratively with many organizations to serve the vast and quickly growing number of senior citizens in our region!

We hope to serve even more East Montpelier residents in the coming year and greatly appreciate your town's support!

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

The People's Health & Wellness Clinic has been providing primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services since 1994. Our services include primary medical care, mental health, oral health, body work and other complementary health, diet and nutrition, and vision care. We are the regional contact for Ladies First, providing screening for breast and cervical cancer, as well as lifestyle coaching and memberships in weight loss programs for cardiovascular health for eligible women. Even if you are insured, Ladies First can fill gaps in coverage or provide complementary services. We offer tobacco cessation counseling, nicotine replacement therapies, and screen for alcohol and drug use. We provide navigation services for patients needing to sign up for health insurance through Vermont Health Connect, for Medicaid or commercial health insurance.

In Calendar Year 2017, PHWC served 557 unduplicated individuals, who came for 1,170 clinical visits, requiring 2,846 patient interactions. 287 of these patients were new to the Clinic. All of these numbers are significant increases over the past two years. We had 866 medical visits, 281 medical consults, and provided 904 diagnostic tests. 112 individuals came for 155 dental hygiene visits and 99 referrals to dentists for more advanced treatment. We provided 160 pharmaceutical samples, immunizations, and vouchers, and wrote hundreds more prescriptions. We screen all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and assistance programs. We help navigate the application process for Vermont Health Connect, Medicaid, Ladies First, Central Vermont Medical Center–UVM Health Network and other hospitals' patient financial assistance programs. We were able to successfully enroll them 134 times, often in more than one program.

EAST MONTPELIER RESIDENTS: 9 individuals sought our services in 2017, 6 of whom were new to the Clinic. They required 24 separate patient interactions. They came for 14 full medical visits. We provided or arranged for 20 diagnostic tests (labs, x-rays, etc.) and provided 1 immunization or pharmaceutical sample. We had 5 dental visits, resulting in 4 cleanings (prophylaxis), 4 x-rays, and 2 referrals out to participating dentists. Our navigation services helped 7 individuals successfully enroll into health insurance and assistance programs 3 times, as well as numerous renewals and other changes to their plans.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2017, over 60 volunteers gave more than \$88,000 worth of their time serving our patients. Over \$95,000 worth of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies and other services were donated for our patients. We paid \$6,721 for diagnostic testing, and leveraged another \$19,514 worth of tests.

We define our primary service area as all of Washington County, plus Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, but we do not restrict geographic access, and ended up serving people from 48 Vermont towns. People must have household income of less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level to be eligible for our services, but 90% were under 250%—basically the working poor.

As a federally-deemed free clinic, we cannot charge for services. We depend on grants and donations, including from our patients. For more information on our services, to make a donation, or to volunteer, please visit our website at ph-wcvt.org. Patients are seen by appointment only – call 802-479-1229, Monday through Thursday.

We are grateful to East Montpelier voters for your many years of support, and are pleased to be able to provide these services to the community. Thank you.

—PETER YOUNGBAER, *Executive Director*



CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

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CVHHH is a 106 year-old full service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of East Montpelier January 1 – December 31, 2017*

| Program | # of Visits |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Home Health Care | 1645 |
| Hospice Care | 221 |
| Long Term Care | 409 |
| Maternal Child Health | 25 |
| TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS | 2,301 |
| TOTAL PATIENTS | 97 |
| TOTAL ADMISSIONS | 132 |

**Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission.*

Preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from Jan. 1 – Sept. 30, 2017 and are not expected to vary significantly.

Town funding will help to ensure that CVHHH provides services in East Montpelier through 2018 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, CPA, President & CEO, Daniel Pudvah, Director of Development, or Kim Farnum, Manager of Community Relations & Development at 802.223.1878.

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US2 COMMUTER BUS

In April of 2010, GMTA and Rural Community Transportation (RCT) began operating the US2 Commuter, providing transportation along the Route 2 Corridor during peak commuting hours between St. Johnsbury and Montpelier. Service includes intermediate stops in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Marshfield, West Danville, and Danville. **In FY17, the US2 Commuter averaged 68 boardings per day, totaling 17,562 in total ridership.** While ridership dipped below FY16's performance, the route is still very productive according to the standards it is held to by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation.

This service was initially funded by a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, which provided federal funding to cover 80% of the net cost of the service for a three-year period. The remaining net service costs are covered by passenger fares and a 20% local match from the towns served by the route.

FY13 marked the end of the CMAQ grant with FY14 transitioning the route to another state/federal funding source equaling 80% of the cost. As in previous years, GMT will request the remaining 20% match from the towns served. For FY19 local match funds, GMT requests level funding of **\$8,333** per town.

Please feel free to contact Chris Loyer, Public Affairs Coordinator at 802-540-2451 or cloyer@ridegmt.com for additional information or with questions. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

—MARK A. SOUSA, *General Manager*



CENTRAL VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

For 41 years, CVEDC has been a driving force for the economic health of the region, playing a vital role in the development of businesses through financing, real estate development, workforce training, and more. We are the one-stop shop for any business question, serving all of Washington County, plus the towns of Washington, Orange, and Williamstown.

In the past year, CVEDC staff worked in our communities to hold Makers Faires in support of entrepreneurs growing small businesses. We worked with large and small employers to support workforce development. CVEDC established a revolving loan fund to finance early stage and growing small companies, with a focus on those companies most likely to create new living wage jobs. We are working with a collaborative of regional communities on a recruitment campaign to find new opportunities. CVEDC is acting proactively to identify those areas where we can create the greatest positive impact for our communities and the businesses that make Central Vermont their home.

To provide significant business resources at no cost to current and future businesses, we ask for community support to leverage with State and Federal dollars, as well as revenue generated through private sector support. **This year CVEDC asks for your continued support with level funding of \$900.** We look forward to continuing to work to build a strong, vibrant regional economy.



KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

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One of the busiest libraries in the state, KHL is an independent non-profit organization that serves East Montpelier and several other Central Vermont towns. Founded in 1894, the library is open 55 hours and six days per week. We have a collection of 71,297 items, and last year's circulation topped 271,000—the second highest in the state. We had over 201,000 patron visits. Borrowing printed books is still what patrons like to do best; however, we also lend other items and provide free public computers, wi-fi, e-books, e-audio books, six daily newspapers, and 84 magazines. Plus, we offer hundreds of programs each year.

Technology: We have 14 public computers, and last year patrons used them an average of 347 times per week. In addition to general internet access, we provide free access to 60 subscription databases. Plus, anyone with a KHL library card can take out e-books without even coming into the library. We offer two on-line e-book services, and last year patrons borrowed e-books and audio books 13,384 times, about 4,000 times more than the year before.

Programs: In 2017 we offered 546 programs—290 for children and 256 for adults. Attendance totaled 9,466. In addition to story time twice weekly, each summer our children's library offers a reading program and three camps.

Outreach: Our program regularly visits several East Montpelier daycares. Last year we lent them 1,376 books, and while making deliveries, volunteers read over 350 stories to children. Our volunteers and staff also serve adults, bringing books to the Old Meeting House Community Lunch, where patrons can choose from a selection or request specific books or authors.

East Montpelier: 581 adults and 105 children have library cards. Last year they checked out 16,500 items—not including e-books, which are not tracked by town—plus 1,376 books lent to daycares and 247 checked out at the OMH Lunch. Lindy Biggs is East Montpelier's representative to the Board of Trustees.

Funding: Only 50% comes from taxpayers, with the largest part coming from Montpelier. The statewide average per capita taxpayer contribution to their local library is over \$30, almost twice what our towns pay. Four years ago, KHL moved to \$16 per capita and has been there since. East Montpelier has actually been at \$14.97 since library trustees put a cap on percentage increases the last time. This year, trustees are asking all towns for a \$1.00 per capita increase. In East Montpelier's case, in an effort to gradually catch it up to other towns (at \$17), the trustees are asking for a \$1.18 per capita increase—to \$16.15. **KHL is asking East Montpelier to provide \$42,022 towards our operations.** Although this is a \$3,408 increase, it is the first time we have asked for an increase in four years.

The library's current budget is \$909,000. Fundraising, donations, grants and earnings on the library's endowment, provide half the library's revenue and allow it to offer high quality service to our communities at far less than the statewide average. *We are asking East Montpelier residents to pay 4.6% of the cost of running the library*, and for that support they receive full access to one of Vermont's premier public libraries.

—TOM McKONE, *Executive Director*

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

CVRPC provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to 23 member towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

2017 East Montpelier Activities

- Created invasive plants map and updated town's web map.
- Provided data and mapping for the Town Plan and reviewed updates.
- Initiated a joint Stormwater Master Plan with Woodbury and Calais.
- Completed a road erosion inventory; trained town staff to use digital application.
- Provided grant writing assistance for road side erosion project.
- Alternatives study of Towne Hill Rd/Gallison Hill Rd/Brazier Rd intersection.
- Created E911 Service Area maps, assisted with Local Emergency Operations Plan update, and created a Tier II facilities summary and map.
- Assisted Energy Comm. with Town standing in Certificate of Public Good cases.
- Helped identify eligible roads and manage Grants in Aid construction funds.
- Assisted Village Master Plan and writing a grant application for zoning updates.
- Secured funds to plan flood resilience and forest integrity in Winooski Headwaters.

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization and plan updates.
- *Brownfields:* Environmental site assessments so properties can be developed to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs, increase housing opportunities.
- *Transportation Advisory Committee:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning decisions; provide studies, plans, data collection, counts.
- *Emergency planning:* Prepare for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- *Natural resource planning:* To protect water, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- *Geographic Information System services:* Support projects of municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis.
- *Special projects:* Downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications.

CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning, to help offset costs. and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource—please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

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Requests for public support from local non-profit organizations continue to increase to fulfill the need for social services in East Montpelier and the region. Our committee evaluates these requests by considering the nature of the services provided, the number of residents served, the availability of other funding sources, and each organization's ability to meet specific community needs, such as those of the disabled, vulnerable youths, or seniors. Most organizations rely on multiple sources of revenue; the local support from our town often provides the match necessary to secure funding from federal and state agencies or private donors.

Last year voters agreed to appropriate \$21,836 (less than 1% of the budget) to support 31 organizations. This year the committee considered requests totaling \$29,591 from 34 organizations. Central VT Habitat for Humanity and VT Family Network submitted first-time applications. The Selectboard decided to remove the Montpelier Senior Activity Center permanently from this committee's process and will now treat MSAC like Kellogg-Hubbard Library with direct requests to the board and individual warned articles at town meeting. The same fate is likely in store for Central VT Home Health and Hospice next year, but for now CVHHH still submits an application to the committee. Like last year, however, it will have a stand-alone article in the amount of \$5,500 (level funded request) on the town meeting warning. The committee's recommendations for other organizations are listed below, totaling **\$22,691**, a **3.9%** increase over last year.

The FY2019 funding recommendations appear **in bold** in the list below along with the amounts approved in the previous two fiscal years. If available, we have included the number of residents directly served. Please feel free to contact these organizations when in need, to volunteer your own time and skills, or to make additional financial contributions.

American Red Cross, New Hampshire & Vermont Region (800-464-6692) provides immediate relief and shelter for victims of disasters, works to educate citizens on health and safety issues, organizes blood drives, and provides local personnel with trainings on disaster preparedness and shelter operations. The organization did not provide emergency assistance to any families in East Montpelier last year, but is ready for support when necessary. (\$250; \$250; **\$250**)

Capstone Community Action (479-1053) works with families to build better lives and to create thriving local communities through Head Start and Early Head Start, Community Economic Dev. programs, and other Family and Community Support services, including Emergency Food & Crisis Fuel, Home Weatherization assistance, etc. It served 138 residents during the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (476-4588) provides free basic education and literacy services for adults and teens over sixteen years. Approximately half of the students receive help preparing for GED certificates or alternative high school diplomas. Services on average are provided to 7 residents annually, with 2 residents served during the past year. (\$750; \$750; **\$750**)

Central Vermont Council on Aging (479-0531) provides meal and transportation services, legal advice, case management, and advocacy for Central Vermont elders. CVCOA also operates the RSVP Volunteer Program, linking volunteers with nonprofit organizations. The organization served 62 residents in the past year. (\$1,875; \$1,875; **\$1,875**)

Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity (522-8611) provides homeownership opportunities to low income families. Many of you may have participated in the recent CVHH home-building project in East Montpelier and the organization hopes to do more projects here in the future. (\$0; \$0; **\$250**)

Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center (229-5900) operates the ice skating rink used by area schools and offers open skating times for residents in East Montpelier. (\$1,000; \$1,000; **\$1,000**)

Circle (476-6010; Hotline: 877-543-9498) serves families in Washington County in cases involving domestic abuse. The shelter provides safe homes, emotional support, legal assistance, food and clothes, and a 24-hour hotline. The organization also develops and sponsors prevention programs in local schools. It served 10 residents directly in the past year. (\$675; \$675; **\$675**)

Downstreet Housing and Community Development (476-4493) (formerly Central Vermont Community Land Trust) develops and manages affordable housing projects; it provides education, counseling, loans, and financial services for homeowners through its Homeowner Center and facilitates community development projects. Nineteen residents took advantage of CVCLT services during the past year. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

East Montpelier Community Connections (223-7936) provides after school, vacation, and summer programming for preschool and school-age children, including mentoring and youth outreach, and creates opportunities for children to learn from community members. It served 147 students in the past year. (\$2,500; \$2,500; **\$2,500**)

Family Center of Washington County (262-3292) provides services for children and families, including preschool playgroups, parent education, home visits, and referral services for childcare. It served 74 residents in the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

Friends of the Winooski River (882-8276) is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River, including its tributaries and watershed, from Cabot to Colchester. Members monitor water quality, conduct river cleanup projects, educate landowners and students in river stewardship. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring (224-6500) was originally part of Community Connections. It currently provides the link between at-risk youths, ages 8-18, and volunteer mentors, who encourage healthy activities and can make a positive difference in their lives. In the past year, 2 youths were paired with mentors in East Montpelier. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

Good Beginnings of Central Vermont (595-7953) provides free home visitation services and workshops for new parents. Volunteers visit for one to three

hours per week for up to three months to connect new parents to community support and provide supplies and information about good parenting. In the past year, it served 6 families in East Montpelier. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

Good Samaritan Haven (479-2294) provides short-term emergency shelter, meals, and basic services for homeless adults. Federal and state funds support its core program, which provides housing and employment assistance, case management, and referral services. The organization, which helped 10 East Montpelier residents last year, provides 75 winter beds and 30 year-round. (\$750; \$750; **\$750**)

Green Mountain Transit (223-7287) is a community transportation service that matches requests for rides from local residents, who are either disabled or elderly, with available transport, including vans, volunteer drivers, and van/pools. It served 17 townspeople in the past year. The company also operates the commuter bus service along U.S. Route 2 supported by a separate appropriation in the town budget. (\$1,366; \$1,366; **\$1,366**)

Green Up Vermont (229-4586) uses town funds to provide Green Up Day bags, posters, publicity, and information for town chairpersons to promote roadside cleanup and litter control on Green Up Day. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

Home Share Now (479-8544) provides affordable housing options through facilitation of shared housing. Formerly operated under the Central Vermont Council on Aging, the organization matches people needing housing with those who wish to remain in their homes. Services and in-kind contributions are exchanged for housing. Sixteen people were involved in matches in East Montpelier last year. (\$800; \$800; **\$800**)

North Branch Nature Center (229-6206) offers environmental education through nature programs and summer camps and provides open trails on its 28-acre property. The Educating Children Outdoors program trains teachers to operate programs in our local schools. Approximately 150 residents participated in programs at the center. (\$750; \$750; **\$750**)

Onion River Food Shelf, Inc. (223-6548) provides emergency food for three days for those in need in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Calais, Marshfield, and Cabot. It served 66 residents in the past year. (\$1000; \$1000; **\$1,000**)

OUR House of Central Vermont (476-8825) works closely with DCF and law enforcement to provide a safe space, supportive environment, and counseling for sexual assault victims, survivors, and non-offending family members during the investigative process. Seven residents benefited from services in the past year. (\$250; \$250; **\$250**)

People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc. (479-1229) provides basic primary, preventive, and oral care to the uninsured and underinsured through a team of volunteer doctors, nurses, and a dental hygienist. It also assists patients with health-care financing and insurance applications. The clinic served 8 residents in the past year. (\$1,250; \$1,250; **\$1,250**)

Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont (229-5724) works to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education, support, and public awareness programs.

The Care for Kids program trains childcare professionals, parents, and others who interact with children to prevent child sexual abuse. Last year 63 residents participated in its programs. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

Project Independence (476-3630) provides adult day services for the elderly and disabled to enable them to remain in their homes while also providing respite for regular caregivers. Services include mental and physical health therapies, nutritious meals, and recreation at the center. Last year the organization served 2 residents. (\$250; \$125; **\$125**)

Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington Co. (476-1388; hotline: 479-5577) operates a hotline and provides emergency medical assistance, shelter, counseling, advocacy and legal advice for victims of sexual violence. 227 Washington County residents received assistance last year. (\$250; \$250; **\$250**)

Twin Valley Senior Center (223-3322) serves meals three days a week and sponsors health clinics and classes at its new location on US Route 2 in East Montpelier. The organization delivers meals-on-wheels to seniors, including to 15 in East Montpelier, and provides rides to the center for meals and programs. 32 residents participated in TVSC classes last year. (\$1,500; \$3,000; **\$3,500**)

T. W. Wood Gallery (262-6035) provides educational art services for youth, families, seniors and other Central Vermont residents, including exhibits of contemporary local art, art camps for children, afterschool programs, and art classes for all ages. (\$0; \$500; **\$500**)

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (877-350-8838) provides training and support services to children and adults with vision problems, either blindness or impairment, to maintain independence. It served 109 clients from Washington County in the past year. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

Vermont CARES (371-6222) supports and advocates for people infected with HIV/AIDS. The organization works to prevent infection through testing and awareness programs and served 10 residents last year. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

Vermont Center for Independent Living (229-0501) provides services and advocacy for people with disabilities. The organization assists disabled people to lead active and productive lives with as great a degree of independence as possible. It served 5 residents in the past year. (\$245; \$245; **\$250**)

Vermont Family Network (800-800-4005) is a statewide organization whose mission is to empower and support families of children with special needs. Programs & services include trainings, parent matches, school meeting support, and a help-line. VFN served 6 local families last year. (\$0; \$0; **\$100**)

Washington County Diversion Program (479-1900) offers first-time offenders a one-time opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses by compensating crime victims and providing community service hours to local organizations. The program saves tax dollars that would have been spent on court proceedings. It served 20 residents in the past year. (\$450; \$600; **\$600**)

Washington County Mental Health Services (223-6328; Hotline: 229-0591) operates emergency and community support services for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Programs include home-based support for children and families, counseling, residential treatment, and psychiatric and nursing services. It served 54 residents in the past year. (\$800; \$800; **\$800**)

Washington County Youth Services Bureau – Boys and Girls Club (229-9151) helps youths and their families create healthy conditions in their lives. Emphasis is on problem resolution; crisis intervention; individual and family counseling; and substance abuse prevention, including early intervention, and treatment. It served 45 East Montpelier youths in the past year. (\$400; \$400; **\$400**)

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FRIENDS OF COBURN POND

It's been five years since the Agency of Transportation (VTrans) completed the constructed wetlands to the south of the Coburn Pond swimming hole. When we discovered the use of the herbicide glyphosate last summer (explicitly not allowed, as per our court ordered agreement that we worked so hard to attain), we jumped into action—yet again. The short story is that we achieved an agreement for VTrans to manually remove so-called “nuisance species.” Many thanks to the several Friends of Coburn Pond (FoCP) who came out on a cold November morning to work alongside a few VTrans staffers toward that goal. Thanks also to Mike Bald, our local expert in manual removal and management of these difficult species. In addition to his help, he also offered a long-term strategic plan as to how to keep these “invasives” in check. We look forward to offering ongoing species management workshops in East Montpelier with Mike to assist everyone interested in controlling nuisance species.

As we reported last year, FoCP has been discussing with the Town a long-term ownership-management partnership that will be an important step toward conserving the property for swimming and other public recreation in perpetuity. Meanwhile, FoCP, neighbors, and many others have been enjoying the site across all seasons—swimming, fishing, observing wildlife, dog walking, cross-country skiing, ice skating, snowmobiling, horseback riding, and more.

If you love any of these (or other) outdoor activities, and are willing to help secure the long-term protection of Coburn Pond, please contact Renée Carpenter at 454-7303 or reneehc6@myfairpoint.net. Thank you for the encouragement and support of so many of you throughout the year!

RENÉE CARPENTER ROSS HAZEL THOMAS WEISS
for the Friends of Coburn Pond

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The Wrightsville Beach Recreation District (WBRD) was formed in 1985 and is made up of four member towns: East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. A five-member Board with representatives from each town (Montpelier has two) provides oversight for the district. WBRD Manager Collin O'Neil has responsibility for all operations and staffing. In 2017 the Beach District had a total budget of \$72,100; 20% or \$14,702 came from a per capita charge from each of the member towns (\$1.10 per person in 2017). The remainder comes mostly from user fees and an annual payment from Washington Electric Coop.

| Revenue | | Expenditures | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Washington Electric | \$9,500 | Personnel | \$41,783 |
| Municipal Assessments | 14,702 | Maintenance | 10,302 |
| Season's User Fees | 40,398 | Operating | 14,194 |
| Grants | 7,500 | | |
| Total Revenue | \$72,100 | Total Expenditures | \$66,279 |

The summer of 2017 was one of the rainiest we have seen out at the Beach, with two Beach closings during the summer due to high water. A late season warm-up boosted attendance and helped to end the season on a high note.

This year the WBRD Manager presented at the annual Vermont Recreation Symposium. He joined two other recreation departments organized as Municipal Districts. This model is increasingly being considered by towns across Vermont as a way to increase and improve recreational facilities by pooling resources from multiple towns. Wrightsville is viewed as a successful example from which others can learn.

Management added a School Group Package to our 2017 season offerings and we immediately saw a great increase in the number of area schools interested in bringing groups to the Beach. The following schools brought at least one group: Doty, Rumney, Berlin Elementary, Calais, East Montpelier, River Rock, Spaulding, Chelsea, Williamstown, Northfield, New School Montpelier, Maple Hill Plainfield, and a number of Washington County Mental Health groups. Not only is it great to see all these children playing at the beach with classmates, but these outings introduce kids and school staff to the park. Because many of the groups were large, scheduling them all at the end of the school year proved challenging.

2017 also saw the introduction of more health and fitness promotion at the Beach. These offerings were very popular and will return for the 2018 season. They included:

- Automatic sunscreen dispenser (free and safe for all ages)
- Beach Yoga
- Disc Golf Tournaments
- Hiking and Biking events

The Board welcomes suggestions and feedback about the operations and facilities at Wrightsville Beach. Thanks to the member communities for your continued support of Wrightsville Beach.

CARL WITKE, *Worcester, Chair*

JON COPANS, *Montpelier*

JESSICA CHAVES, *Montpelier*

KIM KENDALL, *East Montpelier*

JANE DUDLEY, *Middlesex*

COLLIN O'NEIL, *Beach Manager*

EAST MONTPELIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The East Montpelier and Calais Historical Societies held joint monthly meetings and programs in 2017. The Program Committee of Elliott Morse, Gail Graham, Manuel & Mary Garcia, Peter & Lila Christiansen, Sandal & Paul Cate, Dave Newhall, and Chris Reed lined up a variety of excellent programs for all to enjoy.

On April 17 David Coburn, our illustrious Historical Society member, past President, and most recently secretary, passed away. This was a sad loss to his family and our town as Dave did so much to keep our history alive by his writings and publications, his excellent planning of many exhibits for the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, his speaking and presentations, and articles for the Signpost. We miss his spirit and direction immensely.

Our programs began in February with Richard and Betty Rogers from Chelsea presenting a Whatzit show with items from the past for all to look at and write their guess on the identity of each item. A fun program! In March, Vermont Historical Society (VHS) staff came to tell us about the resources available at the VHS Library and Museum. Our April meeting was a sugar on snow party held at the East Calais Recreation Center, followed by a wonderful historical slide show of past and present sugar houses in the area presented by Elliott Morse. In May, Steve Perkins, Director of the VHS, presented a program on National Life's Vermont mural and its move to the VHS Museum.

June was to have been a field trip to the Templeton/Chapell Farm but had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Our July annual croquet tournament and ice cream social was held without croquet due to weather, but a geographic trivia contest and ice cream social went on as planned under cover. In August we heard a program on Calais School Houses by Gail Graham. Gail did quite a bit of research to explain how the various schools were situated and named. In September, Amanda Gustin of the VHS gave a Vermont Humanities talk about 100 Years of Vermont in Films.

In October we elected officers for 2018: Sandal Cate, President; Andy Christiansen, Vice President; Teresa Doyle, Secretary; and Mary Garcia, Treasurer. A program was presented by Manuel Garcia and Paul Heller about the history and pre-history of Montpelier focusing on its founder, Colonel Jacob Davis. November's year-end potluck was followed by John David Book, author and president of the Worcester Historical Society, presenting, *A High Price to Pay, a Heavy Burden to Bear: One (Cabot) Family's Civil War Story* through the VT Humanities Council's speakers bureau.

For more information about the Historical Society and meetings, please check our website at <http://eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org>. We welcome all who want to attend our gatherings, and gladly accept new members. Please come join us and share a moment in time!!

— SANDAL CATE, *President*

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The CVSWMD serves 19 member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents to reduce and manage solid waste. Casey Northrup represents East Montpelier on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates, and providing information and resources to our member communities.

In FY17, CVSWMD provided \$7,363 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants and \$4,534 in Green Up Day Grants to businesses and schools in member municipalities. The town of East Montpelier received a \$306 Green Up Day Grant. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring. East Montpelier Elementary School received a Zero Waste Grant of \$2,303 to purchase a waste sorting station for the cafeteria.

After 14 years, CVSWMD is no longer in the business of hauling food scraps from schools and businesses in central VT. Our efforts, and those of our partners, kept 12,112 tons of food scraps out of the landfill! In 2017, CVSWMD successfully transitioned all organics hauling routes to Grow Compost of Moretown. We will continue to provide resources and technical assistance to businesses to reduce and divert food waste from the landfill to comply with state law.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins, and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 27 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries, and more. In FY17, we taught at East Montpelier Elementary and U-32. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Special Collections:** In 2017, nine events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs. Collection events for household hazardous waste were held in Barre Town, Montpelier, and Hardwick, with an additional paint, battery, and bulb collection in Hardwick.
- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials. Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC. In FY17, 394 residents from East Montpelier recycled at the ARCC.
- **Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information including what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, composting, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials in the alphabet: cvswmd.org/arcc.

—CVSWMD, 137 Barre St, Montpelier, VT 05602 | 229-9383

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (VDH)

Your local health district office is in Barre City: McFarland Building, 5 Perry St, Suite 250; phone number 802-479-4200. Come visit or give us a call!

With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, the VDH delivers a wide range of public health services and support to your community. By partnering with community groups, we also address the many social determinants that impact health: education, transportation, housing, poverty, public safety, community engagement, and health care. Some examples of our work in 2017 include:

- **Supported healthy communities:** The Health Department's **3-4-50** initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity, and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, and lung disease that result in more than **50%** of deaths in Washington County. Some local examples include, awards of Worksite Wellness grants and school Wellness Policy development that promote healthy eating and physical activity. VDH has also partnered with Community Connections for tobacco prevention education with adolescents.

Work continue to build trauma-informed communities that understand Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs). One in four of Vermont's children have experienced a significant ACE. We work with schools, clinics, and providers to create a prevention model of mental and physical health across the life-span. The Childhood Trauma Education Initiative provided assistance to organizations and schools; these efforts have expanded through Building Flourishing Communities initiative.

- **Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families:** We served 1,640 pregnant women and children to age five in the Barre district with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with employers, grocery stores, and farmers markets across the state to enable women and children in our community to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. Average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

- **Worked to prevent and control spread of disease:** In 2017, \$15,014,203 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide. Community education on the prevention of mosquito and tick-borne illness was provided at a variety of venues through collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Reserve Corp (MRC at www.oncallforvt.org).

- **Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse:** Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Washington County, we assisted grantees with creating educational documents for municipalities on the benefits of limiting alcohol advertising and retail locations, educating the community on safe storage and disposal of prescription medications, promoting federal drug takeback days, and hosting parenting classes.

CENTRAL VT STATE POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

We are an independent, non-profit organization, created to provide an information conduit between VT State Police of the Middlesex Barracks and the 18 towns in its service area, including East Montpelier. The Board meets 6 times a year to hear reports of the status of the Barracks personnel and learn about specialized services of the VSP. It hosts an annual picnic for Middlesex Barracks personnel and their families in appreciation for their service. To discuss any non-emergency issues you may have, please contact your town's representatives:

CAROL & DON WELCH 223-6208

Of the 251 towns and cities in Vermont, approximately 200, like East Montpelier, do not have their own municipal police force. If those towns take no action to provide for their own law enforcement needs, VT State Police (VSP) is the default law enforcement agency.

Basic law enforcement services are paid for by the State through legislative appropriation; VSP does not bill the town for services unless the town chooses to contract with VSP for additional patrol time. For several years East Montpelier has contracted with VSP to provide about 40 hours per month over and above VSP's routine coverage, carried out by officers on an overtime basis.

State police officers (troopers) respond to a wide variety of calls, including the investigation of criminal acts and motor vehicle collisions, in addition to patrolling state highways and town roads to enforce traffic laws and deter criminal activity. Because the VSP has to cover such a wide area with a limited number of troopers, it is not uncommon under some circumstances for troopers to take reports over the phone rather than responding in person. The VSP also provides a variety of specialized services including a Bomb Squad, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Scuba Team, Search and Rescue Team, and a Tactical Services Unit, as well as seasonal marine and snowmobile patrols.

VT State Police – A Troop Middlesex Barracks: 2017 Crime & Police Service Report for East Montpelier

| | Violent Crime | | | | Property Crime | | | | Other | | Traffic Incidents | | | | Misc. | | | |
|------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Murder/Manslaughter | Sexual Assault | Robbery | Assault (aggravated/simple) | Burglary | Larceny/Theft | Motor Vehicle Theft | Other Property Crime | Illegal Drug Incident | Disorderly Conduct/Other | Fatal Crash | Accident Investig. (DMV) | MV Related Incident | DUI Incident | Runaway Juvenile | Death Investigation | Misc. Service Call | Total Law Incident |
| 2017 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 37 | 0 | 14 | 46 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 254 | 416 |
| 2016 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 25 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 21 | 52 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 333 | 494 |
| +/- | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | -1 | -11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18 | -1 | -7 | -6 | -3 | 1 | 0 | -79 | -78 |

Vermont State Police, Middlesex Station

Emergency phone **911** — Non-emergency phone **229-9191**

In an emergency (a crime in progress, fire, medical emergency or other life threatening situation), call 911. For non-emergencies, call (802) 229-9191.

State Game Warden Sean Fowler

State Police dispatch **229-9191** — Home phone **454-9919**

Game Wardens enforce VT hunting, fishing and trapping laws, and help resolve human-wildlife conflicts. Call if you witness a violation, like shooting from the road, night-time poaching, hunting on posted property, or baiting/feeding deer; also, if you need help with nuisance beavers, deer, bears, or see a rabid raccoon.

Washington County Sheriff's Department

Phone **223-3001** 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Washington County Sheriff's Dept has an agreement with the VT State Police in Middlesex to respond to calls received by State Police, if the Sheriff's Department is nearby and is requested by State Police to respond. Citizens should call VT State Police for immediate assistance. Sheriffs also do Snowmobile Patrol.

East Montpelier First Constable Sandy Conti - home phone 479-3169

Town Constables can serve a summons from a court to a party in a lawsuit, destroy animals, kill injured deer, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, serve as a district court officer, and/or remove disorderly people from town meeting. Selectboards may direct constables to enforce civil ordinances.

First Constable & Animal Control Officer Sandy Conti - home ph 479-3169

Assistant Animal Control Officer Elliott Morse – home phone **223-6279**

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for capturing and impounding dangerous or stray animals, investigating cases of animal cruelty, and enforcing licensing laws.



TOWN CONSTABLE & ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Another year of serving the Town of East Montpelier included calls to assist in neighbor disputes, official Election Duty, and provide aid to Law Enforcement officials and Emergency Personnel.

The majority of calls received continue to be lost, found, or stray animals. There has been the occasional wildlife in distress. As always, I cannot stress enough to make sure that your canines have been registered and have tags on their collars. It certainly makes it easier to reunite dogs with their owners. For those roaming pets, it is the worst feeling to have to bring them to the Humane Society. There are times they are claimed, and other times not.

As always, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the residents of East Montpelier for their respect and cooperation for various calls.

—SANDY F. CONTI, *First Constable & Animal Control Officer*

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT and AMBULANCE SERVICE

As we close out 2017 and begin a new year, East Montpelier Fire Dept. (EMFD) thanks the Towns of East Montpelier and Calais for your continued support of emergency services in our communities. As times change we continually strive to provide the highest level of fire protection and medical services. The men and women of EMFD meet weekly to train and keep their skills up to date and ready to respond to whatever type of emergency may arise.

2017 Fire brought a new heavy rescue pumper to the firehouse, replacing our old heavy rescue. This new truck allows us to respond with up to 8 firefighters onboard and to fight fires as well as all rescue operations. The new truck has been very busy since it arrived 6 months ago responding to multiple structure fires and rescue emergencies. The new truck was purchased and is being paid for by the EMFD using funds generated from ambulance billing. We have also had the opportunity to take community members for show-and-tell rides with one child very excitedly asking if we could take him and his friends through the McDonald's drive thru.

2017 EMS saw the ambulance service continue to grow with more staffing coverage and increased paramedic coverage. We have had several new staff members join our service this year and several members graduate with new certifications. 2018 brings a new round of State protocol updates that will require additional training and allow more field administration of drug interventions and procedures. This will be important as we see an increase in drug overdoses.

Please take time to talk with your children about the YouTube challenges that ask kids to do and post crazy things to see how many likes they can get. These challenges are very dangerous, including the new Tide Pod laundry challenge where kids are biting into laundry detergent pods. These challenges are causing poisonous chemicals to be ingested.

Carbon monoxide calls have been on the rise this year. Please make sure any vented combustible appliance has been serviced and cleaned properly. Check your exhaust vents to make sure they are not obstructed. We are also seeing frozen vent pipes causing sewer gas (methane) to back up into houses. Replace batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and test to make sure they are functioning properly. Remember carbon monoxide is a silent killer and early detection can save the lives of you and your family. If you do not have detectors and are unable to afford one contact EMFD for assistance.

ANNUAL RABIES SHOT CLINIC – March 15, 2018 at East Montpelier Fire Station (in the village) from 6:00–7:30pm

Veterinarian Dr. Thomas Stuwe provides this service for \$15 to benefit the EMFD. East Montpelier Town Clerk will be on premises to register canines.

Contact the Town Clerk at **223-3313** for more information.

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPT. 2017 CALL STATISTICS

| | Calais | East Montpelier | Plainfield | Mutual Aid | Annual Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Ambulance Transport | 24 | 120 | 60 | 28 | 232 |
| Ambulance No Transport | 26 | 94 | 20 | 17 | 157 |
| Fires | 16 | 50 | 3 | 15 | 84 |
| Car accidents | 10 | 37 | 9 | 3 | 59 |
| Burn Permits | | 83 | | | 83 |
| Annual Total by Town | 76 | 384 | 92 | 63 | 615 |

Emergency preparedness is always on the front burner for us and, as we watch the change in weather patterns and severity of the storms, we want to make sure you have a safety action plan for your family and your home in the event of an emergency. This plan should include basic life necessities, evacuation, medical conditions that might need special care, heat, power, etc. As we experienced the wind storm in 2017 knocking out power in some areas for long periods of time and downed power lines and trees blocking roads for emergency response, we know this created emergency situations. Remember do not drive over or go near downed power lines. Please maintain your driveways to allow safe access for bigger firetrucks and ambulances. Keep driveways clear of snow and ice and cut back low hanging trees that can inhibit access or possibly damage trucks. Place identifiable number markings that are visible from the road. We have adopted a new active 911 system that allows us to get direct dispatch information connected to mapping sent to our phones to help us navigate to your location.

2017 found EMFD joining into a new partnership with the local Cub Scout Troop as their charter sponsor. We are proud to take on this responsibility and look forward to working with them on upcoming projects. Their spirits were full of laughter and energy as they assisted us with shopping, sorting and wrapping for the holiday food and gift drives. Thank you to the young men and their families that assisted in support of the communities.

- For Calais Burn Permits, call Fire Warden Greg Pelchuck at 454-73777.
 - For East Montpelier Burn Permits, call EMFD at 225-6245.
 - For Calais and East Montpelier Fireworks Permits, call EMFD at 225-6245.
- Remember permits must be submitted at least 15 days in advance.

Thank you to Megan Cannella for her two years of service as Administrative Assistant/Secretary/Treasurer!

Thank you and have a safe and prosperous 2018.

—TY ROLLAND, *Fire Chief*
TOBY TALBOT, *President*

EMFD Membership by Seniority with Rank, January 2018

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | Morse, Elliott | Safety Officer, Founding Member |
| 2 | Brazier, Tom | Firefighter |
| 3 | Winston, Jon | Firefighter |
| 4 | George, Bill | Firefighter |
| 5 | Parker, Todd | Firefighter |
| 6 | Pelchuck, Greg | Firefighter |
| 7 | Huoppi, Karl | Firefighter |
| 8 | Rolland, Ty | Fire Chief, Firefighter, EMT |
| 9 | Copping, Jay | Firefighter, AEMT |
| 10 | Copping, Robin | Asst. Chaplain, Firefighter, AEMT |
| 11 | Barstow, Rick | Firefighter |
| 12 | Talbot, Toby | Deputy Chief EMS, President, Firefighter-1 |
| 13 | Tuller, Chris | Firefighter |
| 14 | Wong, Jason | Captain, Firefighter, Board Member |
| 15 | Quesnel, Sara | Firefighter, AEMT |
| 16 | Boucher, Jon | Asst. Chief, Firefighter-1 |
| 17 | Quesnel, Chris | Firefighter-2 |
| 18 | Guare, Paul | Asst. Chief, Firefighter, Board Member |
| 19 | Conti, Sandy | Lieutenant, Firefighter, Board Member |
| 20 | Brown, Larry | Deputy Chief Fire, Firefighter-1, AEMT |
| 21 | Nutbrown, Brad | Firefighter |
| 22 | Fleury, Brad | Firefighter, ECA, Board Member |
| 23 | Boguzewski, Alex | Firefighter |
| 24 | Amell, Bill | Firefighter, AEMT |
| 25 | Petrella, Albert | Lieutenant, Firefighter, Board Member |
| 26 | Ouellette, Gary | Firefighter, Vice President |
| 27 | Lowe, Veronica | EMT |
| 28 | Casto-Gordon, Melissa | Firefighter |
| 29 | Taylor, Ray | EMT |
| 30 | Parker, Thomas | Firefighter, EMT |
| 31 | Lamson, Justin | Firefighter |

Cook, Riley Junior Firefighter

ACTIVE SUPPORTING

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Gray, Jason | Firefighter-2, AEMT |
| Larrabee, Jake | Firefighter-1, AEMT |
| Gouge, Joshua | AEMT |
| Gouge, Rachael | AEMT |
| Hersey, Doug | EMT |
| Bagg, Scott | Firefighter, Paramedic |
| Wood, Jay | Paramedic |
| DeCoursey, Ryan | Paramedic |
| Gero, Jeannine | AEMT |
| Cannella, Megan | Treasurer/Administrative Assistant |

**EAST MONTPELIER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

| | <u>Unrestricted</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| CASH RECEIPTS: | |
| East Montpelier appropriation | \$ 234,419 |
| Calais appropriation | 117,209 |
| Plainfield appropriation | 46,257 |
| Donations | 7,491 |
| Interest | 308 |
| Ambulance fees | 130,050 |
| Loan proceeds | 250,000 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>487</u> |
| Total cash receipts | <u>786,221</u> |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS: | |
| Fire services | 548,962 |
| Ambulance services | 268,354 |
| General and administrative | <u>25,738</u> |
| Total cash disbursements | <u>843,054</u> |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH | (56,833) |
| CASH, beginning of year | <u>200,951</u> |
| CASH, end of year | \$ <u>144,118</u> |
| LIABILITIES: | |
| Liabilities which exist are not reported on the pure cash basis of accounting | \$ <u>-</u> |
| NET CASH BALANCES: | |
| Unrestricted | |
| Designated by the Board for - | |
| Contingency | 40,000 |
| Capital | <u>104,118</u> |
| Total net cash balances | <u>144,118</u> |
| Total liabilities and net cash balances | \$ <u>144,118</u> |

Notes:

For more information about EMFD Capital Reserve Program, see pp 36–37.

For more about Emergency Services Facility bond repayment, see pp 14–15.

The East Montpelier Town Auditors do not inspect the EMFD accounts.

A copy of EMFD's independent audit is available for review at the Town Offices.

FIRE DEPT. BUDGET

| | Actual | Budget | Budget | Proposed |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 7/1/16-6/30/17 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 |
| ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE | | | | |
| 4100 E. Montpelier Contribution | \$ 105,040.00 | 105,040 | 106,693.33 | 113,569.33 |
| 4120 Calais Contribution | 52,520.00 | 52,520 | 53,346.67 | 56,784.67 |
| Total Income | \$ 157,560.00 | 157,560 | 160,040.00 | 170,354.00 |
| Expense | | | | |
| 5010 Audit | 5,500.00 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 5,500 |
| 5020 Building 1 | 1,018.64 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 5030 Building 2 | 6,447.37 | 7,500 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| 5050 Bookkeeping | 7,763.00 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 9,400 |
| 5060 Cellular Phone | 1,952.39 | 1,200 | 2,040 | 2,000 |
| 5070 Diesel | 1,535.44 | 3,000 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| 5080 Dispatch | 20,042.96 | 20,100 | 22,000 | 25,666 |
| 5085 Dry Hydrants | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 5090 Dues | 857.00 | 900 | 900 | 1,100 |
| 5100 Electric-Station 1 | 644.03 | 650 | 650 | 650 |
| 5110 Electric-Station 2 | 9,102.99 | 9,500 | 9,500 | 9,500 |
| 5112 Snow Plowing | 4,950.00 | 5,400 | 5,000 | 5,500 |
| 5130 Equipment Repair | 4,322.33 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 5,000 |
| 5140 Firefighting Supplies | 1,590.60 | 4,000 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 5150 Gasoline | 908.14 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 5160 Heating Oil-Station 1 | 3,039.24 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| 5165 Wood Pellets-Station 2 | 6,295.38 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| 5170 Heating LP-Station 2 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| 5200 Insurance | 56,175.00 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 37,488 |
| 5230 Legal | 96.00 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 5240 Bank Charges | 53.18 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 5245 Chaplain's Fund | 60.00 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| 5250 Admin/Office Supp (Amb) | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| 5260 Office Supplies (Fire) | 1,813.87 | 1,500 | 8,500 | 7,500 |
| 5280 Personal Gear | 6,540.43 | 7,500 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 5285 Physicals | 101.00 | 1,500 | 500 | 600 |
| 5300 Postage | 631.29 | 560 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 5320 Radio Repairs | 28.30 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 5325 Radio Replacement | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| 5340 Refreshments | 1,178.78 | 1,500 | 9,400 | 9,400 |
| 5360 Stipend, Matching Funds | 10,172.93 | 9,400 | 3,500 | 4,500 |
| 5380 Telephone | 4,309.51 | 3,500 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 5400 Vehicle Repairs | 9,110.51 | 11,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| 5420 Training | 330.00 | 1,500 | 200 | 200 |
| 5450 Hose Testing | 0 | 0 | 2,500 | 0 |
| Total Expense | \$ 166,570.31 | 157,560 | 160,040 | 170,354 |
| Net Ordinary Income | \$ -9,010.31 | | | |
| 4500 Donations | 7,491.09 | | | |
| 5894 Unbudgeted-Donation Exp. | -9,026.48 | | | |
| 5940 Unbudgeted Aux Rabies Clin | -742.00 | | | |
| 4900 Miscellaneous Income | 467.11 | | | |
| 4964 Admin Records Request Fee | 20.00 | | | |
| 5895 Unbudgeted-Other Exp. | -1,221.49 | | | |
| 4700 Interest/Dividends | 286.57 | | | |
| 4808 Loan Proceeds | 250,000.00 | | | |
| 5887 Unbudgeted Building 2 | -2,413.54 | | | |
| 6002 Capital Exp-Buildings | -1,128.24 | | | |
| 6003 Capital Exp-SCBA | -14,811.04 | | | |
| 6004 Capital Exp-Equipment | -10,199.82 | | | |
| 6005 Capital Expense-Trucks | -370,825.12 | | | |
| Total Other Activity | -152,102.96 | | | |
| Net Cash Receipts & Disbursements | \$ -161,113.27 | | | |

AMBULANCE BUDGET

| | Actual 7/1/16-6/30/17 | Budget FY17 | Budget FY18 | Proposed FY19 |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| 4959 Plainfield Budget Pmt (Amb)..... | \$ 46,257.00 | 46,257.00 | 47,644.71 | 49,074 |
| 4960 E. Mont. Budget Pmt (Amb)..... | 129,378.66 | 129,378.66 | 145,336.86 | 152,798 |
| 4961 Calais Budget Pmt (Amb) | 64,689.34 | 64,689.34 | 72,668.43 | 76,399 |
| 4966 Contingency Funds..... | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Income | \$ 240,325.00 | 240,325.00 | 265,650.00 | 278,271 |
| Expense | | | | |
| 5050 Bookkeeping..... | 1,934.06 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| 5070 Diesel | 3,801.61 | 6,000 | 5,500 | 5,500 |
| 5080 Dispatch | 13,455.96 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| 5090 Dues | 519.99 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| 5130 Equipment Repair | 2,014.26 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 5200 Insurance..... | 18,865.00 | 17,500 | 17,500 | 22,569 |
| 5240 Bank Charges | 30.00 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 5250 Admin/Office Supp (Amb)..... | 3,082.83 | 2,200 | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| 5265 Office Computer/Software | 4,717.31 | 4,500 | 6,000 | 5,000 |
| 5320 Radio Repairs | 0 | 500 | 250 | 250 |
| 5325 Radio Replacement..... | 0 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| 5400 Vehicle Repairs..... | 3,714.13 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 4,000 |
| 5420 Training..... | 1,100.00 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 500 |
| 5430 Defibrillator Maintenance | 0 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 1,402 |
| 5500 Salary | 153,331.14 | 152,000 | 170,000 | 180,000 |
| 5510 Payroll Tax..... | 18,589.33 | 20,800 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 5515 Payroll Fee..... | 748.32 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 5520 Medical Supplies | 15,593.68 | 14,000 | 15,000 | 16,000 |
| 5530 Infection Control | 28.57 | 1,000 | 100 | 250 |
| 5550 Oxygen | 1,029.76 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Total Expense | \$ 242,555.95 | 240,325 | 265,650 | 278,271 |
| Net Ordinary Income | \$ -2,230.95 | | | |
| OTHER ACTIVITY: | | | | |
| 6000 Donations Income/Expense | | | | |
| 5940 Unbudgeted Aux Rabies Clin | -550.00 | | | |
| Total 6000 Donations Income/Expense.... | -550.00 | | | |
| 7000 Contingency | | | | |
| 5895 Unbudgeted-Other Exp..... | -200.00 | | | |
| Total 7000 Contingency | -200.00 | | | |
| 8000 Amb insurance rev and exp | | | | |
| 4962 Insurance Revenue (Amb)..... | 130,050.09 | | | |
| 5893 Unbudgeted-Defib Loan..... | -6,171.36 | | | |
| 5898 Unbudgeted-Amb Billing | -6,877.00 | | | |
| 5899 Unbudgeted-Paramedic | -6,800.00 | | | |
| 5900 Unbudgeted-Patient Overpay | -988.72 | | | |
| Total 8000 Amb insurance rev & exp | 109,213.01 | | | |
| 9000 Capital activity | | | | |
| 4700 Interest/Dividends..... | 21.67 | | | |
| Total 9000 Capital activity | 21.67 | | | |
| Total Other Income..... | 108,484.68 | | | |
| Other Expense | | | | |
| 5996 Unbudgeted-Medicare App | -3,299.72 | | | |
| Total Other Expense | -3,299.72 | | | |
| Net Other Activity | 105,184.96 | | | |
| Net Cash Receipts & Disbursements | \$ 102,954.01 | | | |

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November 30, 2017

Selectboard
Town of East Montpelier, Vermont
P.O. Box 157
East Montpelier, VT 05651

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017 and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2017. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, as discussed as follows, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Deficiencies in Internal Control and Other Recommendations as Item 2017-1 to be a material weakness.

These findings are part of a full audit done by Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier; copies are available for review at the Town Offices and on the town's website at <http://eastmontpeliervt.org/documents/external-audits/>

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November 30, 2017

We have also noted other matters during our audit as indicated in the accompanying Schedule of Deficiencies in Internal Control and Other Recommendations that are opportunities for strengthening internal control and operating efficiency. We have discussed the recommendations with the staff during the course of fieldwork and some of the recommendations may have already been implemented.

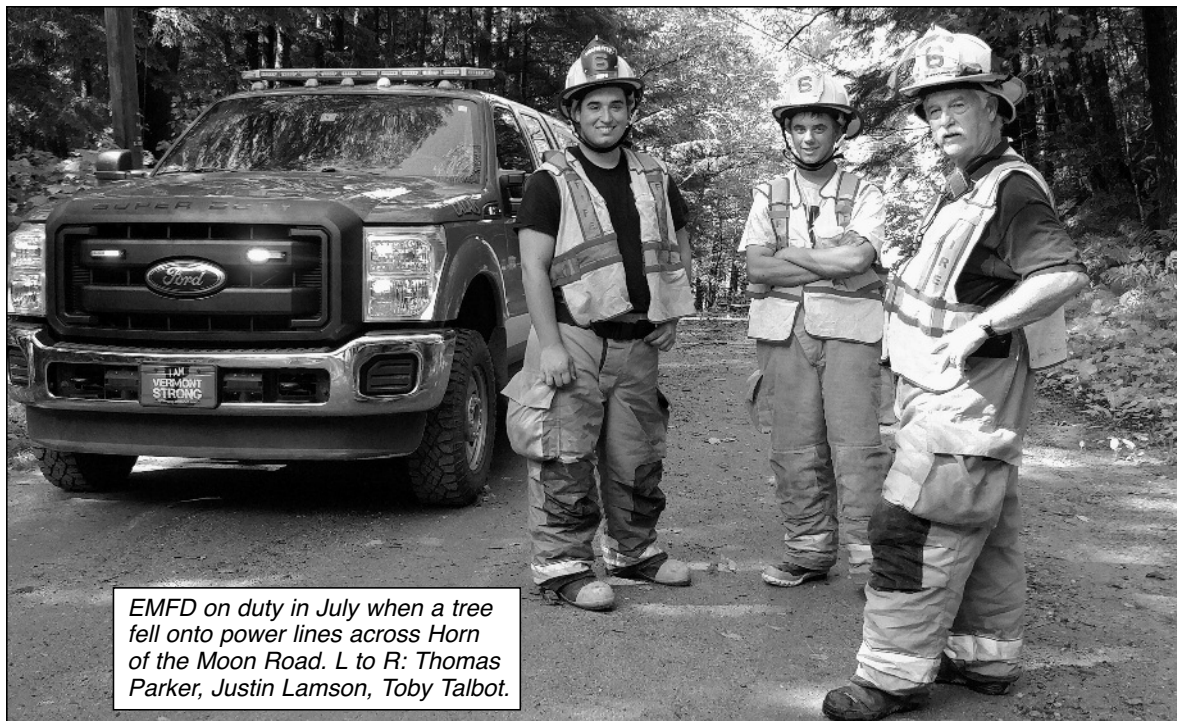
This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Selectboard and others within the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. If you would like to discuss any of the recommendations further, please feel free to contact us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont for their assistance and cooperativeness throughout our audit. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sullivan, Powers & Company
SULLIVAN, POWERS & CO.
Certified Public Accountants

Photo: Deb Fillion



EMFD on duty in July when a tree fell onto power lines across Horn of the Moon Road. L to R: Thomas Parker, Justin Lamson, Toby Talbot.

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL
CONTROL AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNE 30, 2017

Deficiencies in Internal Control:

Material Weaknesses:

2017-1 Grants Receivable/Deferred Inflows of Resources

Criteria:

Internal controls should be in place to ensure that the grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources balances are recorded properly at year end.

Condition:

The grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources accounts were not reconciled to the actual balances at year end which resulted in various adjustments to revenue.

Cause:

Unknown.

Effect:

The Town's grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources balances were incorrect.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Town reconcile the grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources balances to supporting documentation at least annually in order to detect and correct errors.

Other Recommendations:

Fraud Risk Assessment

The Town has not performed a fraud risk assessment. A fraud risk assessment is important because it identifies the Town's vulnerabilities to fraudulent activities and whether those vulnerabilities could result in material misstatement of the financial statements. The fraud risk assessment would also identify processes, controls, and other procedures used to mitigate the identified fraud risks.

We recommend the Town perform a fraud risk assessment to reduce the possibility of fraudulent activities.

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL
CONTROL AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNE 30, 2017

Documentation of Internal Control System

A solid understanding of internal control is essential. An organization must continually assess their internal control systems to ensure accurate financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations. As part of this process, management should formally document its control systems.

The Town has an accounting policy and procedures manual which does outline some control activities but does not include documentation of the internal control systems. This should provide management with an understanding of the systems related to financial reporting, and the controls over relevant assertions related to all significant accounts, disclosures in the financial statements, antifraud programs and controls over selection and application of accounting policies.

We recommend that the Town document its internal control process. This should break out the internal control process into the following five areas.

1. Control Environment – Sets the tone of an organization and is the foundation for all other components.
2. Risk Assessment – The identification and analysis of relevant risks to achieve its objectives forming a basis for how risks should be managed.
3. Control Activities – The policies and procedures that help ensure management directives are carried out.
4. Information and Communication – The identification, capture and exchange of information in a form and timeframe that enables people to carry out their responsibilities.
5. Monitoring – The process that assesses the quality of internal control performance over time.

Fraud Policy

The Town does not have a fraud policy in place. A fraud policy outlines the Town's position on fraudulent activities and dishonest conduct and sets out procedures for employees to report suspected fraud or misconduct to the appropriate personnel within the Town. This policy should further outline the responsibilities of different positions within the Town in regards to reporting and investigating these claims. It should also discuss the actions that will be taken to investigate the claim and the protection that will be afforded to the person making the claim against retaliation from the accused.

We recommend that the Town implement a fraud policy.

TOWN AUDITORS' REPORT

for the fiscal period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

As elected Town Auditors, we review the accounts of local officials, prepare this annual Town Report, and distribute it at least 10 days prior to Town Meeting in order to report our findings directly to the voters of East Montpelier. Under the authority of Vermont law (24 V.S.A. § 1681–1689) we have examined the town's records, including the General Ledger, Cash Receipts, Accounts Payable, Current and Delinquent Tax Collections, Payroll, Grand List, and supporting documents. To the best of our knowledge, we find the records represent fairly the financial condition of the town as reported herein.

The Selectboard also engaged Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town. Their final report is available for public inspection at the Town Office as well as on the Town website at <http://eastmontpeliervt.org>. The external auditors identified one material weakness in internal control over grants receivables. (See pages 82–85.) They again recommended the Town perform a Fraud Risk Assessment, document its Internal Control System, and adopt a Fraud Policy (the latter, as well as a Contingency Reserve Fund Policy, are currently in development). In Spring 2017, the Recreation Board's finances were brought under the town's direct management; plans to separate the Recreation Board into an independent entity have been suspended indefinitely.

As part of our regular reviews in FY17, the Town Auditors looked at monthly reports of Tax Collections and General Journal entries; reviewed checks drawn on Accounts Payable, ensuring appropriate authorizations on invoices and accurate posting to the General Ledger; and tested monthly reconciliation of bank statements to the Town's accounting system.

We'd like to acknowledge: Karen Gramer, former Collector of Delinquent Taxes, for her work during her tenure; Florence Morse, who volunteered to fill a vacant seat on our board only to discover the statutory incompatibility of a Cemetery Commissioner's spouse acting as Town Auditor; Treasurer Don Welch and the staff at the town offices for their help in providing information for us to compile this report. A special thanks to Town Administrator Bruce Johnson for his collaboration and keen proofer's eye.

As the Town Auditors put together this book, we got the sad news of Dave Grundy's death on January 21st. We have heard from many people how much Dave is already being missed. Among the current Town Auditors, he was a fellow auditor and Jean Cate Community Fund member with Deb, served on the Board of Civil Authority with Ed, and taught chemistry and fencing to Carla at U-32. He was a tireless community advocate and a remarkable presence in our lives.

DEBORAH FILLION, *Chair*

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CARLA OCCASO

January 31, 2018

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 26, 1895.

East Montpelier
1895 Town Report
courtesy of the
East Montpelier
Historical Society

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

V. E. Lamson, work with road machine,
L. S. Wheeler, do.,
Dan Curran, work on highway,
Wilber Goodrich, do.,
John Clough, do.,
Levi Batchelder, do.,
C. O. Ormsbee, do.,
Ed Ormsbee, do.,
Fred Chase,
Geo. D. Cutler, do.,
F. P. Willard, do.,
Aro Slayton, do.,
Clark Spaulding, do.,
A. B. Peck, do.,
Henry Jacobs, do.,
Will Coburn, do.,
F. H. Sibley, do.,
E. H. Foster, do.,
C. K. Willard, do.,
C. Weeks, do.,
E. Gove, do.,
L. Gould, do.,
Grease and oil,
Repairs on machines,
Spikes,
Plank,
Logs,
Tools,
Plank,
Use of oxen on high
Wm. McCoy, work
C. H. Ormsbee, do
E. H. Foster, rollin
Wm. H. Lubey, do
Lucius B. Gould,
Chas. Sanders, do
Milo S. Gould, do

E. H. F.
E. A. P.
N. A. C.
Bertha
N. A.
F. P. Y.
C. L.
J. H.
H. F.
Belle
board,

Lyle Young, building fires,
Geo. Bliss, transporting scholars,
C. P. Hollister, superintendent's services,
Aro. P. Slayton, transporting scholars,
Town of Calais, tuition,
C. P. Hollister, school supplies,
C. P. Hollister, services as school director,
Geo. H. Dix, do.,
Geo. H. Dix, incidentals and repairs,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EAST MONTPELIER,
In account with T. C. Kelton, Treasurer.
DR.

To balance due as reported Feb. 27, 1894, \$1,669 57
Paid balance of state tax, 335 10
5 cent state school tax, 335 10
5 cent highway tax, 670 20

On selectmen's orders, 737 30
School director's orders, 2,514 42
Road commissioner's orders, 1,901 58
Overseer's orders, 497 93
Interest on surplus fund, 115 09
Directors for school census, 8 64
Fees on school returns, 6 48
Registration fees, 7 50
Balance of interest, 72 96
Treasurer's services, 25 00

By State school 5 cent tax of treasurer, \$347 09
State highway, do., 456 09
Town Cr. \$8,561 77

Town, school and highway tax collected by treasurer, 803 18
Do., by constable, 5,314 40
Cash of Barre on No. 12 school house, 1,001 40
Of Montpelier lease land tax, 93 25
Of Calais on school tuition, 39 66
Interest on surplus fund, 42 35
On 55 dog licenses, 115 09
Fine on narrow tire, 55 50
Huntington fund, 10 00
Cemetery lot, 36 32
Rent on lease land, 3 00
Amount of indebtedness, 12 62

\$7,526 77
\$1,035 00

We have this day examined the accounts of the school directors and find the same to be correct.

C. P. HOLLISTER,
G. H. DIX,
D. WILLIS CUMMINGS, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Submitted to the board for the school districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Worcester, and U-32.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Washington Central Supervisory Union, I hereby submit the following summary report of the financial operations of the supervisory union.

For the year ending June 30, 2017, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$7,068,933. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2017 with a \$450,069 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$213,018 operations, \$0 special education, \$143,097 office equipment and technology, \$84,370 building capital fund and \$9,584 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2018, the supervisory union budgets total \$8,452,586 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2019, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$8,914,555 which consists of \$2,615,143 for operations and \$6,299,412 for special education and transportation services.

—WILLIAM KIMBALL, *Superintendent of Schools*



ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF BERLIN, CALAIS, EAST MONTPELIER, MIDDLESEX AND WORCESTER

Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) offers special education services to eligible children three through twenty-one and early intervention for children birth to age three.

Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to receive a free, appropriate, public education.

WCSU may not be aware of all resident children and youth with a disability. If you know of a child who has a disability and is not in school, homeless, attending an independent school, enrolled in home study or not otherwise being educated at public expense, please notify us by contacting your local school principal or by calling or writing:

KELLY BUSHEY, *Director of Special Services*
Washington Central Supervisory Union
1130 Gallison Hill Road, Montpelier, VT 05602
802-229-0553, ext. 303

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent's Office Report

January 16, 2018

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the educational and financial status of Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU). WCSU is comprised of Berlin, Calais, Doty, East Montpelier, and Rumney Elementary Schools, as well as U-32 Middle and High School.

As a supervisory union, our mission is:

*Washington Central Supervisory Union exists to nurture
and inspire in all students the passion, creativity, and power
to contribute to their local and global communities.*

We do this by providing quality educational opportunities for the 1,500 students we serve in PreK through grade 12, and ensuring that we are preparing our students for their future. To meet these goals, we remain focused on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development; providing high-quality early education programs and special education services; providing transportation services; grant, and construction management; improving technology and financial services to our member schools; and recruiting and retaining high caliber staff. Below I have highlighted some of our work and accomplishments over the past year.

Budget Impacts of Assessment Allocation Change

For the 2018-2019 school year, three significant line items: WCSU-Operations, Special Education, and Transportation were affected by an accounting change for WCSU assessments. This year, the Washington Central Supervisory Union budget allocation changed to use equalized pupils (weight count of pupils based on their characteristics) instead of average daily membership and direct billing for Special Education and Transportation. The formula change will result in more consistent budgeting for WCSU schools as a two-year student average is used versus a single year. The new formula is consistent with the tax formula used, and by town, there is little change.

Board Goals, Student Learning Outcomes, and Implementation Plan

As many of you know, in May of 2016, the boards created the WCSU Mission and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) to define what we wanted all children to know and be able to do when they receive a U-32 diploma. The Washington Central Full Board tasked the Leadership Team of the supervisory union to develop an Implementation Plan to support each student in obtaining all the Student Learning Outcomes. The Leadership Team's Theory of Action for this plan is:

If we provide high-quality instruction and interventions that are responsive to learners' needs and interests, based on clear learning targets,

and measured by a comprehensive and balanced assessment system, then we will close achievement gaps and ensure that all students achieve proficiency in our WCSU Student Learning Outcomes.

This past October, the six boards of Washington Central used their unified mission and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) for our PreK – 12 school system to set a baseline for student performance in a student monitoring report. We are starting to see some improvement in student achievement in some schools and grade levels that are focusing on providing a multi-tier system of supports for students. In these grade levels and classes we are seeing a closing of the achievement gap between students at risk and the overall population of children. The board has asked us to ensure that all students are meeting our SLO.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

Jen Miller-Arsenault, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, oversees curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development for our school system. Ms. Miller-Arsenault works with administrators and teachers throughout our schools to review student assessment results, provide ongoing professional development opportunities to improve teaching and learning, and coordinate curriculum development PreK-Graduation. This work is mainly robust as we transition to a proficiency-based learning system.

As you may know, Vermont's new Education Quality Standards went into effect in 2014. They call for all students to graduate under a proficiency-based system starting with this year's tenth graders. Local school boards determine the proficiency-based graduation requirements. Our school boards responded by adopting our WCSU Student Learning Outcomes in May 2016. All of the work that Ms. Miller-Arsenault facilitates regarding the five components of a proficiency-based system (curriculum, instruction, assessment, scoring, and reporting) is aligned to our Student Learning Outcomes and is a reflection of our community's values.

Our teachers play an integral role in articulating our expectations for students. To ensure that teachers across the school system have the opportunity to engage in professional learning that is aligned to our Student Learning Outcomes and is coherent PreK-Graduation, Ms. Miller-Arsenault has established what we in WCSU have fondly dubbed "Curriculum Camp" for teachers. Shortly after our students' school year ends in June, teachers are invited to participate in Curriculum Camp. Teachers deepen their learning about aspects of proficiency-based learning systems and create frameworks for curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices. This work is supported primarily with grant funds.

Special Services

Kelly Bushey, Director of Special Services, works closely with administrators and case managers to oversee the continuum of services and supports for approximately 230 students with disabilities ages birth to 22, assuring compliance with

state and federal laws. This work includes managing contracted services for state placed students as well as out of district placements.

Throughout this current school year, Ms. Bushey and Ms. Miller-Arsenault have been collaborating to provide professional development to the special educators across the supervisory union. The special educators meet about one time per month for a half day. The focus of this professional development has been around aligning Individualized Education Plans (IEP) to the Proficiency Based Graduation Requirement System (PBGR) as well as aligning this work to the new report card system.

You may notice that the overall number of students that are eligible for special education has increased over the past several years. Ms. Bushey has spent a significant amount of time analyzing this increase and has been collaborating with our other agency partners to purpose ways to provide supports and services to students and schools in a more efficient way. Ms. Bushey is currently leading a group of her colleagues through the development of a WCSU alternative program on the U-32 campus. The overall goal of this is to keep our students in the supervisory union, rather than sending them to alternative programs throughout Washington County.

Early Education Programs

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an essential step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools has pre-kindergarten program that serves three- and four-year-olds from their towns for 10 hours per week. All of the programs have met high STARS accreditation scores. WCSU currently serves 100 students in our pre-kindergarten programs. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports.

Additionally, we are fully implementing Act 166, Vermont's universal pre-kindergarten law. Act 166 is designed to provide access to high-quality pre-kindergarten for all students. Across our five towns, 40 students are enrolled in private, pre-qualified programs.

WCSU continues to provide programs and supports for our pre-kindergarten children with disabilities and our youngest students who are at risk of school failure across our five towns. We also partner with organizations who support children from birth-3 years who have disabilities in order to ensure a smooth transition to our school system.

Technology

This year was another excellent year for the WCSU Technology Department. We continue to support student learning through the use of a one-to-one computer-to-student project from grades 4 through 12. By using Google Chromebooks, we have been able to dedicate a computing device to each student and teachers have been able to increase the integration of technology in their classes. To support the use of the Google Chromebooks we have completed our transition to a fully

Google based education system. All of our e-mail, calendars and online classroom document system are managed through Google-based technology. The convergence of all of these systems into the Google domain has made it easier for the teachers and students to use technology to support the learning.

Fiscal Services

Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator, manages and oversees all WCSU fiscal and business operations. Last year, the total funds processed through WCSU, including school budgets, grants, food programs, capital improvement funds and construction projects, totaled \$46.3 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office and fiscal operations. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest level or below level increases. When looking at the total tax rate impacts for all of our towns, our changes this year increase the rate between 3.9 cents to 16.3 cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value. To see the amount for your town, please see your town report. In the current fiscal year, the state used \$26.4 million in one-time funds to reduce taxes. Because these funds are no longer available, the Tax Commissioner is projecting an average increase of 9–9.5 cents throughout the state. The state-wide tax impacts, along with changes to the Common Level of Appraisal, are the major contributors to the local increase in taxes. The legislature will finalize this information in the spring of 2018. In developing budgets for FY19, each school board looked closely at their per pupil costs, reduced some staffing and found other areas where they could cut costs, while still continuing to meet the needs of our students. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

High-Quality Staff and Parent and Community Involvement

Credit for the many accomplishments of our supervisory union goes to the efforts and commitment of our outstanding professional and support staff, as well as to our Leadership Team.

Parent and community involvement is vital to quality schools and school improvement. Our schools are fortunate to have so many parents, community and board members involved in the education of our students. On behalf of the students and staff, I wish to thank you for the continued support of our schools and students.

—WILLIAM KIMBALL, *Superintendent of Schools*

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017**

| | General Fund | Community Connections Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,089,745 | \$ 600 | \$ - | \$ 1,090,345 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles) | 81,904 | - | 7,910 | 89,814 |
| Due from other funds | 24,581 | 188,968 | 441,331 | 654,880 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 1,196,230</u> | <u>\$ 189,568</u> | <u>\$ 449,241</u> | <u>\$ 1,835,039</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 162,985 | \$ - | \$ 350 | \$ 163,335 |
| Due to other funds | 820,226 | - | 7,910 | 828,136 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>983,211</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>8,260</u> | <u>991,471</u> |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | | |
| Deferred revenue | - | 189,568 | 213,513 | 403,081 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | <u>-</u> | <u>189,568</u> | <u>213,513</u> | <u>403,081</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Nonspendable | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted | - | - | - | - |
| Committed | - | - | 227,468 | 227,468 |
| Assigned | 213,019 | - | - | 213,019 |
| Unassigned | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | <u>213,019</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>227,468</u> | <u>440,487</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES | <u>\$ 1,196,230</u> | <u>\$ 189,568</u> | <u>\$ 449,241</u> | <u>\$ 1,835,039</u> |

NOTE:

The Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2017 was conducted by RHR Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants. Complete copies of the audit reports for Washington Central Supervisory Union, Union 32 School District, and the East Montpelier Elementary School District are available at the East Montpelier Town Offices, the Washington Central Supervisory Union offices, and are available online.

Washington Central Supervisory Union Budget Summary

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| | FY 2017 Actual | FY 2018 Budget | FY 2018 Projected | FY 2019 Budget | Increase (Decrease) |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Assessments | \$1,761,616 | \$2,054,485 | \$2,054,485 | \$2,255,842 | \$201,357 |
| Earnings on Investments | \$10,928 | \$7,600 | \$7,600 | \$7,600 | \$0 |
| Shared Services Assessments & Misc. Income | \$0 | \$62,710 | \$62,710 | \$62,710 | \$0 |
| SPED Reimbursements | \$74,903 | \$262,388 | \$262,388 | \$288,991 | \$26,603 |
| State Reimbursements | \$720,539 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,010,905 | \$1,105,100 | \$105,100 |
| School SPED Programs-(No Paraeducators) | \$3,541,763 | \$3,686,396 | \$3,668,981 | \$3,789,482 | \$103,086 |
| Student Transportation Services | \$1,124,225 | \$1,364,007 | \$1,364,007 | \$1,404,830 | \$40,823 |
| Subtotal | \$7,233,974 | \$8,437,586 | \$8,431,076 | \$8,914,555 | \$476,969 |
| Fund Balance Usage | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | \$0 | -\$15,000 |
| Total Revenues | \$7,248,974 | \$8,452,586 | \$8,446,076 | \$8,914,555 | \$461,969 |
| Expenditures: | | | | | |
| Instruction Develop. Services | \$146,502 | \$177,220 | \$156,398 | \$218,924 | \$41,704 |
| Technology Services | \$358,932 | \$651,399 | \$665,241 | \$690,000 | \$38,601 |
| Superintendent's Office, Board & Audit Services | \$385,556 | \$518,411 | \$554,746 | \$585,689 | \$67,278 |
| Preschool Administration | \$6,624 | \$11,335 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Fiscal Services | \$315,694 | \$390,270 | \$389,162 | \$415,471 | \$25,201 |
| Operation & Maintenance of Bldg. | \$14,662 | \$25,036 | \$25,036 | \$25,210 | \$174 |
| Debt Service | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Fund Transfers-Capital, Building & Financial Software .. | \$35,000 | \$135,000 | \$135,000 | \$145,000 | \$10,000 |
| Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students & Case Mgm .. | \$778,926 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,010,905 | \$1,105,100 | \$105,100 |
| Special Education Summer Program & Eval Team | \$287,434 | \$303,130 | \$288,890 | \$330,157 | \$27,027 |
| Special Area Admin. Services | \$188,019 | \$190,382 | \$195,295 | \$204,692 | \$14,310 |
| School SPED Programs-(No Paraeducators) | \$3,541,763 | \$3,686,396 | \$3,668,981 | \$3,789,482 | \$103,086 |
| Student Transportation Services | \$1,124,225 | \$1,364,007 | \$1,364,007 | \$1,404,830 | \$40,823 |
| Total Expenditures | \$7,183,337 | \$8,452,586 | \$8,453,661 | \$8,914,555 | \$461,969 |
| Fund Balance Increase(Decrease) | \$65,637 | \$0 | -\$7,585 | \$0 | \$0 |

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Final Budget Allocated Using Equalized Pupils

Special Education Budget FY1819 Summary by School:

| | Local Budgets Paraeducators | WCSU Budget | Total Expenses | Revenues | Net Cost To Taxpayers |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Berlin | \$244,430 | \$507,790 | \$752,220 | \$450,551 | \$301,669 |
| Calais | \$106,535 | \$291,790 | \$398,325 | \$239,903 | \$158,422 |
| E.Montpelier | \$188,056 | \$500,212 | \$688,268 | \$414,300 | \$273,968 |
| Middlesex | \$236,115 | \$416,843 | \$652,958 | \$389,715 | \$263,243 |
| Worcester | \$66,438 | \$185,684 | \$252,122 | \$151,905 | \$100,217 |
| U32 | \$676,917 | \$1,887,163 | \$2,564,080 | \$1,544,804 | \$1,019,275 |
| Total | \$1,518,491 | \$3,789,482 | \$5,307,973 | \$3,191,178 | \$2,116,794 |

Special Education Budget FY1819 Summary by School (WCSU ONLY):

| | Local Budgets Paraeducators | WCSU Budget | Total Expenses | Revenues | Equalized Pupils Net Cost To Taxpayers |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Berlin | \$0 | \$507,790 | \$507,790 | \$313,670 | \$194,120 |
| Calais | \$0 | \$291,790 | \$291,790 | \$180,243 | \$111,547 |
| E.Montpelier | \$0 | \$500,212 | \$500,212 | \$308,989 | \$191,223 |
| Middlesex | \$0 | \$416,843 | \$416,843 | \$257,491 | \$159,352 |
| Worcester | \$0 | \$185,684 | \$185,684 | \$114,700 | \$70,984 |
| U32 | \$0 | \$1,887,163 | \$1,887,163 | \$1,165,731 | \$721,432 |
| Total | \$0 | \$3,789,482 | \$3,789,482 | \$2,340,824 | \$1,448,658 |

With New
Bus Contract

Equalized
Pupils

Student Transportation Budget FY1819 Summary by School: Net Cost

| | WCSU Budget | Revenues To Taxpayers |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Berlin | \$188,247 | \$58,607 |
| Calais | \$108,172 | \$33,677 |
| E.Montpelier | \$185,438 | \$57,733 |
| Middlesex | \$154,531 | \$48,110 |
| Worcester | \$68,837 | \$21,431 |
| U32 | \$699,605 | \$217,807 |
| Total | \$1,404,830 | \$437,365 |

Salary & Benefit Projection As of December 1, 2017

Section 125 Plan, Social Security/Medicare, Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Insurance.

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WCSU Central Office Budget & East Montpelier Elementary School Share

The Central Office budget is paid for by all the member schools, and appears in each school's budget. Each school's share is determined by its equalized pupils. Using the equalized pupils, the allocation for East Montpelier Elementary School is 13.2% for FY 2018-2019. The total assessment for East Montpelier Elementary is \$304,193 which is an increase of \$7,523 over 2017-2018. The increase of \$7,523 represents a 0.20% increase to the East Montpelier budget. The full budget detail is available from the WCSU Central Office.

Summary of Services Received From WCSU Central Office:

Function & Services (not an exclusive list)

Administration Services- SU leadership, planning & coordination; background checks; contract administration; legal issues; legislation; school quality standards; SU calendar; oversight of teacher and principal evaluation; new required accounting & software standards. East Montpelier share is \$98,311

Curriculum Services- Curriculum planning, implementing and evaluating; technology integration; state and local assessments planning and results reporting; job-embedded professional development across the SU; grant writing. East Montpelier share is \$27,123

Technology Services- Technology planning; supervision of tech staff; network administration and support; SU wide purchases; system development and implementation; and integration of technology into SU operations are included in this total. East Montpelier share is \$91,117

Fiscal Services- Budget development for all schools; monthly financial reports; accounts payable, purchase orders; payroll and benefits; SU wide bidding; investments and loans; bus contract; oversight of audits, food services, Community Connections and all grants. East Montpelier share is \$47,087

Student Special Services- Oversight, planning, implementation, tracking and funding of all students with disabilities PreK-12 plus homeschoolers, private school students and homeless students, special education summer programs and evaluation team are included in this total. East Montpelier share is \$29,985

Preschool Administration- Planning, coordination and implementation of the preschool program, systems, practices and support for all schools; preparation for accreditation. East Montpelier share is \$10,570

Special Education – All Special Education costs are included in the WCSU Budget (except paraeducators.) East Montpelier share is \$191,223

Student Transportation – All student transportation costs to/from school are included in the WCSU Budget. East Montpelier share is \$127,705

Town of East Montpelier
Estimated Tax Calculations
As of January 2, 2018

NOTE: Includes East Montpelier Elementary and U32 Proposed Budgets.

| | Education Spending Per Eq Pupil | Property Yield | District Spen Adjustment | Equalized Pupils | TAX RATES: | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Equalized Homestead | Actual Homestead | Equalized Nonresidential | Actual Nonresidential |
| Town Projected Budget 18-19 Budget 17-18 | \$18,821 | \$9,842 | 191.23% | 402.63 | \$1,912 | \$1,996 | \$1,629 | \$1,700 |
| | \$17,929 | \$10,160 | 176.47% | 404.25 | \$1,848 | \$1,954 | \$1,535 | \$1,623 |
| | 4.97% | -3.13% | | -0.40% | | | | |

| Common Level c | | | Actual | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| | Appraisal | Homestead | Nonresidential | |
| | | | Actual | Nonresidential |
| FY11-12 | 98.92% | \$1,368 | | \$1,375 |
| FY12-13 | 97.16% | \$1,452 | | \$1,420 |
| FY13-14 | 98.22% | \$1,661 | | \$1,466 |
| FY14-15 | 98.98% | \$1,798 | | \$1,531 |
| FY15-16 | 94.10% | \$1,976 | | \$1,631 |
| FY16-17 | 94.60% | \$1,954 | | \$1,623 |
| FY17-18 | 94.94% | \$1,902 | | \$1,617 |
| FY18-19 | 95.83% | \$1,996 | | \$1,700 |
| Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease) | | | \$0.094 | \$0.083 |
| Impact on a \$100,000 property | | | \$94 | \$83 |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Amount Per Town Elementary U32 | Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil | | **Note: the tax rate is allocated as follows: | | | |
| | | | TAX RATES: | | | |
| | | | Current Common Appraised at 100% | | | |
| | | | <u>Level of Appraisal</u> | <u>Equalized</u> | <u>Total Tax Rate</u> | |
| | \$18,821 | | \$0.042 | \$0.961 | \$1.003 | |
| | \$19,645 | | | | | |
| | \$18,056 | | | \$0.041 | \$0.952 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | \$0.083 | \$1.912 | |
| | | | | | \$1.996 | |

**Note: the tax rate is allocated as follows:

| U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY | ACTUAL | BUDGET | PROJECTED | BUDGET |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| TUITION | 1,102,013 | 911,960 | 1,080,474 | 914,900 |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | 140,496 | 150,000 | 136,833 | 140,000 |
| EDUCATION SPENDING REVENUES | 12,327,044 | 12,786,230 | 12,721,915 | 13,245,698 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | 258,265 | 123,771 | 151,773 | 146,771 |
| STATE REVENUES-MISC | 279,661 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| SPED MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT | 269,473 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION INCOME | 1,286,264 | 326,371 | 346,424 | 379,074 |
| FUND BALANCE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUBTOTAL REVENUES | \$15,663,216 | \$14,305,831 | \$14,444,919 | \$14,833,943 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| BUSINESS ED. | 168,831 | 173,752 | 172,489 | 174,598 |
| DRIVER ED. | 67,359 | 69,334 | 68,535 | 69,413 |
| ENGLISH | 797,619 | 791,099 | 821,940 | 831,244 |
| ACTING, DANCE & VISUAL ARTS | 333,963 | 254,806 | 296,262 | 300,426 |
| FOREIGN LANGUAGE | 415,256 | 430,022 | 445,683 | 453,595 |
| TECHNOLOGY ED . | 195,504 | 115,285 | 104,709 | 113,846 |
| LIVING ARTS | 75,948 | 86,236 | 43,140 | 42,313 |
| MUSIC | 261,915 | 236,321 | 236,134 | 236,170 |
| PHYSICAL ED. | 387,259 | 391,563 | 475,340 | 481,770 |
| MATHEMATICS | 911,173 | 936,016 | 836,344 | 867,582 |
| SCIENCE | 915,327 | 869,410 | 815,498 | 832,244 |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | 600,337 | 611,352 | 628,687 | 647,279 |
| INSTRUCTIONAL-SCHOOLWIDE | 366,333 | 417,650 | 445,376 | 408,196 |
| OTHER INSTRUCTION-504 | 3,225 | 11,800 | 11,800 | 11,000 |
| OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS | 364,323 | 434,127 | 504,994 | 562,395 |
| MIDDLESCHOOL PROGRAMS | 15,751 | 17,480 | 17,480 | 15,480 |
| GUIDANCE SERVICES | 605,305 | 631,965 | 634,214 | 651,422 |
| HEALTH SERVICES | 124,186 | 126,711 | 135,084 | 137,102 |
| CURRICULUM SERVICES | 104,273 | 116,251 | 120,525 | 141,919 |
| SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES | 227,327 | 236,238 | 237,529 | 243,759 |
| TECHNOLOGY SERVICES | 522,359 | 591,431 | 591,431 | 639,797 |
| BOARD OF EDUCATION | 34,001 | 49,853 | 49,854 | 37,215 |
| OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT | 193,376 | 288,578 | 288,578 | 370,923 |
| OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL | 931,853 | 939,003 | 920,637 | 925,590 |
| FISCAL SERVICES | 151,158 | 150,281 | 150,281 | 177,658 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | 136,929 | 142,280 | 129,113 | 132,280 |
| AUDITING SERVICES | 6,950 | 7,575 | 7,575 | 0 |
| OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE | 1,392,905 | 1,406,990 | 1,459,644 | 1,482,591 |
| STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV | 682,874 | 574,483 | 574,483 | 504,602 |
| TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS | 1,153,325 | 1,088,625 | 1,084,373 | 1,088,625 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS | 461,867 | 582,805 | 618,614 | 676,916 |
| SU ASSESSMENTS SPED | 2,062,967 | 812,384 | 756,635 | 834,563 |
| ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES | 761,291 | 714,126 | 743,941 | 741,430 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$15,433,102 | \$14,305,831 | \$14,426,922 | \$14,833,943 |

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Salary & Benefit Projection

As of December 1, 2017

Benefits include the cost of: Health Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan, SocialSecurity/Medicare, Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance, and Unemployment Insurance.

| | Projected Salaries | Total Salary & Benefits | | Projected Salaries | Total Salary & Benefits |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Abbene Laura | \$ 63,737 | \$ 78,733 | Decker Anne | 65,129 | 71,407 |
| Abbiati Judy | 67,415 | 81,207 | Deguzzman Jodi | 873 | 1,002 |
| Albee Brian | 60,345 | 66,196 | Deiss Williams | \$ 40,365 | \$ 54,243 |
| Allison Megan | 59,404 | 64,675 | Desch Marguerite | 69,368 | 83,608 |
| Arsenault Peter | 57,096 | 83,240 | Devries Aanika | 71,575 | 92,995 |
| Barrows Stephen | 26,206 | 28,385 | Divelbliss Brian | 78,938 | 86,487 |
| Bazis David | 56,485 | 81,347 | Duquette Samantha | 19,631 | 30,656 |
| Bennett Eric | 48,694 | 75,720 | Dunn Colleen | 43,938 | 48,729 |
| Bird Alden | 58,687 | 71,984 | Dunn William | 45,526 | 57,258 |
| Blackburn Christopher | 69,165 | 95,146 | Duprey Jenniffer | 41,966 | 46,249 |
| Blakely Xiomara | 35,914 | 61,113 | Dy Krista | 61,378 | 81,897 |
| Boulanger Chantal | 36,624 | 61,928 | Emerson Jody | 83,736 | 106,139 |
| Bove Mary | 55,544 | 68,563 | Emery Paula | 52,412 | 63,857 |
| Brophy Abigail | 45,952 | 51,840 | Falby Meaghan | 65,515 | 91,159 |
| Butts Molly | 51,142 | 65,026 | Fair Patricia | 34,305 | 47,507 |
| Buttura Holly | 39,111 | 50,679 | Fisher Brian | 60,030 | 82,856 |
| Carpenter Kelly | 22,100 | 32,939 | Fitch Lesley | 54,080 | 77,199 |
| Chaloux Sandra | 60,345 | 66,252 | Fournier Dennis | 50,922 | 66,588 |
| Chambers Michelle | 19,631 | 30,656 | French Adam | 69,165 | 83,387 |
| Chaplin Mark | 71,120 | 92,499 | Gadapee Bonnie | 65,515 | 86,399 |
| Cheeseman Pauline | 60,324 | 86,777 | Galligan-Baldwin Erin | 33,892 | 49,966 |
| Christiana Kendra | 45,714 | 69,624 | Garand Laura | 25,677 | 40,662 |
| Clark-Warner Heather | 28,219 | 52,037 | Gauthier Allison | 49,701 | 63,457 |
| Cook George | 74,757 | 81,936 | George Christiana | 26,226 | 49,988 |
| Cook Vicki | 25,402 | 37,283 | Gilman Tina | 23,461 | 35,054 |
| Cooke Ellen | 67,415 | 81,483 | Gonzalez Zachary | 47,090 | 60,615 |
| Crossett Paula | 56,485 | 81,346 | Gora Peter | 27,403 | 39,581 |
| Cruikshank Donald | 24,284 | 37,685 | Grace Caroline | 80,382 | 88,058 |
| Cueto Linda | 27,255 | 31,642 | Grow Roger | 52,457 | 76,962 |
| Dalmasse Denise | 27,748 | 30,055 | Guiffre Catherine | 65,515 | 91,174 |
| David Beatrice | 56,485 | 69,517 | Gunther Grant | 53,030 | 65,827 |
| Davis Elizabeth | 25,901 | 30,087 | Hannigan David | 45,581 | 67,440 |

| | Projected Salaries | Total Salary & Benefits | | Projected Salaries | Total Salary & Benefits |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Harris Stephen | 60,453 | 73,906 | Occaso Carla | 21,607 | 31,628 |
| Heintz Benjamin | 65,516 | 91,174 | Orellana Riena | 32,531 | 52,454 |
| Hilferty John | 72,153 | 79,102 | Pagel Heather | \$ 47,534 | \$ 74,457 |
| Hill MaryEllen | 26,613 | 45,658 | Papineau Amy | 29,968 | 34,758 |
| Hoermann Tammy | 32,751 | 37,954 | Pate Stephen | 115,515 | 140,600 |
| Holquist Nicholas | 68,039 | 80,057 | Powelson David | 51,034 | 64,908 |
| Houston Glenn | 56,485 | 76,572 | Rackliff Matthew | 26,235 | 48,424 |
| Ingersoll Jennifer | 59,976 | 80,371 | Randall Nanci | 29,072 | 41,497 |
| Jarvis Lucas | 19,441 | 21,504 | Rice Lisa | 46,061 | 51,738 |
| Jones Barrett Nicholas | 56,485 | 76,572 | Richardson Mindi | 19,779 | 29,639 |
| Junkins Drew | 45,905 | 57,313 | Rimmer Paula | 27,715 | 30,739 |
| Keefe Brianne | 49,755 | 69,247 | Roberts Caitlin | 39,329 | 50,916 |
| Keese Cairsten | 52,570 | 72,311 | Rosenberg Kara | 61,076 | 66,909 |
| Keys Margaret | 63,737 | 89,169 | Roy Georgia | 46,990 | 59,254 |
| Kiefer Julie | 75,204 | 96,944 | Saunders Kathryn | 19,631 | 30,656 |
| Koenigbauer Amy | 57,094 | 70,250 | Scarzello Dylan | 63,231 | 88,688 |
| Kolva Matt | 71,135 | 81,679 | Schaeffer Nicolle | 64,249 | 70,500 |
| Koretz Debra | 53,932 | 66,503 | Sheeler Stephen | 52,570 | 78,338 |
| Lakey John | 44,667 | 66,390 | Slade Jodie | 22,041 | 45,182 |
| Lakey Sam | 38,879 | 45,268 | St. Peter Hollis | 60,345 | 66,251 |
| Lang Roderick | 20,779 | 38,958 | Stevens Debra | 23,395 | 41,962 |
| LaPlante Lisa | 96,166 | 119,667 | Thomas Gillian | 69,370 | 83,610 |
| LaBonte Jessica | 51,143 | 75,532 | Towne Stephen | 65,515 | 91,174 |
| Leiberman Karen | 31,274 | 34,359 | VanDeren Lauren | 44,624 | 59,357 |
| Lewton Sherry | 41,625 | 47,175 | Van Orman Henry III | 67,059 | 92,838 |
| Lovitz Nathan | 47,090 | 60,615 | Verchereau Suzanne | 43,263 | 57,241 |
| Magoon Heather | 29,460 | 48,927 | Wade-Keeney Adrian | 49,701 | 73,341 |
| Martin Christiana | 45,763 | 66,155 | Walker Katherine | 74,980 | 82,179 |
| Martin Tracy | 45,816 | 67,709 | Weinstein Robert | 45,566 | 72,197 |
| McCann Katherine | 71,120 | 97,219 | Wiese Kathy | 71,120 | 92,499 |
| McGinnis Devan | 33,178 | 46,212 | Williams Christopher | 68,751 | 89,263 |
| McKellar Kimberly | 27,805 | 30,104 | Willis James | 26,877 | 44,533 |
| McMahon William | 36,624 | 50,169 | Wilson Carolyn | 65,515 | 91,174 |
| McNaulty William | 38,106 | 51,871 | Wolf Sara | 26,580 | 30,867 |
| Molina Amanda | 87,583 | 115,581 | Wysolmeski Erin | 47,191 | 60,725 |
| Monti Amanda | 23,395 | 40,559 | | | |
| Mooney Erin | 67,487 | 93,320 | | | |
| | | | TOTALS | \$ 6,660,712 | 8,768,578 |

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 32
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

| | General Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,341,385 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,341,385 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles) | 46,157 | - | - | 46,157 |
| Prepaid items | 10,945 | - | - | 10,945 |
| Due from other funds | - | 163,213 | 24,000 | 187,213 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 1,398,487</u> | <u>\$ 163,213</u> | <u>\$ 24,000</u> | <u>\$ 1,585,700</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 28,122 | \$ 10,099 | \$ - | \$ 38,221 |
| Due to other governments | 210,817 | - | - | 210,817 |
| Due to other funds | 222,410 | - | - | 222,410 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>461,349</u> | <u>10,099</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>471,448</u> |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | | |
| Deferred revenue | 37,873 | - | - | 37,873 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | <u>37,873</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>37,873</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Nonspendable | 10,945 | - | - | 10,945 |
| Restricted | - | 153,114 | 24,000 | 177,114 |
| Committed | - | - | - | - |
| Assigned | 888,320 | - | - | 888,320 |
| Unassigned | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | <u>899,265</u> | <u>153,114</u> | <u>24,000</u> | <u>1,076,379</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES | <u>\$ 1,398,487</u> | <u>\$ 163,213</u> | <u>\$ 24,000</u> | <u>\$ 1,585,700</u> |

NOTE: The Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2017 was conducted by RHR Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants. Complete copies of the audit reports for Washington Central Supervisory Union, Union 32 School District, and the East Montpelier Elementary School District are available at the East Montpelier Town Offices, the Washington Central Supervisory Union offices, and are available online.

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES
ONLY

District: **East Montpelier**
County: **Washington**

T065
Washington Central

Property dollar
equivalent yield
9,842

Homestead tax rate
per \$9,842 of spending
per equalized pupil
1.00

11,862

Income dollar equivalent yield
per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures

| | | FY2016 | FY2017 | FY2018 | FY2019 | |
|----|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----|
| 1. | Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 14 expenditures) | \$4,133,843 | \$4,176,552 | \$3,810,942 | \$3,990,773 | 1. |
| 2. | <i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting | - | - | - | - | 2. |
| 3. | <i>minus</i> Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only) | - | - | - | - | 3. |
| 4. | Locally adopted or warned budget | \$4,133,843 | \$4,176,552 | \$3,810,942 | \$3,990,773 | 4. |
| 5. | <i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any | - | - | - | - | 5. |
| 6. | <i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit | - | - | - | - | 6. |
| 7. | Total Budget | \$4,133,843 | \$4,176,552 | \$3,810,942 | \$3,990,773 | 7. |
| 8. | S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 8. |
| 9. | Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | 9. |

Revenues

| | | | | | | |
|-----|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 10. | Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues) | \$484,215 | \$524,418 | \$141,938 | \$183,441 | 10. |
| 11. | <i>plus</i> Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60 | - | - | - | - | 11. |
| 12. | <i>minus</i> All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only) | - | - | - | - | 12. |
| 13. | Offsetting revenues | \$484,215 | \$524,418 | \$141,938 | \$183,441 | 13. |
| 14. | Education Spending | \$3,649,628 | \$3,652,134 | \$3,669,004 | \$3,807,332 | 14. |
| 15. | Equalized Pupils | 185.00 | 183.93 | 188.75 | 193.81 | 15. |

| | | | | | | |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 16. | Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | \$19,727.72 | \$19,856.11 | \$19,438.43 | \$19,644.66 | 16. |
| 17. | <i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil | \$2,840.49 | \$2,716.16 | \$2,593.97 | \$2,475 | 17. |
| 18. | <i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp) | \$24.34 | \$35.58 | \$57.29 | - | 18. |
| 19. | <i>minus</i> Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp) | - | - | - | - | 19. |
| 20. | <i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp) | - | - | - | - | 20. |
| 21. | <i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp) | - | - | - | - | 21. |
| 22. | <i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp) | - | - | - | - | 22. |
| 23. | <i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp) | - | - | - | - | 23. |
| 24. | <i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp) | \$22.70 | \$7.07 | \$6.89 | \$23 | 24. |
| 25. | Excess spending threshold | threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00 | Allowable growth \$19,857.39 | threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00 | threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00 | 25. |
| 26. | <i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any) | - | - | - | - | 26. |
| 27. | Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate | \$19,728 | \$19,856 | \$19,438 | \$19,644.66 | 27. |
| 28. | District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) | 208.560% based on \$9,285 | 204.681% based on \$9,701 | 191.323% based on yield \$10,160 | 199.600% based on yield \$9,842 | 28. |

Prorating the local tax rate

| | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 29. | Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$19,644.66 ÷ (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000)] | \$2,0647 based on \$0.99 | \$2,0468 based on \$1.00 | \$1,9132 based on \$1.00 | \$1,9960 based on \$1.00 | 29. |
| 30. | Percent of East Montpelier equalized pupils not in a union school district | 45.89% | 45.50% | 47.08% | 48.14% | 30. |
| 31. | Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (48.14% x \$2.00) | \$0.9475 | \$0.9313 | \$0.9007 | \$0.9609 | 31. |
| 32. | Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | 94.10% | 94.60% | 94.94% | 95.83% | 32. |
| 33. | Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.9609 / 95.83%) | \$1.0069 based on \$0.99 | \$0.9845 based on \$1.00 | \$0.9487 based on \$1.00 | \$1.0027 based on \$1.00 | 33. |
| <p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p> | | | | | | |
| 34. | Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$19,644.66 + \$11,862) x 2.00%] | 3.75% based on 1.80% | 3.65% based on 2.00% | 3.24% based on 2.00% | 3.31% based on 2.00% | 34. |
| 35. | Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (48.14% x 3.31%) | 1.72% based on 1.80% | 1.66% based on 2.00% | 1.53% based on 2.00% | 1.69% based on 2.00% | 35. |
| 36. | Percent of equalized pupils at U32 High School (UHSD #32) | 54.11% | 54.50% | 52.92% | 51.86% | 36. |
| 37. | | - | - | - | - | 37. |

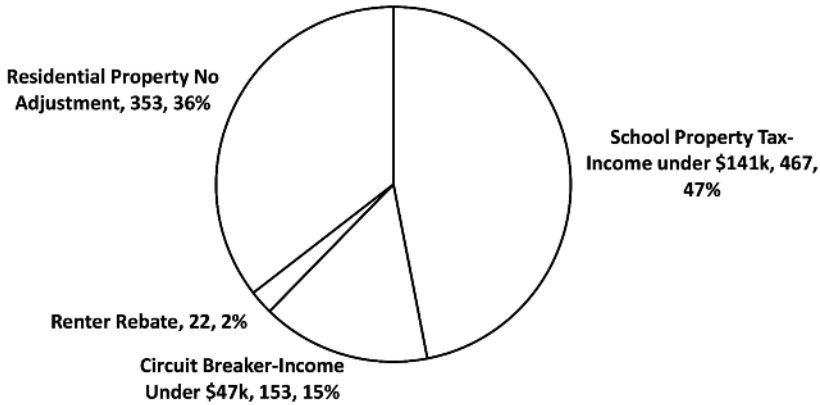
- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,842 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,862 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.629. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

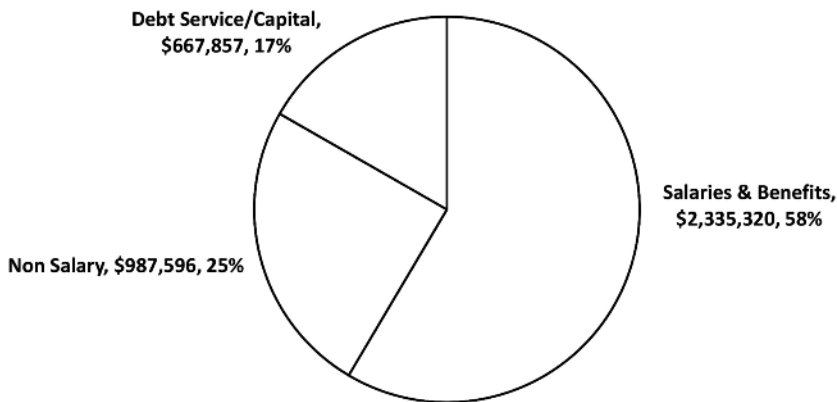
Town of East Montpelier Vermont Property Tax Adjustments As Processed By the Vermont Tax Department

**CY 2016 Residents Received Property Tax Adjustments & Rebates
Totaling \$1,304,749**



East Montpelier Elementary School Expense Budget-Percentage of Each Category To The Total Budget

Expense Budget FY1819 \$3,990,773



REPORT OF THE EMES SCHOOL BOARD

This year was a comparatively low-key year at the elementary school. We've been continuing our focus on closing the 'achievement gap' between kids on free and reduced lunch and those who are not. We had a celebration in the fall when we received data that showed our efforts are paying off, and in fact EMES was cited as a school that has shown significant improvement and progress toward this goal.

The Act46 committee ended in the summer, and the ultimate outcome was that the 6 schools of WCSU agreed that continuing to operate essentially as we already are is the best, currently available, option. There were issues that the schools in the district were unable to reconcile within the timeframe demanded by Act46, and I think it's fair to say that while the East Montpelier board was in support of consolidation, we feel that much progress was made on building a broader sense of cooperation and community amongst the boards, and that signing on to the district letter was intended to signal to the other WCSU boards that we're willing to work together.

The Board and Administration work each year to develop a budget that reflects the competing pressures of educational best practice and our community's ability to pay. We followed the budget process that we adopted 2 years ago, including 2 forums and outreach via Front Porch Forum postings and school newsletters. We were pleased to see our student counts rise for another year, as we continue to reverse the declining enrollment trend that has plagued us since shortly after the recession. As you're probably aware, our student count is the denominator for our education spending, and having more students in the building drives our per-pupil education costs down (same spending for more kids equals lower per-student cost).

The Board is always mindful of our responsibility to balance educational needs with economic realities. From a fiscal management perspective, the legislature left a \$40m 'gap' in the state budget this spring, which put immediate pressure on property tax rates statewide. In East Montpelier that impact was estimated at \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessed property value before the school budgets were even taken into consideration (\$70 for a \$100k house, \$140 for a \$200k house. In December I wrote a commentary decrying both the underfunded budget and the call by the governor to consider setting staffing ratios at the state level in an effort to force schools yet again to act in a way that we know to be counter to educational best practice. It's a challenge to balance the ever increasing health-care costs, salary and benefit increases, and the other increases that make creating a responsible, balanced budget without being effectively saddled with legislative spending that has nothing to do with education.

We all create budgets and stick to them. As a business owner, I can't spend more than I take in, and I find it frankly inexcusable that both our state and federal governments do this over and over again. And since governments can't run themselves out of business (the natural consequence of overspending), I wonder

if instead we should demand a law requiring that the legislature must either raise taxes to cover their spending or cut spending to where they're willing to tax. After all, that's precisely what school boards do every year, despite the legislative posturing to the contrary.

As I note each year (and it bears repeating), I am extremely privileged to work with the dedicated and committed Board, faculty and staff at EMES. I thank my fellow Board members for their hard work: Stephen Looke, Flor Diaz-Smith, Lindy Johnson and Darci Coleman-Graves. I wish to thank the community for your continued support and dedication to the children of East Montpelier and, by extension, our school. I feel very fortunate to live and work in a community that places such value on a high quality public education system for all. We invite you to visit the school, and see (and be part of) our children learning to be engaged, inquisitive, and empowered to affect change in the world around us.

—RUBIN BENNETT, *EMES Board Chair*



THE PURPOSE OF OUR SCHOOL IS TO TEACH ALL CHILDREN
TO BECOME COMPETENT, CARING CITIZENS AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS
THROUGH A CHALLENGING AND RELEVANT CURRICULUM.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is an honor to serve as the instructional leader for East Montpelier Elementary School. I am grateful to be part of a system where education is valued and supported by the community, and continue to be in awe of the amazing children and the dedicated staff, families and school board members that make EMES such an exceptional place to learn and grow.

We continue our work as a supervisory union (SU) on our mission and theory of action (both can be found here: <https://www.wcsu32.org/Page/438>). As we shared with you last year, we are working together on our Implementation Plan which sets the three areas of Clear Learning Targets, Comprehensive and Balanced Assessment System, and High Quality Instruction and Interventions as our areas of focus. In the fall, we shared a parent/community version of this report with our families, available on our website.

This year, EMES has worked closely with our colleagues around the SU on important aspects of the Implementation Plan, specifically in the area of scoring and reporting student work, which relates to the Comprehensive and Balanced Assessment System. At our August in-service we participated in professional development on our Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and Performance Indicators

(PIs). We also began our work with the tool we will be using to share this information with families, Infinite Campus. At our October in-service we gathered together to refine our work by developing parent-friendly language for our report cards, which were rolled-out for the first time in January.

The EMES Continuous Improvement Plan focuses directly on the components of the WCSU Implementation Plan (<https://www.wcsu32.org/Domain/25>). All EMES students receive high quality instruction (Tier 1). In addition, we provide (Tier 2) interventions to students in academics and behavior for those who struggle with classroom instruction, yet do not qualify for more individualized instruction (IEP, 504, EST - Tier 3).

Using student performance data, collected three times per year, students receive interventions when needed, for a specific skill in which they need assistance. Scheduled interventions take place during a time that core instruction in the regular classroom is not missed, and the emphasis is on closing the gap as quickly as possible.

EMES is a student-centered, safe learning environment for all students, staff and families. We use Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments.

Students meet in mixed-age groups each week with a designated staff member, participating in mindfulness and growth-mindset activities. As the diversity of student needs continues to grow across Vermont, we continue to develop our professional capacity in addressing these needs together. At our January in-service we were fortunate to have one of the foremost regional experts in the area of trauma, David Melnick, LCSW, provide us with additional information as we work together to support our students.

EMES has participated in many wonderful activities this year including our fall all-school hike, Monster Mash, holiday feast, circus residency, music concerts, I Love East Montpelier Day, winter wellness, and a celebration of learning. I feel so proud and fortunate to work and learn at EMES, and I want to thank you for your unwavering support for the future of your children and community.

—ALICIA LYFORD, *Principal*

**EAST MONTPELIER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017**

| | General Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 996,948 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 996,948 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles) | 4,681 | - | - | 4,681 |
| Due from other funds | - | 593,579 | 831 | 594,410 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 1,001,629</u> | <u>\$ 593,579</u> | <u>\$ 831</u> | <u>\$ 1,596,039</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 36,003 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 36,003 |
| Due to other governments | 20,358 | - | - | 20,358 |
| Due to other funds | 626,624 | - | - | 626,624 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>682,985</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>682,985</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Nonspendable | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted | - | 593,579 | 831 | 594,410 |
| Committed | - | - | - | - |
| Assigned | 318,644 | - | - | 318,644 |
| Unassigned | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | <u>318,644</u> | <u>593,579</u> | <u>831</u> | <u>913,054</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES | <u>\$ 1,001,629</u> | <u>\$ 593,579</u> | <u>\$ 831</u> | <u>\$ 1,596,039</u> |

NOTE:

The Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2017 was conducted by RHR Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants. Complete copies of the audit reports for Washington Central Supervisory Union, Union 32 School District, and the East Montpelier Elementary School District are available at the East Montpelier Town Offices, the Washington Central Supervisory Union offices, and are available online.

EMES ENROLLMENT

as of October 1st

| Year | PreK | EEE | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | K-6 Total | Grand Total |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1989-90 | | | 31 | 34 | 40 | 36 | 31 | 44 | 38 | 254 | |
| 1990-91 | | | 26 | 34 | 37 | 40 | 35 | 34 | 43 | 249 | |
| 1991-92 | | | 21 | 28 | 33 | 36 | 40 | 35 | 32 | 225 | |
| 1992-93 | | | 36 | 23 | 29 | 38 | 37 | 43 | 40 | 246 | |
| 1993-94 | | | 32 | 32 | 24 | 28 | 37 | 38 | 42 | 233 | |
| 1994-95 | | | 22 | 33 | 30 | 24 | 30 | 38 | 39 | 216 | |
| 1995-96 | | | 39 | 26 | 32 | 33 | 23 | 33 | 41 | 227 | |
| 1996-97 | | | 37 | 41 | 31 | 33 | 37 | 24 | 33 | 236 | |
| 1997-98 | | | 20 | 41 | 41 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 24 | 229 | |
| 1998-99 | | | 32 | 24 | 41 | 40 | 35 | 32 | 37 | 241 | |
| 1999-00 | | | 23 | 34 | 26 | 38 | 40 | 34 | 32 | 227 | |
| 2000-01 | 16 | 3 | 21 | 25 | 37 | 29 | 43 | 40 | 35 | 230 | 249 |
| 2001-02 | 18 | 1 | 21 | 26 | 27 | 37 | 31 | 45 | 43 | 231 | 250 |
| 2002-03 | 5 | 13 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 30 | 35 | 33 | 47 | 222 | 240 |
| 2003-04 | 20 | 3 | 27 | 29 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 202 | 225 |
| 2004-05 | 22 | 1 | 33 | 29 | 32 | 25 | 29 | 29 | 35 | 212 | 235 |
| 2005-06 | 23 | 3 | 30 | 28 | 27 | 31 | 26 | 27 | 29 | 198 | 224 |
| 2006-07 | 28 | 3 | 26 | 32 | 29 | 29 | 34 | 26 | 28 | 204 | 235 |
| 2007-08 | 21 | 3 | 31 | 36 | 25 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 27 | 223 | 247 |
| 2008-09 | 31 | 4 | 31 | 32 | 35 | 25 | 35 | 38 | 39 | 235 | 270 |
| 2009-10 | 27 | 3 | 32 | 33 | 31 | 32 | 29 | 31 | 37 | 225 | 255 |
| 2010-11 | 32 | 3 | 26 | 31 | 30 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 213 | 248 |
| 2011-12 | 32 | 3 | 27 | 29 | 31 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 33 | 219 | 254 |
| 2012-13 | 29 | — | 21 | 28 | 25 | 34 | 26 | 38 | 36 | 208 | 237 |
| 2013-14 | 21 | — | 26 | 18 | 27 | 26 | 34 | 30 | 36 | 197 | 218 |
| 2014-15 | 38 | — | 15 | 25 | 16 | 27 | 27 | 41 | 30 | 181 | 219 |
| 2015-16 | 22 | 5 | 28 | 16 | 26 | 18 | 27 | 23 | 38 | 176 | 203 |
| 2016-17 | 32 | 4 | 25 | 31 | 17 | 28 | 22 | 25 | 26 | 174 | 210 |
| 2017-18 | 37 | 4 | 34 | 26 | 31 | 19 | 31 | 22 | 25 | 188 | 229 |

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAPITAL BUDGET

| East Montpelier Elementary School Capital Budget | Actual 11-12 | Actual 12-13 | Actual 13-14 | Actual 14-15 | Actual 15-16 | Actual 16-17 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$45,901 | \$114,038 | \$148,720 | \$266,378 | \$349,229 | \$505,577 |
| Budget Appropriation | \$86,522 | \$86,522 | \$86,522 | \$86,522 | \$86,522 | \$86,522 |
| State Aid Roof | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Interest Income | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,640 | \$4,656 | \$12,956 | \$1,480 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$0 | \$0 | \$14,381 | \$18,099 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Board Fund Balance Transfer | <u>\$49,500</u> | <u>\$4,767</u> | <u>\$38,090</u> | <u>\$75,341</u> | <u>\$78,278</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Total Source of Funds | \$181,923 | \$205,327 | \$292,353 | \$450,996 | \$526,985 | \$593,579 |
| Use of Funds* See Details Below | -\$67,885 | -\$56,608 | -\$25,975 | -\$101,767 | -\$21,408 | \$0 |
| Ending Fund Balance | \$114,038 | \$148,720 | \$266,378 | \$349,229 | \$505,577 | \$593,579 |

| | Actual 11-12 | Actual 12-13 | Actual 13-14 | Actual 14-15 | Actual 15-16 | Actual 16-17 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Building Replacement Items | | | | | | |
| Roof (offset by state aid) | | | | | | |
| Storage Building | | | | \$45,990 | | |
| Building Renovation-Floor, Bathrooms, Paint, Remod | | | | \$55,777 | \$21,408 | \$0 |
| Building Renovations & Mobile Office Units | | | | | | |
| Building Project Design & Related Costs ** NOTE 1 | \$67,885 | \$19,506 | | | | |
| Building Projects-Wood Chip Controls ** NOTE 2 | | | | | | |
| Utilities | | | | | | |
| Oil Tank | | | | | | |
| Water Project | | | | | | |
| Other Equipment | | | | | | |
| Playground | | | | | | |
| Computers - 5 year replacement | | | | | | |
| Telephone System - 7 year replacement | | | | | | |
| Photocopier | | \$19,780 | | | | |
| Tractor | | \$17,322 | | | | |
| Space Design & Equipment | | | \$25,975 | | | |
| Total | \$67,885 | \$56,608 | \$25,975 | \$101,767 | \$21,408 | \$0 |

NOTE 1:

Designs for a building upgrade will be completed in FY0910. This will guide future capital plans and budgets. The storage shed replacement will be included in the plans for building upgrade. Designs for a building upgrade continued during FY10-11 & FY11-12.

NOTE 2:

In FY2010-2011, EMES received a \$50k ARRA Energy Grant. This required a local match(Inkind) of \$17k.

NOTE 3:

In FY2012-2013, EMES received voter approval for a construction project in the amount of \$8.17 million. The project was completed during FY14-15.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LONG-TERM DEBT SUMMARY

Construction Project

\$ 6,456,571 Community Bank, N.A. 20-year bond:

\$8,170,000 note payable, with principal payments due in annual installments of \$408,500 and a principal pre-payment of \$79,429 in December of 2014 and a final principal payment of \$329,071 due in June of 2033. Interest of 3.04% paid semi-annually. The proceeds from the note were used for school building improvements. The note matures on June 28, 2033.

Water Project Loans (Vt. Environmental Protection Agency)

\$ 48,642 Vt EPA Implementation loan:

\$57,612 note payable, due in annual principal, interest and administrative fee installments of \$3,872. Interest of 1% and an administrative fee of 2% is charged per annum. On January 14, 2014, the note payable was amended, reducing the original principal amount due (\$82,612) by \$25,000, to reflect an ARRA subsidy. The proceeds from the note were used to finance the implementation phase of a water project. The note matures on January 1, 2033.

\$ 1,270 Vt EPA ARRA loan:

\$26,504 note payable, due in annual principal, interest and administrative fee installments of \$101. Interest of 1% and an administrative fee of 2% is charged per annum. On November 18, 2009, an ARRA Subsidy for \$25,000 was received and applied towards the original principal amount due (\$51,504). The proceeds from the note were used to finance a water project. The note matures on January 1, 2033.

\$ 6,506,483 Total Long-Term Debt Balance on June 30, 2017

The following is a summary of outstanding bond and note principal and interest requirements for the following fiscal years ending June 30:

| | Principal | Interest | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Year ending June 30, 2018 | 410,976 | 197,777 | 608,753 |
| 2019 | 411,050 | 185,284 | 596,334 |
| 2020 | 411,127 | 173,259 | 584,386 |
| 2021 | 411,206 | 160,292 | 571,498 |
| 2022 | 411,287 | 147,793 | 559,080 |
| 2023–2027 | 2,057,740 | 551,716 | 2,609,456 |
| 2028–2032 | 2,060,168 | 238,694 | 2,298,862 |
| 2033–2037 | 332,929 | 10,120 | 343,049 |
| Totals | \$6,506,483 | \$1,664,935 | \$8,171,418 |

EAST MONTPELIER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In 2018, Community Connections begins its sixteenth year serving the children and families of East Montpelier, Berlin, Calais, Middlesex, Worcester, and Montpelier. Across the six towns we served 1,570 children in our various programs!

Last year 149 children participated in our programs at East Montpelier Elementary. We had 89 students join us for our Morning Program that cares for kids starting at 7:30 A.M. each morning until school starts. There is a very strong demand for this service and our numbers have grown every year. We had 67 students that stayed after school until 5:30 and joined one of the many activities that we offer. We ran camps during school vacations and over the summer for ages Preschool through 12th grade.

The Community Connections Preschool at East Montpelier was full most days last year. The Community Connections Preschool is a state-licensed daycare located at the school that is open from 8:00 to 4:30 each day. We serve all families and children and accept state child care subsidies to help those who qualify. Twenty-three Preschool Students used this program in the 2016-2017 school year.

We ran a very busy summer food program at East Montpelier that served 4,062 free meals to children in the greater Montpelier Area. These meals were cooked at EMES and served in our summer camps and to the children who attended the WCSU extended school year program that was located at EMES this summer.

With Community Connections on site, the elementary school building was kept busy from 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., as well as during school year and summer vacations. Our programs are a critical part of the social safety net in East Montpelier. We are there for those who need us. Thank you all for supporting these great youth programs during the 2016-2017 school year!

—ALEX ROB, *Executive Director*

FY 17 Financial Information for East Montpelier Community Connections

| | % of | FY17 | | % of | FY17 |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Income | Income | Income | Expenses | Expenses | Actual |
| State | 35.7% | \$38,173 | Personnel | 97.7% | \$105,740 |
| Town of E. M. | 3.7% | \$2,500 * | Other | 2.3% | \$12,738 |
| Other | 60.6% | \$81,317 | | | |
| Total Income | 100.0% | \$121,990 | Total Expenses | 100.0% | \$118,477 |

*TM16, Art. 15 (8)

**East Montpelier Elementary School District
Salary & Benefit Projection
As of December 1, 2017**

Benefits include the cost of: Health Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan, Social Security/Medicare, Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Insurance

| | Projected Salaries | Total Salary & Benefits |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| INSTRUCTIONAL 1100: | | |
| Blanchard Michael | \$ 52,457 | 77,232 |
| Carter Anne | 48,559 | 63,652 |
| Christiano Christine | 67,415 | 93,588 |
| Christy Kathryn | 71,120 | 92,865 |
| Fitch Jennifer-Reading | 67,415 | 93,588 |
| Gallagher Claire | 46,990 | 60,748 |
| Gannon Robin | 69,370 | 90,951 |
| Gariboldi Lisa | 67,415 | 93,588 |
| Gelfon Samantha | 38,881 | 49,918 |
| Giammusso Laura | 69,370 | 95,726 |
| Knoedler Ellen | 11,393 | 12,398 |
| Morse Alexandra | 22,906 | 36,271 |
| Parker Bethany | 67,415 | 93,588 |
| Shedd Ellen | 65,515 | 86,666 |
| Sherwin Michael | 65,515 | 76,416 |
| Willard David | 58,687 | 84,044 |
| Zeilenga Jillian | 65,515 | 91,510 |
| Subtotal Teachers | 955,938 | 1,292,749 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Subtotal Technical | 0 | 0 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL | 955,938 | 1,292,749 |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|

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|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| PRE-SCHOOL 1101: | | |
| O'hare Jamie | 29,135 | 31,707 |
| Downing Elizabeth | 22,029 | 30,349 |
| Subtotal Teachers | 51,164 | 62,056 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Brown Kimberly | 6,188 | 6,734 |
| Stone Katharine | 21,502 | 36,880 |
| Subtotal Technical | 27,690 | 43,614 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| TOTAL PRE-SCHOOL | 78,854 | 105,670 |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|

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|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| GUIDANCE 2120: | | |
| Langevin Mary | 34,685 | 47,953 |
| TOTAL GUIDANCE | 34,685 | 47,953 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEALTH SERVICES 2130: | | |
| Wirth Elizabeth | 69,165 | 80,407 |
| TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES | 69,165 | 80,407 |

| | Projected Salaries | Total Salary & Benefits |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| LIBRARY 2222: | | |
| Badger Jane | 25,826 | 41,860 |
| Bruccoli Arlyn | 27,748 | 38,262 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY | 53,574 | 80,122 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| TECHNOLOGY 2225: | | |
| Bruccoli Arlyn | 41,622 | 57,463 |
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY | 41,622 | 57,463 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| SCHOOL ADMIN. 2410: | | |
| Badger Jane | 6,457 | 10,441 |
| Lyford Alicia | 94,071 | 122,849 |
| Martin Karin | 48,650 | 60,893 |
| TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN. | 149,178 | 194,183 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| OPER. & MAINTENANCE 2600: | | |
| Clark Brenda | 43,596 | 55,064 |
| Hill Todd | 51,198 | 67,168 |
| Humphrey Karen | 21,458 | 23,352 |
| Taylor Zack | 10,478 | 11,473 |
| TOTAL OPER. & MAINT. | 126,730 | 157,057 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| SPECIAL EDUC. 1210: | | |
| Defayette Katherine | 19,779 | 36,725 |
| Deforge Susan | 24,341 | 43,174 |
| Fitz Carrie | 20,368 | 27,049 |
| Jensen Guillian | 19,779 | 26,405 |
| Phillips Doris | 29,401 | 42,026 |
| Stone Katharine | 5,376 | 9,220 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL ED. | 119,044 | 184,599 |

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| SUBTOT GEN FUND | 1,628,790 | 2,200,203 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Food Services 3100: | | |
| Olander Susan | 30,199 | 42,947 |
| Waiter Jennifer | 14,022 | 15,260 |
| TOTAL FOOD SVCS | 44,221 | 58,207 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS | \$1,673,011 | 2,258,410 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|

| EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY | | Final | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| BUDGET 2018-2019 | | BUDGET 2017 ACTUAL 2017 BUDGET 2018 PROJECTED 2018 BUDGET 2019 | | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | REVENUES | | | | | | |
| TUITION | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS | | \$52,225 | \$66,673 | \$52,225 | \$48,444 | \$52,225 | \$52,225 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-Purchase Discour | | \$1,114 | \$3,442 | \$1,114 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-ERATE-Technolo | | \$2,690 | \$12,773 | \$8,771 | \$8,771 | \$8,771 | \$8,771 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-INSTR/L/FIELD TR | | \$2,700 | \$3,946 | \$2,700 | \$2,700 | \$2,700 | \$2,700 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-OTHER | | \$600 | \$8,271 | \$600 | \$1,714 | \$1,714 | \$1,714 |
| EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE | | \$3,652,134 | \$3,652,134 | \$3,669,004 | \$3,650,400 | \$3,807,332 | \$3,807,332 |
| STATE TRANSPORTATION AID REIMBURSE | | \$57,206 | \$56,305 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| EDUCATION JOBS FUND | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SPED-MISC INCOME | | \$0 | \$4,578 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SPED-MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT | | \$65,800 | \$65,800 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SPED-EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT | | \$257,690 | \$206,993 | \$56,089 | \$103,507 | \$105,311 | \$105,311 |
| SPED-EXTRAORDINARY REIMBURSEMENT | | \$60,998 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| EEE GRANT-PRESCHOOL | | \$23,395 | \$23,395 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SUBTOTAL REVENUES | | \$4,176,552 | \$4,104,310 | \$3,790,503 | \$3,815,536 | \$3,978,053 | \$3,978,053 |
| FUND BALANCE USAGE | | \$0 | \$0 | \$20,439 | \$20,439 | \$12,720 | \$12,720 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$4,176,552 | \$4,104,310 | \$3,810,942 | \$3,835,975 | \$3,990,773 | \$3,990,773 |

NOTE: FUND BALANCE SUMMARY
 FUND BALANCE AS OF 7/1
 INCREASE(DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS
 PROJECTED FUND BALANCE 6/30

\$247,511
 \$71,133
 \$318,644

| INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS. | | \$1,019,311 | \$1,015,843 |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH. | | \$3,105 | \$0 |
| | | | \$988,448 |
| | | | \$3,045 |
| | | | \$961,297 |
| | | | \$3,105 |
| | | | \$1,007,295 |
| | | | \$3,105 |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY | \$22,000 | \$29,992 | \$22,330 | \$22,330 | \$22,330 | \$22,911 |
| SALARIES-INSTRUCTIONAL -ED JOBS FUND | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$233,456 | \$231,521 | \$247,180 | \$230,365 | \$230,032 | \$230,032 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$76,869 | \$75,718 | \$74,351 | \$75,477 | \$80,068 | \$80,068 |
| OPEB ASSESSMENT | \$1,300 | \$1,097 | \$1,300 | \$3,759 | \$3,759 | \$3,759 |
| RETIREMENT BENEFITS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$1,008 | \$1,008 | \$1,085 | \$1,085 | \$1,015 | \$1,015 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$7,381 | \$7,188 | \$7,290 | \$7,290 | \$7,234 | \$7,234 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$6,155 | \$5,717 | \$6,083 | \$6,083 | \$4,470 | \$4,470 |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT | \$30,000 | \$23,492 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$8,553 | \$8,225 | \$8,317 | \$8,317 | \$8,225 | \$8,225 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$5,220 | \$2,805 | \$5,126 | \$5,126 | \$5,055 | \$5,055 |
| PROF EDU SVC-ADMFEE FIELD TRIPS | \$4,500 | \$9,645 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 |
| PROFESSIONAL SVCS-ECO | \$2,500 | \$2,800 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |
| TUITION REFUND DUE TO RESIDENCY | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TRAVEL | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$24,297 | \$27,944 | \$24,297 | \$22,333 | \$24,297 | \$24,297 |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | \$8,000 | \$6,180 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 |
| EQUIPMENT-CLASSROOM FURNITURE | \$0 | \$14,478 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| DUES AND FEES | \$0 | \$169 | \$0 | \$464 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES | \$1,453,655 | \$1,463,822 | \$1,433,852 | \$1,391,926 | \$1,442,466 | |

EEE & PRESCHOOL

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS. | \$56,558 | \$51,180 | \$53,441 | \$51,164 | \$54,367 | \$54,367 |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH. | \$18,340 | \$21,059 | \$21,271 | \$29,502 | \$33,384 | \$33,384 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$22,768 | \$16,445 | \$18,058 | \$17,556 | \$17,350 | \$17,350 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$5,434 | \$5,381 | \$5,481 | \$6,171 | \$6,500 | \$6,500 |
| RETIREMENT BENEFITS | \$1,100 | \$1,100 | \$1,276 | \$1,290 | \$1,335 | \$1,335 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$111 | \$111 | \$126 | \$126 | \$126 | \$126 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$549 | \$549 | \$548 | \$548 | \$643 | \$643 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$449 | \$449 | \$448 | \$448 | \$390 | \$390 |

**EAST MONTEPIELIER ELEMENTARY
BUDGET 2018-2019**

Final

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET 2017 | ACTUAL 2017 | BUDGET 2018 | PROJECTED 2018 | BUDGET 2019 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT | \$570 | \$625 | \$570 | \$570 | \$570 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$828 | \$668 | \$657 | \$657 | \$657 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$389 | \$128 | \$225 | \$225 | \$233 |
| TUITION & SU SHARED SVCS | \$33,296 | \$46,992 | \$44,105 | \$44,105 | \$34,697 |
| RENTAL & LEASE BUILDING | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$1,000 | \$874 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| TOTAL EEE & PRESCHOOL | \$141,392 | \$145,561 | \$147,206 | \$153,362 | \$151,252 |

GUIDANCE SERVICES

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS. | \$34,912 | \$34,178 | \$34,691 | \$34,685 | \$35,587 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$10,174 | \$10,090 | \$10,171 | \$9,625 | \$9,652 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$2,539 | \$2,336 | \$2,522 | \$2,653 | \$2,591 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$65 | \$65 | \$70 | \$70 | \$70 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$256 | \$256 | \$254 | \$254 | \$261 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$209 | \$209 | \$208 | \$208 | \$158 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$331 | \$276 | \$331 | \$331 | \$331 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$182 | \$104 | \$180 | \$180 | \$185 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | \$250 | \$0 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES | \$49,418 | \$48,014 | \$49,177 | \$48,756 | \$49,585 |

HEALTH SERVICES

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|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROF.OTH | \$59,399 | \$72,748 | \$73,780 | \$73,025 | \$74,463 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$4,544 | \$5,415 | \$5,644 | \$5,586 | \$5,696 |
| SECTION125 BENEFIT | \$65 | \$65 | \$70 | \$70 | \$70 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$409 | \$409 | \$507 | \$507 | \$520 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$334 | \$334 | \$415 | \$415 | \$315 |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$441 | \$552 | \$552 | \$552 | \$552 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$290 | \$201 | \$360 | \$360 | \$369 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$1,120 | \$1,045 | \$1,120 | \$1,120 | \$1,120 |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | \$145 | \$0 | \$145 | \$145 | \$145 |
| TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES | \$66,747 | \$80,769 | \$82,593 | \$81,780 | \$83,250 |

CURRICULUM SERVICES

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRICULUM | \$20,525 | \$20,525 | \$24,151 | \$24,151 | \$27,123 |
| TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES | \$20,525 | \$20,525 | \$24,151 | \$24,151 | \$27,123 |

SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS. | \$27,930 | \$27,342 | \$27,752 | \$27,748 | \$29,869 |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECHNICIAN | \$15,739 | \$15,732 | \$22,355 | \$25,826 | \$26,730 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$15,728 | \$15,598 | \$18,759 | \$19,280 | \$11,398 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$3,235 | \$3,038 | \$3,728 | \$4,098 | \$4,330 |
| RETIREMENT BENEFITS | \$944 | \$944 | \$1,341 | \$1,550 | \$1,604 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$33 | \$33 | \$49 | \$49 | \$49 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$320 | \$320 | \$367 | \$367 | \$405 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$262 | \$262 | \$301 | \$301 | \$245 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$497 | \$497 | \$607 | \$607 | \$662 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$227 | \$132 | \$261 | \$261 | \$287 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$1,100 | \$4,975 | \$1,100 | \$1,100 | \$1,100 |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | \$5,800 | \$5,834 | \$5,800 | \$5,800 | \$5,800 |
| COMPUTER SOFTWARE | \$1,295 | \$2,137 | \$295 | \$295 | \$295 |
| TOTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES | \$73,110 | \$76,844 | \$82,715 | \$87,282 | \$82,774 |

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS. | \$41,895 | \$42,548 | \$41,628 | \$41,622 | \$44,804 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$12,209 | \$12,108 | \$12,205 | \$11,550 | \$0 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$3,047 | \$3,050 | \$3,026 | \$3,184 | \$3,428 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$65 | \$65 | \$70 | \$70 | \$70 |

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY

| DESCRIPTION | BUDGET 2017 | ACTUAL 2017 | BUDGET 2018 | PROJECTED 2018 | BUDGET 2019 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$307 | \$307 | \$305 | \$305 | \$313 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$251 | \$251 | \$250 | \$250 | \$190 |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$331 | \$331 | \$331 | \$331 | \$331 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$218 | \$121 | \$216 | \$216 | \$222 |
| SUPERV UNION SERVICES | \$48,763 | \$48,763 | \$91,734 | \$91,734 | \$91,117 |
| SUPERV UNION SERVICES-NETWORK SUPP | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | \$1,000 | \$759 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| RENTALS & LEASES/REPAIRS-COPIER | \$4,000 | \$750 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE | \$5,000 | \$17,463 | \$17,500 | \$17,500 | \$17,500 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$3,000 | \$2,574 | \$1,000 | \$2,500 | \$1,000 |
| COMPUTER SOFTWARE | \$13,243 | \$15,982 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| EQUIPMENT - REPLACEMENT & TELEPHON | \$20,000 | \$45,820 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES | \$153,429 | \$190,892 | \$203,365 | \$204,362 | \$194,075 |

BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| TECHNICAL SVC.SCHOOL BD | \$700 | \$0 | \$0 | \$711 | \$735 |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY-CLERICAL | \$720 | \$1,080 | \$731 | \$731 | \$756 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$106 | \$83 | \$107 | \$107 | \$111 |
| OFFICIAL SVC TAX COLLECT. | \$9,000 | \$9,000 | \$9,000 | \$9,000 | \$9,000 |
| PROFESSIONAL EDUC SVCS | \$250 | \$560 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| LEGAL SERVICES | \$4,000 | \$1,020 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$200 | \$191 | \$200 | \$200 | \$200 |
| DUES & FEES | \$1,700 | \$1,765 | \$1,700 | \$1,700 | \$1,700 |
| TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS. | \$16,676 | \$13,699 | \$15,988 | \$16,699 | \$16,752 |

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT | \$56,990 | \$56,990 | \$86,889 | \$86,889 | \$98,311 |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CRIMINAL REGIST | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT | \$57,990 | \$57,990 | \$86,889 | \$86,889 | \$98,311 |

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN. | \$91,598 | \$90,890 | \$92,253 | \$94,071 | \$96,893 |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL | \$70,153 | \$67,373 | \$61,865 | \$58,967 | \$60,536 |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY | \$1,502 | \$1,377 | \$3,937 | \$3,937 | \$4,075 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$26,628 | \$26,578 | \$24,894 | \$21,748 | \$22,153 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$12,242 | \$11,593 | \$11,827 | \$12,009 | \$12,091 |
| RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION | \$3,934 | \$3,764 | \$3,437 | \$3,306 | \$3,422 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$169 | \$169 | \$161 | \$161 | \$161 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$1,152 | \$1,152 | \$1,047 | \$1,047 | \$1,094 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$943 | \$943 | \$897 | \$897 | \$683 |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT | \$1,200 | \$504 | \$1,200 | \$1,200 | \$1,200 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$1,380 | \$1,380 | \$1,270 | \$1,270 | \$1,214 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$1,327 | \$952 | \$1,288 | \$1,288 | \$1,310 |
| MENTOR | \$4,000 | \$1,777 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| RENTALS & LEASES/REPAIRS-POSTAGE | \$1,760 | \$0 | \$1,760 | \$1,760 | \$1,760 |
| COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE | \$2,500 | \$1,902 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |
| ADVERTISING | \$500 | \$655 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| TRAVEL | \$300 | \$0 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$3,000 | \$647 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| DUES & FEES | \$1,100 | \$704 | \$1,100 | \$1,100 | \$1,100 |
| TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL | \$225,388 | \$212,360 | \$213,236 | \$209,061 | \$213,992 |
| FISCAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV | \$45,013 | \$45,013 | \$46,667 | \$46,667 | \$47,087 |
| TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES | \$45,013 | \$45,013 | \$46,667 | \$46,667 | \$47,087 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | | | | | |
| INTEREST EXPENSE-REVENUE ANTIC LOAN | \$52,225 | \$52,288 | \$52,225 | \$48,444 | \$52,225 |
| TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE | \$52,225 | \$52,288 | \$52,225 | \$48,444 | \$52,225 |

| BUDGET 2017 ACTUAL 2017 BUDGET 2018 PROJECTED 2018 BUDGET 2019 | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| DESCRIPTION | | | | | | |
| AUDITING SERVICES | | | | | | |
| SHARED SU AUDIT SERVICES | \$4,550 | \$4,550 | \$5,075 | \$5,075 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES | \$4,550 | \$4,550 | \$5,075 | \$5,075 | \$0 | \$0 |
| OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE | \$129,942 | \$131,110 | \$131,410 | \$130,590 | \$134,666 | \$134,666 |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY | \$4,000 | \$2,208 | \$4,060 | \$4,060 | \$4,202 | \$4,202 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$7,722 | \$7,676 | \$7,720 | \$7,491 | \$7,469 | \$7,469 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$10,247 | \$10,095 | \$10,363 | \$10,301 | \$10,623 | \$10,623 |
| RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION | \$5,542 | \$5,517 | \$5,600 | \$5,688 | \$5,887 | \$5,887 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$195 | \$195 | \$210 | \$210 | \$210 | \$210 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$948 | \$948 | \$959 | \$959 | \$992 | \$992 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$752 | \$752 | \$761 | \$761 | \$582 | \$582 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$1,104 | \$1,104 | \$1,104 | \$1,104 | \$1,104 | \$1,104 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$480 | \$356 | \$485 | \$485 | \$510 | \$510 |
| SU-SHARED SERVICES-ASBESTOS & FAC | \$1,000 | \$1,474 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| WATER TESTING AND SEWER | \$4,000 | \$6,168 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| DISPOSAL SERVICES | \$3,500 | \$2,465 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| SNOW PLOWING | \$12,000 | \$13,100 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 |
| LAWN CARE SERVICES & PROF SVCS | \$4,500 | \$948 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,500 |
| REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & DIU RECON | \$18,800 | \$12,734 | \$18,800 | \$18,800 | \$14,410 | \$14,410 |
| INSURANCE | \$10,500 | \$10,377 | \$11,130 | \$11,130 | \$11,130 | \$11,130 |
| TRAVEL | \$300 | \$0 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$16,000 | \$11,591 | \$16,000 | \$16,000 | \$16,000 | \$16,000 |
| ELECTRICITY | \$38,000 | \$34,736 | \$39,900 | \$39,900 | \$39,900 | \$39,900 |
| BOTTLED GAS-PROPANE | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| OIL | \$8,000 | \$7,983 | \$8,400 | \$8,400 | \$8,400 | \$8,400 |
| OTHER ENERGY-WOOD CHIPS | \$20,000 | \$7,850 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | \$17,500 | \$17,500 |
| EQUIPMENT | \$4,600 | \$390 | \$4,600 | \$4,600 | \$4,600 | \$4,600 |
| TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT | \$302,132 | \$269,777 | \$305,802 | \$304,779 | \$302,485 | \$302,485 |

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV

| | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| WCSU ASSESSMENT-STUDENT TRANSPORT | \$121,265 | \$121,313 | \$95,818 | \$95,818 | \$127,705 |
| STUDENT TRANSP SV-FIELD TRIPS | \$4,000 | \$6,730 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV | \$125,265 | \$128,043 | \$99,818 | \$99,818 | \$131,705 |

DEBT SERVICE

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| INTEREST-Water Loan | \$1,639 | \$1,569 | \$1,423 | \$1,423 | \$1,423 |
| PRINCIPAL-Water Loan | \$2,334 | \$2,405 | \$2,550 | \$2,550 | \$2,550 |
| INTEREST-Construction Project | \$208,698 | \$208,698 | \$196,280 | \$196,280 | \$183,862 |
| PRINCIPAL-Construction Project | \$408,500 | \$408,500 | \$408,500 | \$408,500 | \$408,500 |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | \$621,171 | \$621,172 | \$608,753 | \$608,753 | \$596,335 |

FUND TRANSFERS

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| FUND TRANSFER-FOOD SVC | \$15,551 | \$15,551 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| FUND TRANSFER-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | \$86,522 | \$86,522 | \$71,522 | \$156,451 | \$71,522 |
| FUND TRANSFER-STUDENT ACTIVITY | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS | \$102,073 | \$102,073 | \$81,522 | \$166,451 | \$81,522 |

INSTR.SVC-STUDENT SUP SVC

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH. | \$65,187 | \$70,986 | \$58,484 | \$126,763 | \$130,210 |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY,SUMMER & BUS M | \$0 | \$2,777 | \$508 | \$3,000 | \$525 |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | \$27,454 | \$28,936 | \$31,097 | \$39,336 | \$38,812 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$4,631 | \$5,233 | \$4,109 | \$9,736 | \$9,513 |
| RETIREMENT BENEFITS | \$3,911 | \$3,615 | \$3,509 | \$3,547 | \$3,671 |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | \$150 | \$150 | \$154 | \$154 | \$364 |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | \$478 | \$478 | \$429 | \$429 | \$903 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$391 | \$391 | \$351 | \$351 | \$547 |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$1,269 | \$1,269 | \$1,214 | \$1,214 | \$2,870 |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | \$339 | \$207 | \$304 | \$304 | \$641 |

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY**BUDGET 2018-2019****Final**

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>BUDGET 2017</u> | <u>ACTUAL 2017</u> | <u>BUDGET 2018</u> | <u>PROJECTED 2018</u> | <u>BUDGET 2019</u> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TUITION TO STATE AGENCIES | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TRAVEL | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| EQUIPMENT | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL INSTR.SVC-STUDENT SUP SVC | \$103,810 | \$114,042 | \$100,159 | \$184,834 | \$188,056 |
| SUPPORT PROGRAMS | | | | | |
| SU SHARED SERVICES | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SU ASSESSMENTS | | | | | |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED | \$550,800 | \$374,559 | \$158,060 | \$200,561 | \$221,208 |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED | \$11,183 | \$11,183 | \$12,978 | \$12,978 | \$10,570 |
| TOTAL SU ASSESSMENTS | \$561,983 | \$385,742 | \$171,038 | \$213,539 | \$231,778 |
| ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS | | | | | |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY-ELL | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TRAVEL | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$4,176,552 | \$4,033,176 | \$3,810,231 | \$3,982,628 | \$3,990,773 |
| PROFIT(LOSS) | \$0 | \$71,134 | \$711 | -\$146,653 | \$0 |

East Montpelier Elementary School
Summary of Changes Budget 2019 vs. 2018

| Salary & Benefit Items | Entire Budget | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| | Final | % Change |
| <u>Negotiated Items</u> | | |
| Salary Increases | \$50,945 | 1.34% |
| Health Benefits-Current Enrollment @10.1% Inflation With Latest Enrollment | -\$8,592 | -0.23% |
| Miscellaneous Benefit Changes | \$4,806 | 0.13% |
| Subtotal Negotiated Items | \$47,159 | 1.24% |

Staffing Changes:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| New Paraeducators 3.4 PREK-FY17-18 | \$35,639 | 0.94% |
| Addl .3FTE Professional Staff | \$24,000 | 0.63% |
| Subtotal Staffing Changes | \$59,639 | 1.56% |

Total Salary & Benefit Items

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| \$106,798 | 2.80% |
|------------------|--------------|

| Budget FY 18 | Budget FY 19 |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$2,228,522 | \$2,335,320 |

Nonsalary changes:

| | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| WCSU Assessments-Operations | \$7,523 | 0.20% |
| WCSU Assessments-SPED | \$62,339 | 1.64% |
| WCSU Assessments-Student Transportation | \$31,887 | 0.84% |
| Preschool Tuition-Act 166 | -\$9,408 | -0.25% |
| Operation of Plant-Repairs/Woodchips | -\$6,890 | -0.18% |
| Debt Savings-Bond Interest Savings | -\$12,418 | -0.33% |
| Total Nonsalary | \$73,033 | 1.92% |

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| \$1,582,420 | \$1,655,453 |
|--------------------|--------------------|

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Budget Expense Change(A) | \$179,831 | 4.72% | \$3,810,942 | \$3,990,773 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|

Revenue Changes

| | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Special Educ. Reimbursement | \$49,222 | 1.29% |
| Fund Balance Use for Early Retirement- Was \$20,439 now \$12,720 | -\$7,719 | -0.20% |
| Subtotal Revenue Changes(B) | \$41,503 | 1.09% |

Net Impact on Taxes(A-B)**

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| \$138,328 | 3.63% |
|------------------|--------------|

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at East Montpelier Elementary School, 665 Vincent Flats Road in East Montpelier, on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.* to act on the following business not involving Australian ballot:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2018-2019 school year?

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Articles to be voted by Australian Ballot Polling Times – 7:00 A.M. Through 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,990,773 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,645 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.06% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 7. To elect the following School Directors:

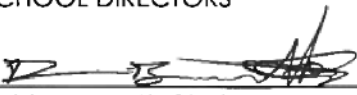
One (1) School Director
One (1) School Director

Two (2) Year Term
Three (3) Year Term

A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. at East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting.

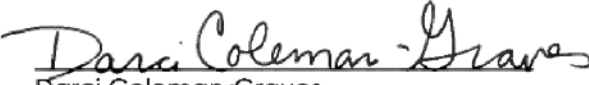
The legal voters of East Montpelier Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

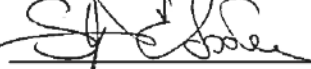
SCHOOL DIRECTORS


Rubin Bennett, Chair


Flor Diaz-Smith, Vice-Chair


Malinda Johnson, Clerk


Darci Coleman-Graves


Stephen Looke

* Please note time. The Town and School Meeting are now both being warned at 9:30 A.M. Both will convene and then one will be recessed until the completion of the other meeting. This will allow a quicker transition between meetings.



Photo: Cherie Staples

East Montpelier Trail
west of Center Road.

INFORMATIONAL COPY OF U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 ("U-32"), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 6 as outlined below.

Polling Places and Times:

Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner – 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Calais Elementary School in Calais – 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Rumney Memorial School in Middlesex – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Doty Memorial School in Worcester – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 128/131 at 6:00 PM on March 5, 2018 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

The legal voters of U-32 are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Sections 553 and 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 3. To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

| | |
|-----------|---------------|
| Clerk | \$500.00 |
| Directors | \$850.00 each |
| Chair | \$875.00 |
| Treasurer | \$1,500.00 |

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$14,833,943 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,056 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.90% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2018-2019 school year?

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Adrienne Magida, Chair (Middlesex) | Kari Bradley, Vice Chair (East Montpelier) |
| Carl Witke, Clerk (Worcester) | Karen Bradley (East Montpelier) |
| Jonathan Goddard (Berlin) | George Gross (Berlin) |
| C. Scott Thompson (Calais) | |

Mary Ormsby, Clerk

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES MARCH 7, 2017 — TOWN MEETING

Moderator Michael Duane called to order the meetings of the Town and School District at 9:30 a.m. Town Meeting was recessed until after the School Meeting, and reconvened at 11:22 a.m. Approximately 265 residents attended.

- Art. 1:** Voted and elected the following Officers by Australian Ballot:
 Town Moderator, 1-year term: Michael O Duane [497 votes]
 Town Clerk, 1-year of 3-year term: CJ Flynn [486 votes]
 Selectboard Member, 3-year term: Amy Willis [436 votes]
 Selectboard Member, 2-year term: Kim Swasey [476 votes]
 Lister, 3-year term: Rob Chickering [482 votes]
 Town Auditor, 3-year term: No candidate
 First Constable, 1-year term: Sandy Conti [494 votes]
 Second Constable, 1-year term: No Candidate
 Cemetery Commissioner, 5-yr term: Tim Lamson [462 votes]
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Scott Hess [391 votes]
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Jay Stewart [398 votes]
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Ray Stout [389 votes]
- Art. 2:** Heard the reports of Town Officers: Selectboard chair Seth Gardner thanked outgoing Town Clerk Terri Conti for her years of service. He talked about the dissolution of Fire District #1, charter amendments, the village master plan and sidewalk project, potential uses for the “Old LaPerle Farm,” the village Park ‘n Ride, and Route 14 Bridge replacement. He discussed the retirement of Road Foreman Mike Garand and further praised the road crew for their good work. The general budget showed only 0.7% increase despite higher costs in health care and ambulance services. Gardner acknowledged community volunteers, recognized outgoing longtime selectboard member Casey Northrup, and welcomed new town clerk CJ Flynn.
- Art. 3:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$1,681,597** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [453 yes; 84 no].
- Art. 4:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$38,614** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of K-H Library. Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [379 yes; 157 no].
- Art. 5:** Voted to adopt the proposed amendments to the East Montpelier Town Charter as recommended by the East Montpelier Charter Committee and the East Montpelier Selectboard. Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [401 yes; 112 no].
- Art. 6:** Voted to adopt the proposed Plan of Merger of East Montpelier Fire District #1 with the Town of East Montpelier as an amendment to the East Montpelier Town Charter as recommended by the East Montpelier Selectboard. Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [454 yes; 74 no].
- Art. 7:** Voted to authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2018 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received by the

Town Treasurer at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Passed by voice vote.

- Art. 8:** Voted for the Town to raise the sum of **\$7,500** for the Land Conservation Fund. Citizens expressed concerns. The Conservation Fund Advisory Committee was concerned about making decisions based on outdated data. Someone said minimizing available land raises land prices, and land development overtaxes services but increases enrollment. The committee said they want to retain natural sites and preserve farm land. Other issues discussed included higher school costs, trails, wildlife, and attracting young families. Also discussed was genetically modified corn and materials rinsing off corn that gets into the groundwater. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 9:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$3,100** for Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 10:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$7,000** for the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during fiscal year 2018. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 11:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$7,000** for the East Montpelier Signpost to provide for the production and mailing of six issues of the East Montpelier Signpost for each East Montpelier resident household and non-resident property owner during fiscal year 2018. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 12:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$4,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2018. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 13:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$7,500** for Cross Vermont Trail Association to be used as a part of the required local match of federal grants for the construction of a stretch of the Cross Vermont Trail, mostly in East Montpelier, including a bridge across the Winooski River. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 14:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$7,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 15:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$5,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 16:** Voted to raise the sum of **\$8,333** as its fiscal year 2018 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the Green Mountain Transit Agency commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 17:** Voted to raise amounts listed below as recommended by Town's Funding Request Study Committee for the following organizations for fiscal year 2018:
- 1) American Red Cross \$250
 - 2) Capstone Community Action \$500

| | |
|---|---------|
| 3) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education | \$750 |
| 4) Central Vermont Council on Aging | \$1,875 |
| 5) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center | \$1,000 |
| 6) Circle | \$675 |
| 7) Downstreet Housing & Community Development | \$150 |
| 8) East Montpelier Community Connections | \$2,500 |
| 9) Family Center of Washington County | \$500 |
| 10) Friends of the Winooski River | \$200 |
| 11) Girls/Boyz First Mentoring | \$300 |
| 12) Good Beginnings of Central VT | \$300 |
| 13) Good Samaritan Haven | \$750 |
| 14) Green Mountain Transit | \$1,366 |
| 15) Green Up Vermont | \$150 |
| 16) Home Share Now | \$800 |
| 17) North Branch Nature Center | \$750 |
| 18) Onion River Food Shelf | \$1,000 |
| 19) OUR House of Central VT | \$250 |
| 20) People's Health and Wellness Clinic | \$1,250 |
| 21) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont | \$300 |
| 22) Project Independence | \$125 |
| 23) Sexual Assault Crisis Team | \$250 |
| 24) Twin Valley Senior Center | \$3,000 |
| 25) T. W. Wood Gallery | \$500 |
| 26) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired | \$150 |
| 27) Vermont CARES | \$150 |
| 28) Vermont Center for Independent Living | \$245 |
| 29) Washington County Diversion Program | \$600 |
| 30) Washington County Mental Health Services | \$800 |
| 31) Washington County Youth Service Bureau | \$400 |

Result: Passed by voice vote.

Total: \$21,836

Art. 18: Voted on other non-binding business.

Shall the Town of East Montpelier adopt the following policy:

The Town of East Montpelier is a Sanctuary Town. As a Sanctuary Town, the Town of East Montpelier will direct employees not to inquire into any resident's immigration status or religious affiliation as part of their official duties and to refuse any request from a state or federal agency for:

- 1) information on a resident's immigration status or religious affiliation; or,
- 2) assistance in enforcing federal immigration policy.

The residents of East Montpelier accept, welcome, and will support immigrants.

This was amended on the floor to:

The Town of East Montpelier will direct employees not to inquire into any resident's immigration status or religious affiliation as part of their official duties and not to dedicate any time or resources to:

- 1) providing a state or federal agency with information that would not

otherwise be available to the public; or,

2) assistance in enforcing federal immigration policy.

The residents of East Montpelier accept, welcome, and will support immigrants. Result: Passed by voice vote.

Art. 19: Voted to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Non-binding resolution presented on the floor:

The citizens of East Montpelier, Vermont support the efforts of our state and federal legislators to enact legislation that would require the disclosure of federal tax returns before a presidential candidate's name can be placed on the primary and general election ballots; and, upon passage, we direct the Select Board to convey the results of the vote to our elected state and federal representatives. Result: Passed by voice vote.

Town Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



ABSTRACT OF MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2017 — SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Moderator Michael Duane called to order the school meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Art. 1: Voted by Australian Ballot to elect:

School District Moderator, 1-year term: Michael Duane [489 votes]

Art. 2: Voted to hear and act upon the report of Town School Directors. School Board Chair Rubin Bennett and EMES Principal Alicia Lyford presented a slide show of activities at the school prior to budget discussion. Bennett said special education and transportation costs have been centralized by Washington Central Supervisory Union. He noted increased Kindergarten enrollment due to Orchard Valley transfers, greater use of pre-school vouchers, as well as the ability to modify calculation of Alternative School locations. The increased number of Equalized Students impacted the budget positively.

Art. 3: Voted to authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2017 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 4: Voted to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2017–2018 school year. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 5: Voted to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. School directors Kari Bradley and Emily Goyette discussed the U-32 budget. They talked about the 2020 bond debt service and cessation of transfer movement from the capital to the general fund. They reported U-32 has declining enrollment, but the budget is not declining due to cost increases, capital budget increases, and salary increases. Director Flor Diaz Smith paid tribute to the late U-32 teacher Laure Angel. She then discussed

proposals for a single unified school board to satisfy Act 46. The subject of merging with Montpelier was briefly discussed. A report must be made by November 30th.

Art. 6: Voted by Australian ballot to approve the school board to expend **\$3,810,942**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$20,477** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **3.13%** higher than spending for the current year. [305 yes; 236 no]

Art. 7: Voted by Australian ballot to elect:
 EMES Director, 3-year term: Rubin Bennett [445 votes]
 EMES Director, 2-year term: Darci Coleman-Graves [431 votes]
 U-32 Director, 3-year term: Karen Bradley [453 votes]

School Meeting 2017 adjourned at 11:12 a.m.



U-32 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE VOTE ON MARCH 7, 2017

- Art. 1:** To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.
 Mary Ormsby [1,740 votes]
- Art. 2:** To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
 Mary Ormsby [1,705 votes]
- Art. 3:** To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.
 Clerk: \$500; Directors: \$850 each; Chair: \$875; Treasurer: \$1,500.
 Passed. [1,465 yes; 478 no]
- Art. 4:** Shall the voters of the Union High School District No. 32 approve the school board to expend **\$14,305,831**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$17,369** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **6.43%** higher than spending for the current year.
 Passed [1,141 yes; 855 no]
- Art. 5:** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2017 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?
 Passed. [1,542 yes; 421 no]
- Art. 6:** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2017–2018 school year? Passed. [1,384 yes; 578 no]

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Development Review Board — 1st Tues. and as needed, 7:00 pm

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee — as needed

Capital Improvement Committee — 1st Tues., 6:00 pm

E.M. Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI) — as needed

Meeting place: East Montpelier Elementary School

Elementary School (EMES) Board — 3rd Mon., 5:30 pm

EMES Parent Teacher Neighbor Org. (PTNO) — 2nd Wed., 6:30 pm

Recreation Board — 2nd Mon., 7:15 pm

Meeting place: Union 32 Junior/Senior High School

U-32 School Board — 1st Wed., 6:00 pm

Meeting place: Four Corners Schoolhouse

Four Corners Schoolhouse Association (FCSA) — 2nd Wed., 7:00 pm

E.M. Historical Society — 3rd Mon., 7:00 pm (alternately at 6:00 pm in East Calais)

Meeting place: Emergency Services Facility Community Room

East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD) — Every Tues., 7:00 pm

For information on these and other local organizations, call the Town Offices at **223-3313** or visit the town's website at <http://eastmontpeliervt.org>

NO PARKING NOTICE — SNOW REMOVAL

Residents of the Town of East Montpelier are reminded that in accordance with Vermont State Statute (23 VSA Sections 1101–1102), vehicles left standing or parked in the public right-of-way that interfere with the flow of traffic or with snowplowing operations may be towed without warning. Private snow plow operators are also reminded that in accordance with Vermont State Statute (19 VSA Section 1111b), it is illegal to plow snow from private property on or across public highways. — *East Montpelier Selectboard*

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

May be obtained at the Town Office. Fee: \$2.00.

Requirement: 62 years of age or older. Provides free entry to VT State Parks.

CASELLA TRANSFER STATIONS ON ROUTE 2

1) **Former C.V. Landfill:** Open Mon-Fri 7:30-3:45 & Sat 8-2; 479-2450

2) **Behind Kurrle Shell Station:** Open M,Tu,Th,Fri 8-4 & Sat 8-2; 224-0123

CENTRAL VT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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