

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY & MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017 REPORTS



**Carol McGregor
on her deck with
canine friend**



Village Green Flower Bed

2017 Town Report Honoree

This year's cover honoree is Carol McGregor. Carol passed away in early December 2017.

She was born in the Kansas in 1941. Her mother was an only child and her father died in WWII, leaving her with no known other living family at an early age.

Carol attended Hartwick College in western New York. Following graduation she worked as a systems software analyst for International Business Machines where she retired. Carol later returned to school and became a nurse. She was divorced and had no children. She grew up and lived in many places including, New York, North Carolina, and California before coming to Montgomery in 2002 where she lived until moving to Franklin recently. Her time in North Carolina made her a diehard Duke and North Carolina basketball fanatic. During the season she would plan her life around their games.

Carol loved Montgomery. She was known for her love of dogs and gardening too. She was active in the Garden Club, was a Master Gardener, and spent hours tending the public spaces in Town, most notably the gardens on the Village common. The large maple that remains there was saved by a grant she wrote for limbing and cabling the trunks. She owned three chain saws, a UTV, and delighted in watching the koi in her pond when it was time to take a break. She always had a rescued pup by her side and was a frequent canine foster caregiver.

Her work in Town government began in 2004 when she was appointed to the Board of Listers in the middle of a town-wide reappraisal. She was subsequently elected and served until 2008. In 2009 she was appointed to the Selectboard where she served until 2015 when she had to resign for health reasons. At that time she was only the 4th woman to serve on the Board in 207 years of Town government.

As a Selectwoman, Carol was the leader of two major projects for the Town, the new Public Works garage and the State rehabilitation of the Longley Bridge. Carol had intended to do the landscaping at the bridge once it was completed. Carol also served as the Town's Health Officer, Tree Warden, and protector/promoter of the Town Forest. She hated the invasive Japanese Knotweed and supported the Planning and Conservation Commission's mitigation projects.

Carol was intensely private about her personal life and family history, yet volunteered her time and energy to better a community she adopted as her home for most of her final years. John Kennedy famously counseled, "ask what you can do for your country". Carol lived that counsel for our town and we are all the better for it.



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INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Montgomery Select Board will conduct a public informational meeting on Saturday March 3rd, 2018 at 10:00am at the Town Hall (Grange), 57 Main St. in Montgomery Center to allow public discussion or questions relative to items in the current Town Report.

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2018 Snapshots of Montgomery's History

225 years ago...



Joel Clapp

Montgomery's first settlers, newlyweds Joshua and Abigail Clapp, arrive from the Deerfield, MA / Guilford, VT area in the Spring of 1793. The first native born Montgomerian, son Joel, is born in September. They were the only people living in Montgomery, or any neighboring town, for the next 2 ½ years!

110 years ago...

The Montgomery chapter of the Catholic Order of Foresters is formally established. A fraternal organization meant to assist members with insurance, it evolved into a greater philanthropic mission and social role.

50 years ago...

Gaston Begnoche buys his first registered cow. His herd would grow to 200 head of mostly registered Holsteins which consumed 2,000 tons of corn silage and 400 tons of hay a year. Production would rise to about 2.2 million pounds of milk a year.

10 years ago...



Rita Tatro and Gov. Douglas

Governor Douglas cuts the ribbon on Montgomery's new, 4+ million dollar, water treatment and distribution system. It services about 220 households and businesses in the Center and Village.

Source: Montgomery, Vermont: The History of a Town, Taylor, Branthoover, Sherman, and Bennett, 3rd Edition.

Montgomery Offices, Terms, & Incumbents

2/11/2018

Elected	Term	Incumbent	Expires
Town Meeting Moderator	1 year	Tim Murphy	2018
Town Clerk	3 years	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2018
Town Treasurer	3 years	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2018
Selectboard			
1	3 years	Darren Drevik	2020
2	3 years	Charlie Hancock	2019
3	3 years	Mark Brouillette	2018
4	2 years	Leanne Barnard	2018
5	2 years	Jacob Racusin	1019
School Meeting Moderator	1 Year	Tim Murphy	2018
School Board			
1	2 years	Bruce Mercy	2018
2	3 years	Mary Niles	2019
3	3 years	Christina Suarez	2020
4	2 years	Catherine Howell	2018
5	3 years	Charles Purrier	2019
Listers			
1	3 years	Deanna Dee Robataille	2019
2	3 years	Lynda Cluba	2018
3	3 years	Parma Jewett	2020
Deliquent tax Collector	3 years	Anita Woodward	2020
First Constable	1 year	Brent Godin	2018
Town Agent	1 year	Barry Kade	2018
Town Grand Jurors			
1	1 year	Selectboard	2018
2	1 year	Selectboard	2018
3	1 year	Selectboard	2018
4	1 year	Selectboard	2018
5	1 year	Selectboard	2018

Cemetery Commission - Village			
1	5 years	Vivian Deuso until 2017	2019
2	5 years	Jo Ann Lanphear	2020
3	5 years	Lois Lumbra	2021
4	5 years	Penny Lumbra	2022
5	5 years	Joy Bosley	2018
Cemetery Commission - Center			
1	5 years	Lyndol Elkins	2020
2	5 years	Lynda Cluba	2018
3	5 years	Annie Purrier	2019
4	5 years	Charles R. Purrier	2021
5	5 years	Earl Lumbra	2022
Library Trustees			
1	3 years	Patty Hathaway	2022
2	3 years	Cheryl Wisel	2022
3	3 years	Marijke Dollois	2019
4	3 years	Patty Perl	2018
5	3 years	Jane Pressler	2019
6	3 years	Claire Draper	2018
7	3 years	Rita Kalsmith	2018
Fire Commissioners			
1	2 years	William Baker Sr.	2018
2	2 years	Joe Zatarian	2019
Planning Commission			
1	3 years	Alissa Hardy	2019
2	3 years	Joe Sherman	2020
3	3 years	Roberta Baker	2020
4	3 years	Kenny Miller	2018
5	3 years	Barry Kade	2018
Justices Of The Peace* Elected in Nov. Term starts in Feb.			
1	2 years	Tosca Smith	Feb 2019
2	2 years	Patty Hathaway	Feb 2019
3	2 years	Laurie Murphy	Feb 2019
4	2 years	Misty McCartney	Feb 2019
5	2 years	Gabriel Marquette	Feb 2019
6	2 years	Wendy Howard	Feb 2019
7	2 years	Christina Suarez-Pratt	Feb 2019
*JPs are elected at the November elections and term begins in following Feb			
**Until next Town Meeting			

Appointed	Term	Incumbent	Expires
Water Commission			
1	3 yr	Darren Drevik	2020
2	3 yr	Charlie Hancock	2019
3	2 yr	Jacob Racusin	2019
4	3 yr	Mark Brouillette	2018
5	2 yr	Leanne Barnard	2018
Development Review Board			
1	4 years	Mark Brouillette	2019
2	4 years	Howard Tatro	2020
3	4 years	Lynda Cluba	2021
4	4 years	Merle Van Gieson	2021
5	4 years	Parma Jewett	2019
6	4 years	Barry Kade - A	2021
7	4 years	Sue Wilson - A	2021
8	4 years	Roberta Baker - A	2018
Agent To Convey Real Estate	1 year	Barry Kade	2018
Budget Committee			
1	1 year	Scott Perry	2018
2	1 year	Mark Brouillette	2018
3	1 year	Sue Wilson	2018
4	1 year	Deanna Dee Robitaille	2018
5	1 year	Charlie Hancock	2018
Dir Disaster Prep/Emergency Mgt	1 year	Greg Lucas	2018
Dep Dir Disaster Prep/Emergency Mgt	1 Year	Brent Godin	2018
Fence Viewers			
1	1 year	Listers	2018
2	1 year	Listers	2018
3	1 year	Listers	2018
Fire Warden	5 years	William Baker Sr.	6/30/2022
Deputy Fire Warden	5 years	Joseph Zartarian	6/30/2022
Health Officer	3 year	Sue Wilson	3/31/2019
Insptr Of Lumber, Shingles & Wood	1 year	Wendy Howard	2018
NW Regional Planning Reps			
1	3 year	Vacant	2020
2	3 year	Mark Brouillette	2020
Animal Control Officer (Dogs)	1 year	Kieth Sampietro	2018
Road Commissioner	2 year	Mark Brouillette	2019

NW Solid Waste Dist.WD Rep	3 years	Barry Kade	2020
Transportation Advisory Comm Rep 1	1 year	Mark Brouillette	2018
Transportation Advisory Comm Alt. Rep	1 year	Michael Snider	2018
Clean Water Advisory Comm. Rep 1	1 Year	Michael Snider	2018
Clean Water Advisory Comm. Rep 2	1 Yer	Mark Brouillette	2018
Tree Warden	1 year	Charlie Hancock	2018
Recreation Dept Board			
1	3 year	Peg Doheny	2018
2	3 year	Nelson Mayhew	2018
3	3 year	Lisa Perry	2018
4	3 year	Marsha Phillips	2020
5	3 year	Lyli Powers	2019
6	3 year	Corbin Erwin	2019
7	3 year	Brendon O'Shea	2019
Weigher Of Coal	1 year	Jacob Racusin	2018
Zoning Administrator	3 years	Ann Lavery	2017
		Pending Planning Comission Coord.	
Rep To MRBA Wild & Scenic			
1	1 year	Michelle McCartney	2018
2	1 year	Darren Drevik	2018
Community Garden Board			
1	1 year	Parma Jewett	2018
2	1 year	Melissa Haberman	2018
3	1 year	Remy Gratton	2018
4	1 year	Wendy Howard	2018
5	1 year	Mary Temple	2018
6	1 year	Le Ann Barnard	2018
7	1 year	George Hamblton	2018
Conservation Commission			
1	4 year	Charlie Hancock	2019
2	4 year	Misty McCartney	2018
3	4 year	Sue Wilson	2021
4	4 year	Todd Lantery	2020
5	4 year	Joan Hildreth	2020
6	4 year	Carissa Stein	2021
Hectorville Covered Bridge Committee			
1	1 year	Merel Van Geisen	2018
2	1 year	Lynn Locher	2018
3	1 year	Titus Pressler	2018
4	1 year	Pat Farmer	2018

5	1 year	Vacant	2018
6	1 year	Andre Labier	2018
7	1 Year	Joe Sherman	2018
Town Website Administrator	1 Year	Scott Perry	2018
Town Newsletter Editor	1 Year	Suzanne Dollois	2018
Financial Controls Officer	3 Year	Sue Wilson	2019

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

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

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

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

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

Assists Treasurer as directed.

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURE

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

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

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

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

Subsidiary Motions: alters or eliminates the main motion.

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

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

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

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

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

General rules of debate:

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

MOTIONS BY RANK

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

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

Town of Montgomery
Annual Town Meeting Minutes – 2017

Moderator, Timothy Murphy, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM on Tuesday, March 7th 2017.

1) Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Patrick Farmer nominated Timothy Murphy. No other nominations were made. Timothy was elected by voice vote.

The Moderator, hearing no objections, recognized Cindy Weed, State Representative. Cindy gave a short summary of her focus in Montpelier.

2) Accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Scott Perry made a motion to accept the reports and was seconded. Jacob Racusin, member of the Hectorville Bridge Committee, made a brief statement regarding the progress of the committee and the future of the project. Hearing no question, the reports were accepted by voice vote.

3) Shall the town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?

Suzanne Wilson made a motion to appoint and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

4) Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the elected office of Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a certified public accountant in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651b (by ballot)?

Wendy Howard made a motion, as written, and was seconded. Charles Hancock, Selectboard Chairman, made a brief statement regarding the logic of eliminating this office. The Town already receives a commercial audit by a certified public accountant and the Selectboard has created an appointed position, Financial Controls Officer, for regular monitoring of finances. Erin Kopacz, Auditor, made a statement in support of elimination. Suzanne Wilson requested that the moderator direct the Town Clerk to cast a single ballot for this article. Hearing objection, the Moderator directed the voters to the ballot box. The article, as written, was approved by written ballot 77 – 9.

5) Elect the remaining town officers as required by law.

a. A Selectman for the remainder of a two year term expiring in 2017 by ballot. (Sarah Silva, elected to fill the remainder of two year term – term expires)

The Moderator recognized Charles Hancock, Selectboard Chair. Charles gave a brief speech to honor and thank outgoing Selectperson, Scott Perry, for his years of service and contributions to the Town as Mr. Perry did not intend to seek re-election. Scott was presented with the traditional gift, an engraved trunnel, and he made a brief statement thanking the community.

Patrick Farmer nominated Jacob Racusin, Paul Nichols nominated Sarah Silva, and Brendan O'Shea nominated Darren Drevik. Hearing no other nominations, each nominee was given the opportunity to make a statement. Jacob Racusin was elected by a majority vote.

b. A Selectman for a term of three years by ballot. (Scott Perry – term expires)

Patrick Farmer nominated Darren Drevik, Hannah Sorenson nominated Abram Barnard, Suzanne Wilson nominated Wendy Howard, and Paul Nichols nominated Sarah Silva. Hearing no other nominations, those who had not already addressed the voters were given the opportunity to make a statement. Wendy Howard declined the nomination. Darren Drevik was elected by a majority vote.

c. A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Parma Jewett – term expires)

Suzanne Wilson nominated Parma Jewett. Hearing no other nominations, the Moderator, without objection, instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot re-electing Parma Jewett.

- d. **An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Stacy St. Onge – term expires)**
Hearing no objection, this sub-article was passed over due to the passage of Article 4.
- e. **A Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of three years (Anita Woodward – term expires)**
Paul Nichols nominated Anita Woodward. Hearing no other nominations, Anita Woodward was re-elected by voice vote.
- f. **A First Constable for a term of one year. (Brent Godin – term expires)**
Darren Drevik nominated Brent Godin. Hearing no other nominations, Brent Godin was re-elected by voice vote.
- g. **An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Barry Kade – term expires)**
Alissa Hardy nominated Barry Kade. Hearing no other nominations, Barry Kade was re-elected by voice vote.
- h. **One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard – term expires)**
Suzanne Wilson nominated the Selectboard. Hearing no other nominations, the Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.
- i. **A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Earl Lumbra – term expires)**
Wendy Howard nominated Earl Lumbra. Hearing no other nominations, Earl Lumbra was re-elected by voice vote.
- j. **A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term. (Penny Lumbra – term expires)**
Merle VanGieson nominated Penny Lumbra. Hearing no other nominations, Penny Lumbra was re-elected by voice vote.
- k. **A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Patricia Hathaway – term expires)**
Wendy Howard nominated Patricia Hathaway. Hearing no other nominations, Patricia Hathaway was re-elected by voice vote.
- l. **A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Cheryl Wisell – term expires)**
Merle VanGeison nominated Cheryl Wisell . Hearing no other nominations, Patricia Hathaway was re-elected by voice vote.
- m. **A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (Joseph Zartarian – term expires)**
William Baker Sr. nominated Joseph Zartarian. Hearing no other nominations, Joseph was re-elected by voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Charles Hancock, Selectboard Chair. Charles stated there was an error in the Warning that excluded a third Planning Commission seat. Abram Barnard had been appointed by the Selectboard to fulfill a three-year term, resigned by Charles Hancock, and the position should have been listed for election. The options to correct this failure to elect were to either schedule a special election for the position or to allow Abram to serve another year. Charles requested a vote by show of hands to determine the will of the voters. Without objection, the Moderator proceeded with the remaining elections before addressing this matter.

- n. **A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Joe Sherman – term expires)**
Roberta Baker nominated Joe Sherman. Hearing no other nominations, Joe was re-elected by voice vote.
- o. **A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Roberta Baker – term expires)**
Suzanne Wilson nominated Roberta Baker. Hearing no other nominations, Roberta was re-elected by voice vote.

Barry Kade made a motion to suspend the rules and take up the question posed by Charles Hancock and was seconded. The motion to suspend passed by a two-thirds voice vote.

Richard Morgan Daybell made a motion to advise the Selectboard to not hold a special election, allowing Abram Barnard to retain his seat on the Planning Commission until next year, and was seconded. Hearing no additional discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

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

a. **Fire Department: 2016 - \$28,000; 2017 - same**

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$28,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

b. **Rescue Department: 2016 - \$29,600; 2017 - same**

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$29,600 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Merle VanGieson. Merle made a brief statement of recognition a "Thank you" to the Rescue Department for their service.

c. **Machinery Replacement Fund: 2016 - \$20,000; 2017 - \$10,000**

Mark Brouillette made a motion for \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion of 2016 vehicle purchases and the unlikelihood that we would need to purchase additional machinery in 2017.

d. **Infrastructure Replacement (Bridges): 2016 - \$25,000; 2017 - \$87,000**

Wendy Howard made a motion for \$87,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion of projects to be completed.

e. **Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2016 - \$18,917; 2017 - same**

Marijke Dollois made a motion for \$18,917 and was seconded. After discussion, motion passed by voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Manuel Sebastian Araujo. Sebastian made a brief statement offering recognition of the Library Trustees and volunteers for their work and progress.

f. **Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2016 - \$50,000; 2017 - \$25,000**

Marijke Dollois made a motion for \$25,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion of expenses for further pursuit of a new/additional town office space and records storage.

g. **Recreation Department: 2016 - \$20,000; 2016 - same**

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$20,000 and was seconded. Eamon O'Shea made a motion to amend to \$22,000 with the additional \$2000 to be earmarked for the Summer Sessions events and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote following discussion. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

h. **Reappraisal Fund: 2016 - \$4,000; 2017 - \$6,000**

Wendy Howard made a motion for \$6,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

i. **Conservation Commission: 2016 - \$750; 2017 - same**

Wendy Howard made a motion for \$750 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

j. **Emergency Management: 2016 - \$0; 2017 - \$1,200**

Scott Perry made a motion for \$1,200 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion.

k. **Restoration of Records: 2016 - \$0; 2017 - \$2,500**

Marijke Dollois made a motion for \$2,500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion.

l. **Police/Constable Operating: 2016 - \$0; 2017 - \$500**

Wendy Howard made a motion for \$500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion.

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

a. Town Clerk: 2016 - \$16,000; 2017 - \$16,500

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$16,500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

b. Town Treasurer: 2016 - \$14,000; 2017 - \$14,500

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$14,500 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Sharon Perry. Sharon made a statement of recognition and thanks to the current Town Clerk & Treasurer Deanna-Dee Robitaille, as well as her predecessor Renee Patterson, for the level of skill and dedication to continued education to serve the Town to the highest standard possible. Sharon expressed regret that the Town could not pay a salary that would adequately reflect the responsibilities and importance of the positions.

c. Each Selectboard Member: 2016 - \$1,000 and thanks; 2017 – same

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$1,000 and our thanks and was seconded. Barry Kade made a motion to amend to \$1,000 and many thanks and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

d. Listers: 2016 – 1st year members \$15.00/hr, 2nd year members \$18.00/hr; 2017 – same

Scott Perry made a motion for \$15/hour for first year members and \$18/hour for second year members and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

e. Auditors: 2016 – 1st year members \$9.60/hr, 2nd year members \$10.60/hr; 2017 – 1st year members \$10.00/hr, 2nd year members \$11.00/hr

Hearing no objection, this sub-article was passed over due to the passage of Article 4.

f. Board of Civil Authority: 2016 - \$9.60; 2017 - \$10.00

Suzanne Wilson made a motion for \$10/hour and was seconded. Deanna-Dee Robitaille made a motion to amend to State of Vermont minimum wage and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

g. Board of Abatement: 2016 - \$9.60; 2017 - \$10.00

Barry Kade made a motion for State of Vermont minimum wage and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

h. All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?

Scott Perry made a motion to reimburse all duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

8) Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies? *Budget Committee and Selectboard recommend \$0.00 for 2017, requested amounts included for voter consideration.*

The Moderator recognized Charles Hancock, Selectboard and Budget Committee Chairman. Charles made a brief statement clarifying the amounts listed reflect the requests that were made but also that both the Budget Committee and Selectboard recommend that the voters consider not funding these agencies in 2017 due to the already increased tax rate.

Patrick Farmer made a motion to suspend the rules and approve Article 8, in its entirety, and to fund each agency at the level requested. The motion to suspend the rules passed by two-thirds voice vote.

a. Age Well (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging): 2016 - \$1,800; 2017 – requested \$1,800

b. Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.: 2016 - \$2,402; 2017 – requested \$2,522

c. Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2016 - \$500; 2017 – requested \$500

d. Hazen's Notch Association: 2016 - \$1,000; 2017 – requested \$1,000

e. Mississquoi River Basin Association: 2016 - \$500; 2017 – requested \$500

f. Green Up Day Vermont: 2016 - \$100; 2017 – requested \$0

g. Green Mountain Transit Authority: 2016 - \$568; 2017 – requested \$568

h. Franklin County Humane Society: 2016 - \$0; 2017 – requested \$0

i. Montgomery Town Association; 2016 \$0; 2017 – requested \$1,000

Motion to approve Article 8 in its entirety and to fund each agency at the level requested passed by voice vote following discussion.

9) Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$460,043 for Contingent Selectboard? 2016 - \$428,548

Scott Perry made a motion for \$460,043 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion.

10) Shall the Town direct the Selectboard to investigate the consolidation of all Cemetery Commissions into one general Commission with oversight of all town owned cemeteries?

Patrick Farmer made a motion to have the Selectboard investigate consolidation of all Cemetery Commissions and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote following discussion.

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

Barry Kade made a motion that the Town make the following resolution: May it be it resolved that the Town of Montgomery urges all of its residents to zealously defend the State's sovereignty and the Constitutions of the State of Vermont and the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Sueann Bennett asked if the Town has heard about a potential wind project within the town and, if anything had been heard, what the details might be. Roberta Baker and Barry Kade, Planning Commissioners, stated that the Commission is currently working on the Town Plan and language that would address future proposed projects.


Colin Wood made a motion to adjourn at 11:41am and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A true record this 7th day of March, 2017.

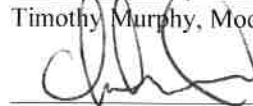
Attest:


Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

Attest:


Timothy Murphy, Moderator

Attest:


Charles Hancock, Selectboard Chair

**MONTGOMERY TOWN CLERK OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD/DISCHARGE**

Mar 13th A.D. 2017 at 10 o'clock - min. 1 M
and Recorded in Vol. 10 Page 649-653

of Montgomery Land Records

Attest  Elizabeth Reigley Asst. Town Clerk



STATE of the TOWN 2018

With the advent of the Annual Report, the Selectboard would like to take the opportunity to offer some updates, remarks, reminders and general thoughts regarding the business of the town:

Budget Summary

We remain financially sound, and continue to effectively manage our accounts and debts, while providing effective service and investing in future needs. This year we find ourselves better positioned than in FY17. Due to a decrease in planned public works expenditures, we subsequently expect to see an anticipated decrease in the tax rate of $-\$0.0064$, while still putting monies away for anticipated future needs.

Non-tax revenue, less reserve funds, shows an increase of about \$63,528 (for a total of \$370,056). This is largely due to reprogrammed funds from three reserve accounts (*explained below*) and the anticipated trade in value for the 2009 Highway truck, plus additional rebate.

The Numbers

The proposed 2018 Municipal Budget is \$1,169,821. Approximately \$688,630 will need to be raised by taxes, a decrease from the 2017 Budget of \$10,202. This will bring the municipal tax rate to \$0.4298, a decrease of \$0.0064 from 2017.

1. Revenue

- a. Non-tax, Year-to-Year Budget Revenues decreased by about \$141,465. This is principally attributed to the lack of the \$175k paving grant included in the FY17 budget.
- b. 2017 actual property taxes collected were up 24% from 2016, and were 92% of what was budgeted for 2017.

2. Expenses

- a. The main driver in the decrease in expenditure comes from the Highway Budget, lacking the Rt. 58 paving project. The FY 18 budget also reflects a reduction in the allocation to the Infrastructure Replacement Fund (previously increased due to match requirements in the paving grant), and a modest reduction in both machinery repair and replacement (having a new truck, which is under warranty), as well as in projected wages.
- b. Our debit service remains almost level, having paid off both the highway loader and fire pumper truck in FY17, while purchasing the new 2019 highway truck.

- c. Other new and/or major project expense increases for FY 2018 include:
 - i. \$25,000 into the Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance Fund towards investigation of a potential PSB Town Office retrofit
 - ii. \$5,000 for new *Welcome to Montgomery* Signs
 - iii. \$22,000 increase to Machinery Replacement Fund anticipating the need for a new Fire Department tanker truck in the near future (equivalent to the prior debt service payment on the existing pumper).
 - iv. Increase to the Reappraisal Fund of \$2,000 to adequately fund this reserve for an expected reappraisal within ten years.
 - v. Allocation of \$8,000 for a part time assistant (10 hr./wk) to the Selectboard, to manage grants and correspondence, also acting as clerk of the board.
- d. One other note regarding the Fire Operating Expenses and Rescue Operating Expenses/Contracted Services:
 - i. With rescue disbanding (expanded upon below) and all services now contracted to Enosburg for 24hr. coverage we're expecting a slight decrease in Rescue expenditure. Subsequently we're also expecting a \$6,000 increase to the Fire operating expenses as they absorb the full cost of dispatch and phone services (the \$12,000 cost previously split between the two bodies).

One additional comment: The board would also note that the Delinquent Tax Collector will be holding delinquent tax sale planned for 2018 to reduce the deficit in delinquent tax collection, and subsequent reduction in non-tax revenue.

How Do We Compare?

The 2018 Annual Report from the Vermont Dept. of Taxes shows we remain well below the median tax rates compared to other Vermont towns. Our 2017 Effective Municipal Tax Rate (.4362), which is used for an "apples to apples" comparison to other Vermont towns, ranked us the 6th lowest rate out of the 15 towns and villages in Franklin County.

A New Chapter for Montgomery Rescue

Prior to 1983 Emergency Medical and Rescue Services were largely provided by the Montgomery Fire Department. In 1983, under new Fire Chief Bob Cota, member Sonny Cota established the FAST squad, which continued to provide EMS and ambulance services, but with more focused training and equipment.

This remained under the Fire Department until 1997, when Montgomery EMS became a separate Department with its own budget, voted on at town meeting. The service was headed by Barry Domina then, and for the next 10 years. In 2007 Kevin Scheffler and Morgan Daybell took over management of the Squad, where they served until today for a combined total of 42 years. Kevin since 1993, and Morgan since 2001. Our community has been served by numerous other volunteers over the last 50 years.

This year the Montgomery Ambulance squad will be disbanding due to a lack in staffing capacity. Our community will still be served by a number of our neighbors who will maintain their certification and act as First Responders, but 24-hr. ambulance coverage will be provided by Enosburg Ambulance going forward. Elsewhere in this report you will find information on a subscription service they offer.

A heart-felt thanks to those who have served, and who will continue to serve, to protect the health and well-being of all in our community.

VCRD Community Visits Program

This summer Montgomery will be working with the Vermont Council for Rural Development's *Community Visits Program*. The program is a way for towns to engage and bring together their residents, set common goals and directions in a neutral and facilitated structure, and access resources that will help them take action on these goals. The program gets citizens engaged in working for their communities and connects them to the resources they need to be successful.

The Selectboard is very excited about this opportunity. The project will kick off with a Community Dinner where residents will gather to share challenges and ideas to chart a course for the work. We encourage everyone to come and participate in the process. Besides the great food, this will be chance to provide input as we consider the future of our community, so please come out and make your voice heard! Additional information on the Community Visits Program is found elsewhere in this report. Once we have a date set for the initial gathering we'll get the work out far and wide.

Vacant Building Ordinance

On this year's Town Meeting Warning you'll see an article relating to a proposed *Vacant Building Ordinance*. A copy of the draft ordinance is found elsewhere in this report. This proposal resulted from a number of community members expressing concern to the board about vacant structures which have the potential to become dangerous and unsafe, and which can become a blight on their neighborhood, causing instability or detrimentally impacting the local housing market and property values. The draft contained here-in is the result of two informational meetings held to gather feedback. The board has tried to strike a balance between a policy which addresses the perceived need, while limiting the impact to private property rights to the greatest degree possible, and opening a channel for communication between the owners of these buildings and the town. We hope that the draft enclosed is scaled to fit our community, and look forward to your feedback on Town Meeting day.

This past year board repealed the *Pit Bull Ordinance*, amended the *Municipal Water System Ordinance* to reflect advances in new materials and better clarify points on billing, and adopted a *Covered Bridge Ordinance* directed at protecting the cherished assets which define our community.

Town Website

Don't forget that you can sign up for automated notices, warning and minutes from any and all town boards. Customize what you want, just visit the town website at www.montgomeryvt.us and click "e-mail updates" under the resources tab. As always, warnings, agendas, minutes and other town information are available at the Center Post Office lobby, Village Post Office, and PSB/Library Lobby. Also, if you ever want to contact the board don't forget you can reach us at montgomeryselectboard@gmail.com. Regular meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at 6:30pm, held at the PSB Conference Room.

Respectfully,

The Montgomery Selectboard and Water Commission

Charlie Hancock, Chair

Darren Drevik, Vice Chair

Mark Brouillette

Jacob Racusin

Leanne Barnard

WARNING
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2018

The legal voters of the town of Montgomery in the County of Franklin are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 6th of day of March, 2018 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year (Tim Murphy – term expires)
2. Accept the reports of Town Officers
3. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot (Leanne Barnard, appointed to fill remainder of Colin Sorenson's two year term – term expires)
 - b. A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot (Mark Brouillette – term expires)
 - c. A Town Clerk for a term of three years by ballot (Deanna-Dee Robitaille – term expires)
 - d. A Town Treasurer and Collector of Current Taxes for a term of three years by ballot (Deanna-Dee Robitaille – term expires)
 - e. A Lister for a term of three years by ballot (Lynda Cluba – term expires)
 - f. A First Constable for a term of one year (Brent Godin – term expires)
 - g. An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year (Barry Kade – term expires)
 - h. One of more Grand Jurors for a term of one year (Selectboard – term expires)
 - i. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Lynda Cluba– term expires)
 - j. A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a term of five years (Joy Bosley – term expires)
 - k. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Patricia Perl – term expires)
 - l. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Claire Draper – term expires)
 - m. A Library Trustee for a term of five years (Rita Kalsmith – term expires)
 - n. A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years (William Baker Sr. – term expires)
 - o. A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Kenneth Miller, appointed to fill remainder of Abe Barnard's three year term – term expires)
 - p. A Planning Commission member for a term of three years (Barry Kade – term expires)


4. Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Police/Constable Operating Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance to the general fund. All future expenditures paid through General Fund, Town Officers?
5. Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Rescue Department Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance to the general fund. All future expenditures paid through Rescue Operating Expenses and Contracted Services?
6. Shall the Town authorize the elimination of the Hectorville Bridge Reserve Fund and reprogram the balance. All future expenditures paid through the general fund?
7. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:
 - a. Fire Department: 2017 - \$28,000; 2018 - \$34,000
 - b. Rescue Department: 2017 - \$29,600; 2018 - \$0
 - c. Machinery Replacement Fund: 2017 - \$10,000; 2018 - \$32,000
 - d. Infrastructure Replacement Fund: 2017 - \$87,000; 2018 - \$52,700
 - e. Library Operating Expenses and Payroll: 2017 - \$18,917; 2018 - \$19,032
 - f. Building Capital Improvement & Maintenance: 2017 - \$25,000; 2018 - \$50,000
 - g. Recreation Department: 2017 - \$22,000; 2018 - \$20,000
 - h. Reappraisal Fund: 2017 - \$6,000; 2018 - \$8,000
 - i. Conservation Commission: 2017 - \$750; 2018 - Same
 - j. Emergency Management: 2017 - \$1,200; 2018 - \$1,200
 - k. Restoration of Records: 2017 - \$2,500; 2018 - \$4,000
 - l. Police/Constable Operating: 2017 - \$500; 2018 - \$0
8. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?
 - a. Town Clerk: 2017 - \$16,500; 2018- \$18,000
 - b. Town Treasurer: 2017 - \$14,500; 2018 - \$16,000
 - c. Each Selectboard Member: 2017 - \$1,000 + thanks; 2018 – Same
 - d. Listers: 2017 – 1st year members \$15.00/hr, 2nd year members \$18.00/hr.
2018 – same
 - e. Board of Civil Authority: 2017 - \$10.00/hr.; 2018 – Vermont Minimum Wage
 - f. Board of Abatement: 2017 - \$10.00/hr.; 2018 - Vermont Minimum Wage
 - g. All duly elected or appointed Town Officers the IRS allowance for mileage for travel as part of official duties, and reimbursement of expenses related to those duties if approved in advance by the appropriate governing body or duly appointed board?


9. Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?
 - a. Age Well (formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging) 2017 - \$1,800; 2018 - requested \$2,000
 - b. Franklin Home Health 2017 - \$2,522; 2018 – requested \$2,522
 - c. Franklin County Industrial Development 2017 - \$500; 2018- requested \$500
 - d. Hazen’s Notch Association 2017 - \$1,000; 2018 – requested \$1,000
 - e. Missisquoi River Basin Association 2017 - \$500; 2018 – requested \$500
 - f. Green Up Day Vermont 2017 - \$0; 2018 – requested \$100
 - g. Green Mountain Transit 2017 - \$0; 2018 – requested \$568
 - h. Montgomery Town Association 2017 - \$1,000; 2018 – requested \$1,000
10. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$458,758 for Contingent Selectboard? 2017 - \$460,043
11. Shall the town recommend the Selectboard adopt the *Vacant and Dangerous Building Ordinance* as proposed, appearing elsewhere in this report?
12. Shall the town recommend the Selectboard publish the full Delinquent Tax Collector’s Report (including names and amounts of delinquent property owners) as of December 31, 2018 in the *Town of Montgomery & Montgomery School District 2018 Report(s)*.
13. Shall the town recommend the Selectboard publish a list of Delinquent Water Accounts (including names and amounts of those delinquent accounts) as of December 31, 2018 in the *Town of Montgomery & Montgomery School District 2018 Report(s)*.
14. Shall the town vote to approve a half cent increase in the tax rate to be allotted to a fund for conservation, hereby establishing a Conservation Reserve Fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804. The fund will be saved and used to leverage additional monies to conserve land in the public interest. Priorities will be placed on community projects, and/or projects that are not traditionally funded by local, state, or federal conservation entities or agencies. This money may be held in reserve over a number of years before being used for a specific project. Public hearing(s) will be held prior to the use of any monies from the Conservation Reserve Fund, awarded at the discretion of the Selectboard, by recommendation of the Conservation Commission. This appropriation would be contingent on the annual approval by the voters of Montgomery.
15. Shall the Town vote to change the final Property Tax installment date to the second Friday in November (currently the second Friday in October) to better accommodate the Vermont Department of Taxes Homestead Declaration and State Payment download schedule?

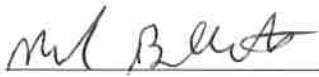
16. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.


Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 29th day of January, 2018 AD

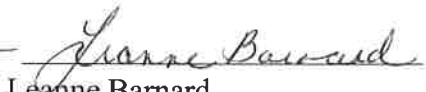
Selectboard


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Attest: 
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date: 1/29/2018



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June 2, 2017

To the Selectboard
Town of Montgomery, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Town of Montgomery, Vermont** for the year ended December 31, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and OMB Circular A-133), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 15, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Montgomery, Vermont are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during December 31, 2016. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the lives of property, plant, and equipment is based on expected usefulness. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the lives of property, plant, and equipment in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management estimates the final receivable or payable with the State of Vermont Department of Education for special education expense reimbursement.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The disclosure of Fund Balances in Note 13 to the financial statements as to how any surplus is to be used in future fiscal years.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Termination Benefits in Note 10 to the financial statements as to how it is being offered and any contingent and real liabilities that exist.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those

statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of Board of Supervisors and management of Town of Montgomery, Vermont and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Angolano & Company

Angolano & Company,
Shelburne, Vermont
Firm Registration Number 92-0000141

PROPOSED
2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	REVENUE	ACTUAL 2015	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	CHANGE 18- 17 BUDGET
1							
2	Unreserved Funds	\$214,520	\$135,128	\$135,128	\$105,135	\$105,135	(\$29,993)
3	SUB TOTAL UNRESERVED FUNDS	\$214,520	\$135,128	\$135,128	\$105,135	\$105,135	(\$29,993)
4	Delinquent Taxes	\$89,880	\$109,722	\$85,000	\$85,503	\$69,435	(\$15,565)
5	Penalty/Int on delinquent taxes	\$25,457	\$24,647	\$21,000	\$24,773	\$20,000	(\$1,000)
6	State Aid - Roads	\$80,214	\$80,182	\$80,000	\$80,529	\$80,000	\$0
7	Water Dept Fee	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
8	Judicial Fines	\$90	\$923	\$0	\$450	\$0	\$0
9	Rent - US Postal Service	\$11,955	\$12,892	\$10,908	\$11,999	\$12,000	\$1,092
10	Rent - TD Bank ATM	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
11	Licenses & Vital Records	\$7,191	\$7,063	\$9,000	\$6,752	\$6,000	(\$3,000)
12	Recording Fees	\$7,249	\$6,151	\$6,500	\$8,558	\$7,500	\$1,000
13	Office Fees	\$1,673	\$1,434	\$1,500	\$2,043	\$1,500	\$0
14	Copier/Fax	\$362	\$357	\$350	\$123	\$100	(\$250)
15	Interest	\$112	\$251	\$50	\$353	\$250	\$200
16	Zoning Fees	\$1,530	\$2,220	\$2,000	\$2,430	\$2,000	\$0
17	Taxes on State Owned Land (e.g. State Forest et al.)	\$16,847	\$16,819	\$16,000	\$16,792	\$16,000	\$0
18	Current Use/Hold Harmless	\$56,141	\$60,496	\$60,000	\$57,100	\$55,000	(\$5,000)
19	PILOT (State Garage)	\$1,348	\$1,518	\$1,500	\$1,605	\$1,500	\$0
20	Town Hall Revenue	\$500	\$2,000	\$0	\$860	\$250	\$250
21	Westfield Plowing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
22	Leased Land	\$1,080	\$1,080	\$1,120	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$140
23	Reprogrammed from Reserve Accounts	\$6,969	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,161	\$45,161
24	Miscellaneous	\$796	\$746	\$500	\$3,641	\$41,000	\$40,500
25	SUB TOTAL LESS UNRESERVED FUNDS	\$318,494	\$337,600	\$306,528	\$315,870	\$370,056	\$63,528
26	FEMA/State Reimbursement	\$107,689	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
27	Grants (2017 grant paid in 2018 to Infrastructure Replacement Res	\$5,124	\$2,196	\$175,000	\$0	\$0	(\$175,000)
28	Federal Excise Tax Refund, Highway	\$12,024	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0
29	SUB TOTAL REVENUE LESS PROPERTY TAXES	\$657,851	\$474,924	\$622,656	\$421,005	\$481,191	(\$141,465)
30	Property Taxes	\$552,116	\$491,247	\$698,832	\$644,363	\$688,630	(\$10,202)
31	TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,209,967	\$966,170	\$1,321,488	\$1,065,368	\$1,169,821	(\$151,667)

PROPOSED
2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	ACTUAL 2015	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	CHANGE 18- 17 BUDGET
32							
33	ADMINISTRATION						
34	Town Officers	\$62,179	\$66,240	\$71,000	\$70,437	\$80,166	\$9,166
35	Social Security	\$5,268	\$5,162	\$5,432	\$5,632	\$6,167	\$735
36	Lister Salaries & Expenses	\$13,750	\$14,394	\$15,250	\$13,788	\$19,150	\$3,900
37	Ins-Unemployment Comp	\$3,594	\$6,159	\$6,200	\$4,002	\$6,000	(\$200)
38	Ins-Employee Hlth Ins/Rtrmnt (Town Clerk/ Treasurer)	\$8,727	\$16,940	\$16,815	\$17,105	\$19,702	\$2,887
39	Ins-Workman's Comp	\$9,103	\$12,154	\$13,200	\$12,772	\$13,000	(\$200)
40	Ins-Property & Liability (All Dept except Water)	\$20,776	\$25,809	\$26,812	\$31,999	\$31,000	\$4,188
41	Town Office Operating Expenses	\$11,064	\$13,912	\$16,500	\$16,908	\$16,500	\$0
42	Town Office IT (Purchase and Support)	not broken out	not broken out	\$14,000	\$8,301	\$5,000	(\$9,000)
43	Town Reports & Postage	\$1,266	\$1,221	\$1,500	\$1,207	\$1,500	\$0
44	Legal Services, Surveying & Ads	\$8,279	\$5,730	\$10,000	\$4,846	\$10,000	\$0
45	Audit Services	\$5,900	\$3,100	\$9,400	\$10,100	\$10,000	\$600
46	Website	\$2,930	\$5,380	\$6,000	\$4,614	\$6,000	\$0
47	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$152,836	\$176,200	\$212,109	\$201,712	\$224,184	\$12,076
48	ASSESSMENTS						
49	County Tax	\$13,688	\$13,790	\$14,742	\$14,374	\$13,143	(\$1,599)
50	NW Solid Waste Management	\$1,196	\$1,196	\$1,195	\$1,195	\$1,195	\$0
51	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$2,260	\$2,271	\$2,349	\$2,349	\$2,400	\$51
52	NW Regional Planning Comm	\$1,185	\$1,221	\$1,258	\$1,258	\$1,292	\$34
53	Hectorville Bridge Storage	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$0	\$750	\$375
54	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$18,704	\$18,853	\$19,919	\$19,176	\$18,780	(\$1,139)
55	DEBT SERVICE						
56	Debt service: Public Works Bldg Bond	\$36,486	\$35,904	\$35,400	\$35,400	\$35,400	\$0
57	Debt Service: Village Water Bond (Town Portion)	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0
58	Debt Service: Fire Pumper Truck	\$23,320	\$22,880	\$22,300	\$22,440	\$0	(\$22,300)
59	Debt Service: Highway Loader	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$18,403	\$0	(\$18,403)
60	Debt Service: 2016 International	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$28,288	\$28,288	(\$1,712)
61	Debt Service: 2018 International	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,230	\$44,230
62	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$91,946	\$90,924	\$119,840	\$118,268	\$121,655	\$1,815

PROPOSED
2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2015	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	CHANGE 18- 17 BUDGET
63							
64	PUBLIC WORKS						
65	HIGHWAYS						
66	Labor/Wages (Summer, Winter, Construction, Repair, Bridges)	\$110,605	\$118,251	\$138,869	\$117,109	\$120,000	(\$18,869)
67	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$68,736	\$63,104	\$52,428	\$58,306	\$70,000	\$17,573
68	Overtime	not broken out	not broken out	\$14,708	\$12,052	\$14,000	(\$708)
69	Public Works Bldg Ops	\$12,378	\$15,175	\$13,000	\$15,412	\$15,000	\$2,000
70	Public Works Bldg Fuel	\$5,627	\$2,719	\$5,000	\$4,857	\$5,000	\$0
71	Materials(Sand/Gravel/Culverts etc)	\$62,929	\$61,961	\$70,000	\$64,285	\$70,000	\$0
72	Projects/Miscellaneous	\$0	\$4,313	\$5,000	\$606	\$0	(\$5,000)
73	Contracted Services	\$3,537	\$3,804	\$7,500	\$10,257	\$10,000	\$2,500
74	Machinery Rental	\$2,510	\$650	\$3,000	\$3,983	\$5,000	\$2,000
75	Machinery Repair & Maint	\$41,248	\$52,586	\$40,000	\$30,741	\$30,000	(\$10,000)
76	Diesel Fuel	\$28,766	\$20,224	\$25,000	\$27,247	\$25,000	\$0
77	SUB TOTAL LABOR, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT	\$336,336	\$342,786	\$374,505	\$344,854	\$364,000	(\$10,505)
78	* Infrastructure Replacement (Bridges, Paving, Culverts etc)	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$52,700	(\$34,300)
79	Grants			\$175,000	\$0	\$0	(\$175,000)
80	Flood/Emergency Road Repairs	\$10,062	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
81	* Machinery Replacement	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$32,000	\$22,000
82	SUB TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY	\$366,398	\$387,786	\$646,505	\$441,854	\$448,700	(\$197,805)
83	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
84	Labor/wages	\$5,280	\$10,841	\$11,500	\$11,454	\$11,500	\$0
85	Taxes/Benefits (SS, Med, Health Ins, MERS, Uniforms)	\$2,998	\$5,245	\$4,786	\$5,926	\$5,100	\$314
86	Office Building (Post Office)	\$6,465	\$8,021	\$8,000	\$5,465	\$6,500	(\$1,500)
87	Office Building Fuel (Post Office)	\$1,576	\$1,179	\$2,000	\$1,702	\$2,000	\$0
88	Town Hall - Grange	\$4,632	\$10,136	\$5,000	\$3,487	\$4,000	(\$1,000)
89	Town Hall Fuel	\$2,942	\$1,050	\$3,000	\$1,834	\$2,000	(\$1,000)
90	Public Safety Building / Library	\$5,077	\$9,193	\$8,000	\$8,064	\$9,000	\$1,000
91	Public Safety Building / Library Fuel	\$5,720	\$3,376	\$5,000	\$4,725	\$5,000	\$0
92	Street Lights	\$12,257	\$13,852	\$14,000	\$13,933	\$14,000	\$0
93	Mowing / Grounds	\$4,755	\$5,610	\$6,400	\$6,792	\$6,400	\$0
94	SUB TOTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$51,702	\$68,500	\$67,686	\$63,382	\$65,500	(\$2,186)
95	* Bldg Cap Improvement & Maintenance Fund	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
96	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$433,100	\$506,286	\$739,191	\$530,236	\$564,200	(\$174,991)

PROPOSED
2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2015	ACTUAL 2016	BUDGET 2017	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	CHANGE 18- 17 BUDGET
97							
98	OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND EXPENSE CTRS						
99	MISCELLANEOUS						
100	Delinquent Taxes	\$103,200	\$100,841	\$100,841	\$99,529	\$99,529	(\$1,312)
101	Licenses & Vital Records	\$3,714	\$3,380	\$3,800	\$3,517	\$3,500	(\$300)
102	Zoning, Planning & DRB	\$6,557	\$7,636	\$6,500	\$4,142	\$6,500	\$0
103	* Hectorville Bridge Study	\$11,261	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
104	Miscellaneous	\$3,303	\$3,827	\$2,500	\$1,756	\$7,500	\$5,000
105	SUB TOTAL	\$128,035	\$115,683	\$113,641	\$108,945	\$117,029	\$3,388
106	* Reappraisal Fund	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$2,000
107	* Restoration of Records	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$1,500
108	SUB TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$132,035	\$127,683	\$122,141	\$117,445	\$129,029	\$6,888
109	TOWN DEPARTMENTS						
110	* Library Operating Expense	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$18,917	\$19,032	\$115
111	* Police/Constable Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	(\$500)
112	* Recreation Operating Expenses	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	(\$2,000)
113	* Fire Operating Expenses	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$34,000	\$6,000
114	Rescue Operating Expenses and Contracted Services	\$26,500	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$28,800	(\$800)
115	* Conservation Operating Expenses, Speakers, and Projects	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
116	* Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness	\$6,340	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
117	SUB TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	\$98,507	\$97,267	\$100,967	\$100,967	\$103,782	\$2,815
118	TOTAL TOWN DEPARTMENTS & EXPENSE CTRS	\$230,542	\$224,950	\$223,108	\$218,412	\$232,811	\$9,703
119	SOCIAL AGENCY REQUESTS						
120	* Age Well formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$200
121	* Franklin County Home Health	\$2,402	\$2,402	\$2,522	\$2,522	\$2,522	(\$0)
122	* Franklin County Industrial Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
123	* Hazen's Notch Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
124	* Missisquoi River Basin Association	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
125	* Green Up Day Vermont	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
126	* Green Mountain Transit	\$568	\$568	\$0	\$0	\$568	\$568
127	* Montgomery Town Association			\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
128	TOTAL REQUESTS	\$6,870	\$6,370	\$7,322	\$7,322	\$8,190	\$868
129							
130	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$933,998	\$1,023,584	\$1,321,488	\$1,095,127	\$1,169,821	(\$151,667)
	* indicates line items individually voted on at Town Meeting						
	Contingent Selectboard = TOTAL 2018 EXPENSES at Line 130 minus 2018 REVENUES LESS PROPERTY TAXES at Line 29						
	minus total of EXPENSES line items individually voted on highlighted by asterisk (*)						
	Contingent Selectboard =	\$458,758					

MONTGOMERY TAX RATE SINCE 1993					
YEAR	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	LOCAL ** AGREEMENT TAX RATE Vet. Exempt.	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION TAX RATE (Set by State)	TOTAL TAX RATE
	*	**			
2018 Projected					
Homestead	0.4298	0.0016	\$0.4314	1.1881	\$1.6195
Non-Homestead	0.4298	0.0016	\$0.4314	1.5794	\$2.0108
2017 Actual					
Homestead	0.4368	\$0.0014	\$0.4382	\$1.2650	\$1.7032
Non-Homestead	0.4368	\$0.0014	\$0.4382	\$1.5280	\$1.9662
2016 Actual					
Homestead	0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.2103	\$1.5909
Non-Homestead	0.3792	\$0.0014	\$0.3806	\$1.5349	\$1.9155
2015 Actual					
Homestead	0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.1997	\$1.6157
Non-Homestead	0.4144	\$0.0016	\$0.4160	\$1.5242	\$1.9402
2014 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.1893	\$1.5892
Non-Homestead	\$0.3980	\$0.0019	\$0.3999	\$1.4833	\$1.8832
TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL			
2013 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.4259	\$1.8898
Non-Homestead	\$0.4610	\$0.0029	\$0.4639	\$1.8564	\$2.3203
2012 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.4407	\$1.8878
Non-Homestead	\$0.4449	\$0.0022	\$0.4471	\$1.8127	\$2.2598
2011 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.3560	\$1.7556
Non-Homestead	\$0.3971	\$0.0025	\$0.3996	\$1.7923	\$2.1919
2010 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.4300	\$1.8337
Non-Homestead	\$0.4010	\$0.0027	\$0.4037	\$1.8721	\$2.2758
2009 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.3048	\$1.7240
Non-Homestead	\$0.4162	\$0.0030	\$0.4192	\$1.8347	\$2.2539
2008 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.2808	\$1.7016
Non-Homestead	\$0.4177	\$0.0031	\$0.4208	\$1.7233	\$2.1441
2007 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.1643	\$1.5489
Non-Homestead	\$0.3821	\$0.0025	\$0.3846	\$1.5704	\$1.9550
2006 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3628	-----		\$1.1907	\$1.5535
Non-Homestead	\$0.3628	-----		\$1.4515	\$1.8143
2005 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3623	-----		\$1.1834	\$1.5457
Non-Homestead	\$0.3623	-----		\$1.3695	\$1.7318
TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL	TOWNWIDE REAPPRAISAL			
2004 Actual					
Homestead	\$0.3650	-----		\$1.0166	\$1.3816
Non-Homestead	\$0.3650	-----		\$1.2174	\$1.5824
ACT 68 +	ACT 68 +	ACT 68 +	ACT 68 +	ACT 68 +	ACT 68 +
	MUNICIPAL	SCHOOL	STATE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	TAX
	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	TAX RATE	RATE
2003	\$0.50	\$0.36	\$1.24	\$1.6000	\$2.10
2002	\$0.49	\$0.44	\$1.20	\$1.6400	\$2.13
2001	\$0.47	\$0.41	\$1.13	\$1.5400	\$2.01
2000	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$1.11	\$1.6100	\$2.08
1999	\$0.47	\$0.29	\$1.19	\$1.4800	\$1.95
1998	\$0.46	\$0.42	\$1.14	\$1.5600	\$2.02
FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60	FLOOD DEBT +ACT 60
1997	\$0.43	-----	-----	\$1.4500	\$1.88
1996	\$0.35	-----	-----	\$1.4200	\$1.77
1995	\$0.34	-----	-----	\$1.4200	\$1.76
1994	\$0.27	-----	-----	\$1.3500	\$1.62
1993	\$0.29	-----	-----	\$1.1900	\$1.48
* Based on Equalized Grand List					
** Local Agreement rate reflects 2007 Town Meeting approval of increasing the					
Veteran's Assessment exemption from \$10,000 to \$40,000					

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - LIABILITIES

As of 12/31/17

Public Works

<u>Public Works Building Bond:</u> (Final Year – 2030)	Bank of New York – Principal \$325,000 Payment due 6/01/17 Add Sequestration Interest due (estimate) Payment due 12/1/17 Add Sequestration Interest due (estimate)	 \$ 4,596.14 275.00 \$29,596.14 275.00
<u>2016 International Truck:</u> (Final Year – 2021)	Community Bank – Principal \$104,000 Payment due 5/30/18 (Estimated Interest Included – 2,200.00)	 \$28,200.00
<u>2018 International Truck:</u> (Final Year – 2022)	Community Bank – Principal \$202,445 Payment due 12/23/18	 \$40,489.00

Water Department

Water Project: USDA-Rural Development

Bond #1: Final Year 2041	Principal Balance \$124,449.80 Payment due 5/13/18 Payment due 11/13/18	 \$ 3,758.00 3,758.00
Bond #2: Final Year 2041	Principal Balance \$309,694.99 Payment due 5/13/18 Payment due 11/13/18	 \$10,625.00 10,625.00
Bond #3: Final Year 2047	Principal Balance \$298,099.52 Payment due 6/10/18 Payment due 12/10/18	 \$ 8,718.00 8,718.00

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
Officer Salaries - 2017

SELECTBOARD

Charles Hancock		\$1,000	
Mark Brouillette		\$1,000	
Darren Drevik		\$1,000	
Colin Sorenson		\$1,000	
Jacob Racusin		\$1,000	
Sarah Silva	(2016 Stipend paid in 2017)	\$1,000	
Elizabeth Reighley	Clerk of the Board	\$1,541	\$7,541

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Deanna-Dee Robitaille	Town Clerk	\$16,500	
Deanna-Dee Robitaille	Treasurer	\$14,500	
Elizabeth Reighley	Assistant	\$23,773	\$54,773

LISTERS

Parma Jewett		\$3,515	
Lynda Cluba		\$4,442	
Deanna-Dee Robitaille		\$3,150	\$11,107

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Anita Woodward	(4% of Delq Tax collected)		\$7,088
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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Ann Lavery		\$1,685	
Christina Bilodeau		\$1,221	\$2,906

AUDITORS

Erin Kopacz		\$163	
Susan Baddorf		\$127	\$290

BCA / ELECTIONS (No Members requested wages in 2017)

DOG OFFICER

Kieth Sampietro			\$445
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HEALTH OFFICER

Colin Sorenson	(2016 \$150 stipend paid in 2017)	\$250	
Suzanne Wilson		\$50	\$300

CONSTABLE

Brent Godin			\$784
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Total Town Officers Payroll: \$81,004

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Michael Snider	Public Works Director	\$52,920	
Lawrence Kneen III	Road Foreman	\$44,988	
Mark Guilmette	Road Crew	\$47,709	
Todd Pennell	Snow Removal	\$365	
Joseph Michaud	Snow Removal	\$645	

Total Public Works Payroll: \$146,627

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
2017 Report of Reserve Funds

Restoration of Records

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	27,970.58
	<u>27,970.58</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	27,970.58
Revenue	6,162.00
Expenses	<u>-6,715.00</u>
	<u>27,417.58</u>

Reappraisal

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	25,634.49
	<u>25,634.49</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	25,634.49
Revenue	14,228.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>39,862.49</u>

Infrastructure Replacement

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	43,925.12
	<u>43,925.12</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	43,925.12
Revenue	87,000.00
Expenses	<u>-162,892.58</u>
	<u>-31,967.46</u>

Building Capitol Improvement

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	21,375.71
	<u>21,375.71</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	21,375.71
Revenue	25,000.00
Expenses	<u>-19,301.87</u>
	<u>27,073.84</u>

Machinery Replacement

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	590.43
	<u>590.43</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	590.43
Revenue	10,000.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>10,590.43</u>

Police

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	1,243.47
	<u>1,243.47</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	1,243.47
Revenue	500.00
Expenses	<u>-1,498.72</u>
	<u>244.75</u>

Conservation Commission

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	6,299.73
	<u>6,299.73</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	6,299.73
Revenue	3,148.80
Expenses	<u>-525.23</u>
	<u>8,923.30</u>

** see budget for detail*

Community Gardens

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	1,084.42
	<u>1,084.42</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	1,084.42
Revenue	610.00
Expenses	<u>-450.00</u>
	<u>1,244.42</u>

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
2017 Report of Reserve Funds

Hectorville Bridge Committee

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	-9,515.39
	<u>-9,515.39</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	-9,515.39
Revenue	12,360.02
Expenses	-106.35
	<u>2,738.28</u>

Emergency Management

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	
Reserve	5,779.11
	<u>5,779.11</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	
Previous Balance	5,779.11
Revenue	1,200.00
Expenses	-4,582.35
	<u>2,396.76</u>

Total Reserve Funds Balance:

88,524.39

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
2017 - Report of Unreserved Funds

General Fund Checking Account

Bank Statement Balance	\$597,920.51
Outstanding Deposits	1,995.97
Outstanding Checks	<u>-247,092.54</u>

Checking Balance: \$352,823.94

Summary of All Reserve Balances

Fire	\$29,134.32
Rescue	44916.18
Recreation	45327.71
Library	39786.34
Department Reserve Balance: *see budgets	<u>\$159,164.55</u>
Reserves Fund Balance: *see report	<u>88,524.39</u>

Total of all Reserve Funds: \$247,688.94

Total Unreserved Funds: \$105,135.00

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017		
NAME	PARCEL ID	TAX AMOUNT
2015 PROPERTY TAXES		
Dentone, Archie and Diane	00042.020X	\$ 1,885.21
TOTAL 2015 TAXES		\$ 1,885.21
2016 PROPERTY TAXES		
Banks, Sandra	00010.012X	\$ 263.13
Dentone, Archie and Diane	00242.020X	\$ 2,897.59
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	00033.063X	\$ 2,075.63
Patrick, Kathleen	00242.012X	\$ 2,773.27
Snider, Lisa	0S118.006X	\$ 456.09
**Williams, Harold and Cheryl	00050.004X	\$ 172.15
TOTAL 2016 TAXES		\$ 8,637.86
2017 PROPERTY TAXES		
171234 Canada Inc.	00303.008X	\$ 3,400.50
Abramowitz, Michael and June	00018.005X	\$ 2,878.30
Banks, Sandra	00010.012X	\$ 776.21
*Barkyoub, Ronald and Sandra	00058.059X	\$ 953.61
Bergeron, Craig and Desiree	00028.065X	\$ 1,033.81
*Bonneau, Donald	00036.022A	\$ 5,033.47
Brunton, Stuart	00242.064A	\$ 1,453.48
Bulger, Henry, Helen and Charles	00012.085X	\$ 703.90
Chaput, Robert	00025.013A	\$ 853.31
**Cota, Marty, Dana and James	00018.024ZX	\$ 791.38
**Damstrom, Thomas	00242.092Z	\$ 778.62
Darlyn, Inc.	0N118.024X	\$ 4,430.24
Davidson, Dale and Savoy, Dawn	0S118.157X	\$ 4,583.21
Dentone, Archie and Diane	000242.020X	\$ 2,978.79
Deuso, Alan and Sandra	00043.004X	\$ 1,378.31
Deuso, Olive - c/o Allen Deuso	00043.014X	\$ 9.83
Domina, Kenneth and Pudvah, Kathie	00001.011X	\$ 1,299.66
**Duculon, Stacey	00011.036X	\$ 2,868.08
*Ellis, Donald and Mary	0N118.003Z	\$ 3,289.45
Flaherty, Ted	00242.054B	\$ 2,866.72
Abramowitz, Michael and Fleckenstein, Sandra	00018.011X	\$ 1,347.60
Fleming, Danielle	00012.139X	\$ 783.19
Francis, Andrew	00019.020X	\$ 3,511.64
**Gadpaille, Eric	00301.001X	\$ 2,279.29
**Gadpaille, Eric	00303.010X	\$ 1,588.92
Hill, Susan	00242.097X	\$ 665.06
Hughes, Wendell and Koontz, Amie	00033.063X	\$ 3,611.91
Kaja Holdings 2, LLC	00058.009X	\$ 2,021.25
Manchester, Stewart	00001.044X	\$ 4,030.71
Marshall, Henry and Sherry	00020.046X	\$ 741.02
McDonald, Ryan	0S118.143X	\$ 2,911.94
Mills, Leo and Diane	0N118.036X	\$ 1,602.72
Morrell, Robert and Sandra	0S118.175A	\$ 2,062.65
*Moses, Frederick	00010.013X	\$ 3,790.83
**Nalette, Sean	00028.019X	\$ 1,126.63
Ovitt, Robert	0S118.106X	\$ 790.42
Patrick, Kathleen	00242.021X	\$ 2,850.99
Pattullo, Christopher	00058.028X	\$ 58.56
Platte, Heinrich and Heide	00019.060X	\$ 1,565.56
Robitaille, Jacques	0N118.093X	\$ 605.64
Snider, Lisa	0S118.006X	\$ 1,352.74
*Snider, Michael and Tracy	00001.046X	\$ 709.58
**Uimonen, Kirsii	00300.017X	\$ 2,660.18
**Williams, Harold and Cheryl	00050.004X	\$ 531.52
Wilson, Peter and Michelle	00019.037X	\$ 1,635.88
*Wynn, Ricky	00030.062X	\$ 1,472.68
TOTAL 2017 TAXES		\$ 88,669.99
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES		\$ 99,193.06
*Paid in full by February 2, 2018		
**Partial paid by February 2, 2018		
Note: Tax sale proceedings are in progress		

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2017**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE TAX DUE</u>	<u>TAX ABATED</u>	<u>REVISED WARRANT 1/26/17 DUE TO STATE DOWNLOAD</u>		<u>TAX COLLECTED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>	<u>8% PENALTY COLLECTED</u>	<u>INTEREST COLLECTED</u>
			<u>ERROR</u>	<u>STATE DOWNLOAD</u>				
2015	\$14,274.67	\$4,417.35		\$0.00	\$ 7,972.11	\$1,885.21	\$ 762.57	\$ 1,134.35
2016	\$86,566.50	\$0.00		\$397.62	\$ 77,531.02	\$8,637.86	\$ 6,202.45	\$ 6,321.53
2017	<u>\$192,997.77</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$ 104,327.78</u>	<u>\$88,669.99</u>	<u>\$8,299.05</u>	<u>\$2,053.05</u>
TOTALS	\$293,838.94	\$4,417.35		\$397.62	\$189,830.91	\$99,193.06	\$ 15,264.07	\$ 9,508.93
Taxes Collected:								
								\$189,830.91
8% Penalty Collected:								
								\$ 15,264.07
Interest Collected:								
								<u>\$ 9,508.93</u>
Total Paid to the Treasurer in 2017 by A. Woodward:								\$214,603.91

Town Of Montgomery

State of the Fire Department

The Montgomery Fire Department saw an increase in its call volume for the forth-consecutive year. We were able to add vehicle extrication tools to our equipment arsenal this past year. It is not new equipment but it is in good working order and will allow us a chance to begin extrication before mutual aid arrives. With the influx of drivers on the roads car accidents are at the top of our call volume. The department also purchased a used rescue vehicle to replace our aging van. The van would not pass inspection and we were able to find a good used replacement from a nearby town. The development of new dry hydrants will also be a major goal again for 2018. We are especially looking for a location on the Westfield side of our coverage area. We have another member currently obtaining his Fire Fighter I certification from the Vermont Fire Academy. We still have a capital reserve line item in the budget this year. This money is being set aside for a down payment on a truck in the coming years. In light of the current fiscal state of the town our members donated back its annual payroll stipend for the third year in a row.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zartarian
Assistant Fire Chief

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2018 BUDGET

Fire Department

Revenues	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Change Budget 17/18
Town of Montgomery	28,000	28,000	28,000	34,000	6,000
Town of Westfield	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Fundraisers	5,880	4,000	6,966	4,000	0
Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Reserve Funds	1,023			0	0
Total Revenue	38,904	36,000	38,966	42,000	0
<u>Expenses</u>					
Payroll	0	4,000	500	4,000	0
Social Security	0	300	38	300	0
Office supplies	39	250	107	250	0
Training	1,062	1,350	735	1,250	-100
Telephone	306	350	164	700	350
Association Dues	669	700	365	700	0
Dispatch Fees	5,537	5,550	5,537	11,300	5,750
New Equipment	19,471	10,000	5,500	6,000	-4,000
Vehicle Repairs	2,347	2,500	9,231	5,500	3,000
Vehicle Fuel	206	500	378	500	0
Radio Repair	195	1,200	1,767	2,200	1,000
Building Maintenance	345	500	1,467	500	0
Fundraising Expense	2,066	2,000	1,643	2,000	0
Miscellaneous	2,661	2,800	2,061	2,800	0
Dry Hydrant Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Total Expenses	38,904	36,000	29,492	42,000	6,000

<u>Reserve Fund</u>			<u>Report of Activities</u>	
Beginning Balance 01/01/17				
General Fund	14,963.86		Structure Fires	5
Dry Hydrant	4,696.00		Mutual Aid Structure	0
Capital Improvement	0.00		Chimney	4
		19,659.86	Brush Fire	2
			Motor Vehicle	8
Ending Balance 12/31/17			Search & Rescue	3
Revenues - Expenses	9,474.46		Alarm Activation	3
Previous Balance	14,963.86		Fuel Spill	1
General Fund	24,438.32		Downed Trees	1
Dry Hydrant	4,696.00		Gas Detection	1
Capital Improvement	0.00		Medical Assists	4
		29,134.32	Total Calls	32

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2018 BUDGET

Rescue Department

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Change Budget 17/18
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	29,600	29,600	29,600	0	-29,600
Ambulance Billing	13,752	15,000	9,760	0	-15,000
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	933	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	6,211	0		0	0
Total Revenue	49,563	44,600	40,293	0	-44,600
Expenses					
Payroll & Social Security	4,308	3,900	2,487	0	-3,900
Uniforms	0	200	0	0	-200
Medical Supplies	2,212	2,000	2,107	0	-2,000
Office expense	0	100	247	0	-100
Education	2,562	1,000	0	0	-1,000
Communications	133	1,000	845	0	-1,000
EMS Dispatch Fee	5,537	5,537	5,537	0	-5,537
Contracted Services: RAS	21,220	21,000	21,000	0	-21,000
Contracted Services: Billing	1,270	1,500	1,490	0	-1,500
New Equipment	5,070	0	0	0	0
Maintenance (Veh.& Equip)	6,800	1,000	218	0	-1,000
Building Expense	304	0	176	0	0
Miscellaneous	147	0	1,383	0	0
Ambulance & Equip. Reserve	0	7,363	0	0	-7,363
Total Expenses	49,563	44,600	35,489	0	-44,600

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	Ambulance & Equipment Replacement	40,112	
	OR Contracted Services		
		<u> </u>	<u>40,112</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	Revenues - Expenses (use of reserve)	4,803	
	Previous Balance	<u>40,112</u>	
			<u>44,915</u>



"Praise Recreation!" – Jim Abbott

2017 REPORT

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

2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

Ice Skating: Hot drinks, free skates and fun for all. The rink has been open around 20 hours a week. Big thanks to all who have helped with this!

4th of July Parade: Montgomery continues to have one of the best Fourth of July celebrations in Northern Vermont pulling in locals and tourists alike. The parade was a success followed by music and a chicken BBQ at the Rec Center. The Fire Department once again did an excellent job with the BBQ and all money donated from this event went to support our awesome fire department.

Summer Sessions: This 7 event music series filled the summer night air with the sound of beautiful music. There were local food vendors, great local bands, and enthusiastic crowds. It would not have been possible without numerous donors (local folks and businesses) who funded the series.

Multi-Use Trail System: Planning has begun to create multi-use paths on town land surrounding the Rec Center. Work has already begun at the site of the old Pump station and some trails should be completed by spring 2018.

FUNDRAISING IN 2017:

The following helped in raising enough money to support ongoing recreational activities in our town:

Art Auction: This annual event was once again a successful and enjoyable fundraiser. Close to 70 works of art were generously donated.

Halloween Dance: Costumes, costumes, costumes! This year's event featured two parties, one for the kids and one for adults. This event has grown over the last few years and is the spot to be for Halloween festivities.

Summer Sessions: Money was raised from proceeds including a donation bucket, donations (series donors) and from the pie stand. The series was able to cover all costs for the music thanks to everyone who donated.

Guidebook: The guidebook *In the Middle of the Mountains- Scenic Roads in the Montgomery – Jay Peak Area* by Bob Gilmore was published in 2016. The proceeds from this book continue to help support the Rec Committee.

Donation from Gordon Brebner Estate:

The department wishes to thank Gordon Brebner for his generous donation to the Recreation Department. You will be missed, buddy!



ON-GOING SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

Sports Activities:

Programs on the Fields: Residents of all ages enjoyed soccer (Congratulations Montgomery Mountaineers 3rd and 4th graders on an excellent season!), volleyball, tennis, and softball. Little League (both boys and girls) continued as did the soccer program for pre-K to 8th grade (approx. 120 kids).

Programs Sponsored at the Montgomery Elementary School: Yoga and Zumba classes sponsored by the Recreation Department continued year-round.

Snowshoe Loan Program: Montgomery Properties continued to administer this beneficial program.

Summer Day Camp: Attendance averaged 60 campers per day. The program remained free of charge to residents, and a snack and lunch were provided at no charge.

We look forward to working with the community for another successful season!
If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to attend a meeting.

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

Nelson Mayhew

Peg Doheny

Lisa Perry

Corbin Erwin

Marsha Phillips

Lily Powers

Brendan O'Shea

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2018 BUDGET

Recreation Department

Revenues	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Change in Budget 17/18
Town of Montgomery	20,000	20,000	22,000	20,000	0
Donations/Fundraisers/Rentals	9,329	8,000	22,800	2,000	-6,000
Summer Sessions	9546	7,000	10789	8,000	1,000
Arts For the Parks	0	0	5893	5,500	5,500
Projected Activities	628	1,500	881	1,500	0
Guidebook	1622	940	1461	500	-440
Use of Reserve / Misc	0		0		0
Total Revenue	41,125	37,440	63,824	37,500	60
Expenses					
Payroll & SS	9,235	12,925	7,651	11,625	-1,300
Office & Postage	12	100	146	100	0
Telephone & Internet	934	950	963	950	0
Electricity	968	950	905	950	0
Heating Fuel	518	1,300	520	1,300	0
Water	425	340	260	340	0
Equipment	146	500	0	500	0
Building Maintenance	839	3,000	1640	2,000	-1,000
Port-o-lets	800	1,000	1248	1,300	300
Rubbish Removal	600	575	540	575	0
Grounds Maintenance	550	1,000	887	700	-300
Lawn Care	4,235	4,500	4,255	4,500	0
Tennis Maintenance	99	0	3168	500	500
Activities	1,437	1,300	739	410	-890
Skating Rink	<i>not previously</i>		323	500	500
Daycamp	<i>broken out</i>		562	700	700
Summer Sessions	7100	7,000	7695	8,000	1,000
Playground & Riverwalk Projects	3,706	0	0	0	0
Capital Improv/Playground Fund	1500	1,500	21630	2,000	500
Miscellaneous	314	0	410	300	300
Guidebook Reimbursement	811	500	896	250	-250
Total Expenses	34,228	37,440	54,436	37,500	60

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2017:	Capital Improvement	1,500	
	Reserve	12,810	
		<u>14,310</u>	
Use of Reserves:	Revenue-Expenses	9,388	
	Capital Improvement	21,630	
		<u>31,018</u>	
Ending Balance 12/31/2017:	Reserve	<u>45,328</u>	



Montgomery Town Library

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January 30, 2018

This past year has seen the continued and steady growth in the number of patrons and children using the Town Library and circulation; especially in the number of patrons borrowing e-books and audio books using Overdrive, available through the Green Mountain Library Consortium.

Marlene has done a great job in reorganizing the shelving and color-coding of books and DVDs to make it easier for patrons and volunteers to locate their selection and improve the accuracy of re-shelving. She has made the library more user-friendly and has actively promoted ongoing and new programs. The Board appreciates her enthusiasm, hard work and excellence in what she has accomplished this year.

The library continues to co-host programs with The Child Parent Center (formerly Building Brighter Futures); it's amazing how many small children are in our town who participate! The Friends of the Library hosted a writing contest with the theme "Magic in the Mountains" for Montgomery's 4th through 8th graders. The monthly book-to-film program continues to be very popular with regular attendance.

Towards the end of the year the Library purchased an AWE digital learning computer that features educational games that cover the seven main curriculum areas: Reading, Words and Phonics, Math and Problem-Solving, Science and Nature, Social Studies and Geography, Computer Skills, Research, and Music and Art. All of the content is aligned to STEM/STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math) and correlated to both Common Core and National State Academic Standards. This was a major investment and the cost (at a significantly reduced price!) is in our current 2018 budget.

Our biggest fundraiser – the silent auction in July – was again a major success thanks to all the donors and volunteers and especially to Darren and Lynne Drevik of Phineas Swann for hosting; this fundraiser pays for a large portion of the library's operating costs – we couldn't do without it. Nor could we do without the generous support of the Eastman Foundation; their grant helps with the purchase of books, DVDs and other library essentials.

For the first time we were able to set up a capital improvement fund this year, thanks to a financial bequest from the Gordon Brebner Estate. Gordon was one of Montgomery's favorite Canadian residents; many of us will remember the annual bocce ball tournaments at his house on Amidon Road which were always very popular events. The Library also received a large selection of his cherished books – it is an eclectic collection which reflects his wide range of interests from history to art to literary and suspense novels. The capital improvement fund will enable the library to look towards the future – we hope to eventually expand our space as it is getting somewhat crowded and purchase additional shelving and other appropriate accessories.

The library is a continually evolving process that requires great attention to detail and constant renewal; it is a place for people to meet, interact, learn and relax in a comfortable chair with a book or magazine. The Trustees are thankful to our library director, volunteers, patrons and support of the town who all help to continue making the Montgomery Town Library a successful and bright spot in our town.

Stop by - it is your town library – come and see us!

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees Marijke Dollois, Claire Draper, Rita Kalsmith, Patty Hathaway, Patty Perl, Jane Presler, and Cheryl Wisell.

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2018 BUDGET

Library

Revenues	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Change Budget 17/18
Town of Montgomery	18,917	18,917	18,917	19,032	115
Donations/Fundraisers/Use	14,419	13,825	4,857	4,475	-9,350
Memorial Gifts	<i>not previously broken out</i>		21,781	0	0
Auction	<i>not previously broken out</i>		9,972	9,000	
Grants	2,250	3,000	2,750	2,500	-500
Use of Reserve Funds		321	0	3,839	3,518
Total Revenue	35,586	36,063	58,277	38,846	2,783
<u>Expenses</u>					
Payroll & SS & Benefits	18,167	19,313	18,597	19,871	558
Office Supplies	1,149	1,100	502	400	-700
Fundraising Expenses/Printing	1,318	1,550	1,318	1,550	0
Postage / Shipping & Handling	488	400	258	475	75
Mileage Reimbursement	92	350	92	250	-100
Telephone	570	600	427	500	-100
Equipment & Repairs	538	1,400	704	2,900	1,500
Book Supplies	<i>not previously broken out</i>		1,113	1,100	1,100
Furniture & Shelving	425	700	746	700	0
Building Maintenance / Rubbish	368	400	388	400	0
Programming	1,043	1,500	1,584	2,000	500
Capital Improvement Fund	0	0	21,781	0	0
Workshops & Memberships	750	900	764	1,000	100
Books & Subscriptions	6,834	4,200	5,193	4,900	700
Miscellaneous	591	650	482	300	-350
Grant Expenditures	1,172	3,000	2,039	2,500	-500
Total Expenses	33,506	36,063	55,987	38,846	2,783

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/2017:

Reserve	15,672	
Checking	54	
		<u>15,726</u>

Ending Balance 12/31/2017:

Beginning Reserve	15,672	
Use of Reserve	0	
Current Reserve	<u>15,672</u>	
Revenues - Expenses	2,290	
Capital Improvement	21,781	
Checking	<u>54</u>	
		<u><u>39,797</u></u>

Montgomery Community Gardens

This is the eighth year for the Montgomery Community Gardens and it continues to grow with many participating from the community. In the 2017 season we started a CSA (Community Supportive Agricultural) program. For 10 weeks members on Saturday donated fresh vegetables and baked goods to 12 deserving seniors. It was a great success and very much appreciated. A special thanks goes out to Remi Gratton for making a washing station for the vegetables and providing his back porch to pack the CSA bags.

Again this year we made an annual flower bed, which is free to members of the community. Many took advantage of these beautiful flowers to make bouquets as well as the village church.

Members of the community gardens are extremely grateful to the town of allowing us to use this land. Any community member is more than welcome to stop by and take a tour of our gardens.

2017 Annual Report of the Montgomery Conservation Commission

2017 proved to be another successful year for the Conservation Commission. The Commission hosted a number of workshops and programs for community members on a wide array of topics. These included:

- Hosted the film *The Messenger* with the Richford Conservation Commission (RCC)
- Organized local *Green Up Day* efforts in our community
- Held a spring bird walk with *the Bird Diva, Bridget Butler* with the RCC in May
- Organized a presentation by Vermont Fish and Wildlife on Bats for the Montgomery Elementary School, and donated a bat box to be installed at the school
- Hosted Cold Hollow to Canada's Annual Gathering at the Grange Hall, an amazing evening with writer and VPR commentator *Willem Lange*.

The Commission would like to thank everyone who donated their time, energy and (especially) their culinary skills to helping to make our events so successful! Without the volunteer effort that's so strong in our community none of this could have been possible. The Commission also undertook a number of direct fundraising activities again this year, reaching out to community members to raise \$2,360 from our generous neighbors. The funds raised will be crucial in continuing the Commission's mission to bring informative, interesting and fun programming to our community about the natural resources around us, and the place we call home.

In 2018 we hope to continue to host fun and information field walks and events, including:

- Local pick-up on May 5th for *Franklin County Conservation Districts annual Tree and Shrub Sale* orders (Have you submitted your order form yet?) Order Forms available at: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/franklin-county/tree-sale/>
- An evening with *James Lariviere of Northern Border Apiaries* for a presentation on bee keeping early this spring
- *More about Bats* with RCC and VT Wild and Scenic Committee, with a focus on building bat boxes (including a the raffle to win your very own!)
- A presentation on *Pollinators and Pollinator Gardens*
- A presentation on Mushroom Cultivation and Wild Edibles
- More Bird Walks!
- A workshop on programs of the *Natural Resource Conservation Service* that landowners can apply for to enhance both wildlife habitat and environmental health.

This year the Commission also hopes to launch Montgomery's first ever *Natural Resource Inventory*. The purpose of this inventory is to map and assess the natural heritage elements that are important to the preservation of biological diversity in our community. This information will be used to inform town planning decisions, further define the towns' sense of community, and to establish priorities for preserving significant resources.

We're also very excited to see the Conservation Fund question on this year's Town Meeting Warning, and urge all in our community to learn more about how it would work, and support this great effort.

Thanks again for all your support!

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2018 BUDGET
Conservation Commission

	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Change Budget 17/18
Revenues					
Town of Montgomery	750	750	750	750	0
Fundraisers	1,285	500	116	200	-300
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Membership	2,320	1,500	2,360	1,800	
Miscellaneous	0	0		0	0
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	4,355	2,750	3,226	2,750	-300
Expenses					
Event Guests & Speakers	1,387	1,800	75	1,800	0
Event Supplies	214	250	20	250	0
Postage	69	200	130	200	0
Printing	272	200	301	200	0
Fundraising Costs	275	300		200	-100
Membership Fees	0	0	0	100	100
Total Expenses	2,216	2,750	526	2,750	0

Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 01/01/17

Reserve Fund	6,219	
	6,219	

Ending Balance 12/31/17

Revenues - Expenses	2,700	
Previous Balance	6,219	
	8,919	

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY - 2018 WATER DEPT BUDGET

As of Jan 19, 2018						
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Change Budget	
Revenues	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018-2017	
Water Usage Fees	\$56,848	\$67,000	\$62,100	\$65,000	-\$2,000.00	
Interest	\$63	\$50	\$39	\$25	-\$25.00	
Service Fees	\$1,590	\$500	\$2,239	\$500	\$0.00	
Use of Reserve Funds	\$19,826	\$4,530	\$19,088	\$6,365	\$1,835.00	
Operations Sub Total	\$78,327	\$72,080	\$83,467	\$71,890	-\$190.00	
User Bond Receipts	\$31,854	\$32,000	\$36,032	\$32,000	\$0.00	
Town of Montgomery	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$13,737	\$0.00	
Bond Sub Total	\$45,591	\$45,737	\$49,769	\$45,737	\$0.00	
Total Revenue	\$123,918	\$117,817	\$133,236	\$117,627	-\$190.00	
Expenses						
Town Admin Assessment	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	-\$1,000.00	
Technology equip/support	\$9,113	\$2,000	\$10,453	\$3,000	\$1,000.00	
Utilities	\$12,858	\$13,000	\$11,302	\$11,000	-\$2,000.00	
Contracted Services	\$37,220	\$38,040	\$44,332	\$40,000	\$1,960.00	
Miscellaneous	\$378	\$500	\$728	\$500	\$0.00	
Tools	\$0	\$500	\$1,011	\$500	\$0.00	
Water Testing	\$660	\$600	\$400	\$500	-\$100.00	
Office Expense	\$895	\$1,000	\$1,160	\$1,000	\$0.00	
Equipment/Spares	\$2,601	\$2,000	\$628	\$2,000	\$0.00	
Facilities Maintenance	\$6,063	\$2,750	\$5,948	\$2,500	-\$250.00	
VT Fees	\$593	\$600	\$897	\$800	\$200.00	
Association Dues	\$210	\$225	\$220	\$225	\$0.00	
Chemicals	\$124	\$400	\$956	\$400	\$0.00	
Annual Bond Payment	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$46,202	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$123,917	\$117,817	\$133,238	\$117,627	-\$190.00	
Beginning Balance 01/01/17						
Checking	\$10,357					
Savings	\$108,727					
Total	\$119,084					
Ending Balance 12/31/17						
Checking	\$6,423.99					
Savings	\$88,752.23					
Total	\$95,176.22					
Total Balance of Delinquent Water Bills as of 12/31/17			\$4,425.07			

Town of Montgomery
Board of Listers Report – 2018

Our 2017 equalization study showed our **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** at 103.14% and our **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)** at 9.91%. The CLA provides a town-wide comparison of the total listed value to the state's estimate of total Fair Market Value. The COD is a measure of uniformity of appraisal for all properties in the Grandlist.

The Town of Montgomery continues to have 3 elected Listers. Parma and Lynda are in the office Thursday and Friday mornings from 8am – noon each week to provide most of the data entry and reporting while Deanna assists as needed, stays up-to-date with processes and provides general lister services throughout all open hours of the Town Clerk's office. This, in our opinion, provides the community, taxpayers, and researchers with the highest level of service.

The entire Board intends to attend trainings this year to maintain the highest level of education and ability to serve the town effectively and efficiently. Parma continues to maintain her VPA II (Vermont Property Assessor) designation with all expenses of that education being born by her. This is a tremendous savings to the Town.

Should you feel that your property is not appropriately assessed in relationship to its Fair Market Value, the annual Grievance process is open to all property owners. This generally occurs in the month of May and is open for 15 days. Please contact our office with any questions on this process and follow the Lister updates on the Town website for more information as it becomes available.

As always, please feel free to visit our office anytime with questions or concerns. You may reach us via email at montgomerylisters@fairpoint.com, montgomeryclerk@gmail.com, or (802) 326-4719.

Sincerely,

Board of Listers
Parma Jewett, Chair

Lynda Cluba

Deanna-Dee Robitaille

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Financial Report 2017

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	<u>22,425.92</u>	
			22,425.92
RECEIPTS	Interest	5.56	
	Donations	0.00	
	Sale of Lots/Perpetual Care/Corner Post	550.00	
			555.56
EXPENSES	Lawn care/Repairs * Paid by Town	0.00	
	Insurance	<u>0.00</u>	
			0.00
			<u>22,981.48</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	CD's	0.00	
	Checking	22,981.48	
			<u>22,981.48</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna-Dee Robiatille, Town Treasurer

MONTGOMERY CENTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Financial Report 2017

Beginning Balance 01/01/17	Checking	32,740.18	
	CD - 110	8,343.77	
	CD - 233	15,000.00	
	CD - 274	8,300.00	
	CD - 892	20,000.00	
	Charles Lumbra Fund	<u>2,200.00</u>	
			<u>\$86,583.95</u>
RECEIPTS	Interest Income	1,593.05	
	Donations	200.00	
	Lots Sold	<u>0.00</u>	
			\$1,793.05
EXPENSES	Grounds Maintenance	4,158.95	
	Office Supplies	<u>0.00</u>	
			<u>\$4,158.95</u>
			\$84,218.05
Ending Balance 12/31/17	Checking	32284.28	
	CD - 110	8,343.77	
	CD - 233	15,000.00	
	CD - 274	8,300.00	
	CD - 892	20,000.00	
	Charles Lumbra Fund	2,200.00	
			<u>\$86,128.05</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna-Dee Robiatille, Town Treasurer

JOHN L CLAPP ESTATE
Financial Report 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Beginning Balance: 1/1/17	TD Bank Checking	879.24	
	Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>11,390.68</u>	12,269.92
Income:	Interest from Certificates	<u>10.68</u>	10.68
Disbursements:	Care of Old Cemetery	230.00	
	Bank Charges	<u>0.00</u>	
			<u>230.00</u>
			<u>12,050.60</u>
Ending Balance: 12/31/17	TD Bank Checking	8,359.69	
	Certificates - TD Banknorth	<u>3,042.63</u>	11,402.32
Respectfully submitted, Lorraine St Onge, Treasurer			

HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Financial Report 2017

Beginning Balance:	Checking - Jan. 1, 2017 (Dec., '16 int. inc.)	\$1,185.70	
	Savings - Jan. 1, 2017	\$800.70	
	CD - Jan. 1, 2017	<u>\$16,564.36</u>	\$18,550.76
Income:	Dues & Donations	\$570.00	
	Town of Montgomery Support	\$150.00	
	Lot Sales	\$525.00	
	Interest	<u>\$99.67</u>	\$1,344.67
Disbursements:	Maintenance	\$525.00	
	Corner Markers	<u>\$120.00</u>	
			<u>\$645.00</u>
			<u>\$19,250.43</u>
Ending Balance:	Checking - Dec. 21, 2017	\$1,010.08	
	Savings - Dec. 20, 2017	\$1,675.99	
	CD	<u>\$16,564.36</u>	\$19,250.43

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Lumbra, Treasurer

2017 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
March 4	Adrianna Flo Sherman	George Sherman	Martina Tesarova
March 4	Lyric Fisher Emanuel	Cody John Emanuel	Heather Maciag
March 15	Cayden Jay Stanley	Avery Stanley	Megan Stanley
April 3	River Edward Bessette	Edward Bessette	Jennifer Bessette
July 15	Brody Christopher Bruner	Travis Bruner	Melissa Mossey
September 17	Chance Henry Wirth	Joshua Wirth	Jennifer Wirth
September 26	Arabela Bren Worthington	Ezra Worthington	Rosa Love
October 8	Jyi Michael Hatterick Jr	Jyi Hatterick Sr	Sara Bonyea
October 17	Aiyana Marie Little Feather Lawyer	Justin Lawyer	Marie-Eve Journey

2017 DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
February 7	Emilie Rae Trunik	Montgomery Center
February 18	Gaston Rosaire Begnoche	Montgomery Center
May 8	Jack Oliver Scheffler	Montgomery
May 16	Troy Derek Strong	Montgomery
September 16	Edward Powers Perdue	Montgomery
September 21	Evelyn Ruth Sampietro	Montgomery Center

2017 CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Applicant A</u>	<u>Applicant B</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
January 9	Brandon Stringham	Amanda Ziegler	Lockport, NY
March 2	Joseph Melone	Irma Lucia	Trenton, NJ
April 20	Nicholas Arruda	Danielle Day	West Warwick, RI
May 9	Demitri Tracy	Milo Liebenow	Hoosick Falls, NY
May 20	Kristi Charron	Paul Sylvester Jr	Montgomery, VT
June 3	Zachary Lundborg	Heather Mercy	Montgomery, VT
June 30	Jessica Murphy	Christopher Barcomb	Champlain, NY
July 17	Joseph Michaud	Carrie Donna	Montgomery Center, VT
July 22	Daniel Wiese	Steven Paradis	Montgomery, VT
September 2	Jill Sylvester	Graton Guyette III	Montgomery, VT
September 9	Erin Cater	Justin Salls	West Lebanon, NH
October 6	Nicole Avery	Seth McNary	Northborough, MA
October 21	Corey Girard	Maria Pupo	Pembroke, NH
November 1	Christopher Chotobor	Crystal Ribeiro	Twinsburg, OH
November 9	Miranda Johnson	Jean-Philippe Dupuis	Northport, FL

MONTGOMERY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Thank you all for your efforts to comply with our Zoning Rules and Regulations this past year. I have enjoyed working to help you with the permitting process.

During 2017 there were 27 Applications for Zoning/Building Permits processed. The following is a breakdown of the applications:

Permit Breakdown	Number of Permits
New Homes	5
Accessory Dwellings	0
New or Replacement Garages/Barns	1
Additions	5
Accessory Structures (sheds, etc)	3
Commercial Buildings	0
Other (decks, fences, etc)	3
Camps	2
Relocations/Substantial Improvements	0
Subdivisions	3
Signs	2
Corrective Permits	3

Six required approval from the Development Review Board for Conditional Use.

Twenty-Six Certificates of Zoning Compliance were issued. Compliance Letters are required by lending institutions when properties are changing ownership or refinancing. Compliance letters indicate that a property is free of any zoning violations.

Beginning May 1st, the regular office hours for Zoning are Tuesday afternoons from 1pm until 4pm. From now until April 30th, I will be available by appointment. You can reach me by voice mail at 326-4719 extension 205 or by email at montgomeryzoning@gmail.com. If you are unsure whether you may need a permit, please don't hesitate to call and ask questions.

Regards,

Christina Bilodeau
Zoning Administrator

Available Payment Options

Water Bills, Taxes, and other Fees

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

Credit & Debit Card – Visa, MasterCard, or Discover

You may pay online via the “Payments” tab on our website, over the phone with the Town Office, in person during business hours or over the phone with our service provider, **PayGov.us**, 24 X 7, 365 days a year. Service fees are paid by you, the user, at these rates:

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

ACH Withdrawal from Checking or Savings

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

Secure Drop-Box (non-cash transactions ONLY)

For those who would prefer to utilize checks or money orders but are not able to arrive during regular business hours, there is now a secure drop-box located just to the left of the main entrance at our 86 Mountain Rd location. ***Please do not utilize this box during regular hours as it is ONLY checked each morning.*** Also note, on due dates only, the box will be checked each morning, immediately after the lunch hour and at the close of business.

Of course those wishing to pay in person or via U.S. mail will still be able to do so using more traditional means. As a gentle reminder, postmarks are NOT accepted so please plan accordingly to be sure mailed items have adequate time to make their way to our office to avoid potential fees and penalties. ***All payments must be received in the Town Clerk & Treasurer’s office by the close of business on any due date.*** We hope these additional options will provide our residents and taxpayers with the highest level of flexibility and convenience.

State of Vermont
Department of Health
St. Albans District Office
27 Federal Street, Suite 201
St. Albans, VT 05478
HealthVermont.gov

[phone] 802-524-7970
[fax] 802-527-5405
[toll free] 888-253-8801

Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Montgomery

Your local health district office is in St. Albans at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

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 death in Franklin county. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served several pregnant women and children to age five in Montgomery with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 we responded to 33 cases of infectious disease in Franklin & Grand Isle Counties. In 2017, \$15,014, 203 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$1,081,504.22 was distributed in Franklin county.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. We are in the process of adding three new prescription drugs drop off sites in addition to the St. Albans Police Dept. and Grand Isle Sheriff Dept. The new sites will be located at Northwest Medical Center, the South Hero Pharmacy and in Richford at the Notch Health Center. The new sites are expected to be up and running early in 2018. The boxes can accept all medications except liquid medications.



Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District
2017 Supervisor's Report

The Northwest Solid Waste District's (NWSWD) mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and finally disposal of solid waste. 2017 was a great year for waste reduction and recycling in the NWSWD -- our efforts resulted in the District successfully diverting more waste from the landfill than any year before! Waste diverted was recycled or reused and helped conserve resources and keep toxic materials out of Vermont landfills.

The District was able to increase our programs and services like composting, hazardous waste, and reuse. We also offered more workshops and increased our ability to pass on useful information through channels like farmer's markets and fairs, and the internet. These efforts helped Franklin and Grand Isle counties reduce the waste they sent to the landfill. We measure our success by looking at the weight of waste that we sent to the landfill and what we were able to divert through reuse and recycling. All this work showed in the amount of waste we diverted from the landfill this year. Some of this year's highlights include:

- All District communities diverted 31% of our waste from the landfill.
- **District operations diverted 1,384 tons of waste from the landfill in 2017! This is a 6% increase from 2016!!**
- Recycled 134 tons of e-waste
- Held eight "Backyard Composting" classes for residents
- Began a successful pilot program to collect food waste from resident's homes to turn into compost.
- Launched a new community and business outreach program that has already made contact with 215 businesses in our region.
- Collected 57 tons of hazardous material from 1237 Households through our Household Hazardous Waste program. That's over 12 tons more of household chemicals collected than last year!
- This year our Close the Loop Compost program grew 28% and we collected 211 tons of food scraps from 22 businesses and institutions and 6 residential drop-off points to be turned into compost.

NWSWD by the Numbers

In the NWSWD, five District run recycling drop-off sites in Georgia, Montgomery, Bakersfield, St. Albans and North Hero, 2 member town run sites (Alburgh and Grand Isle), and mandatory curbside recycling by registered waste haulers allows easy access to recycling for all residents. Overall in 2017, through recycling, reuse and composting, District residents were able to divert 31% of waste created from the landfill! After all of this work the average NWSWD resident sent just 3 pounds of waste to the landfill per day. That's almost 25% less than last year. Way to go!

Through our District-operated sites and programs, this year we disposed of 811 tons of trash and recycled or diverted 1,384 tons of material, including 417 tons of blue-bin recyclables setting the diversion rate for District Services at 59%.

All District Staff are available through the District office at (802)524-5986 or info@nswsd.org. For more information about the District and our services, how to reduce and recycle your waste, or how to get involved call District staff at the above number or come visit at 158 Morse Drive in Georgia (we even give tours of our Recycling Center.) You can also visit us on the web at www.nswsd.org, find us on Facebook, and sign-up for our e-mail updates. More information can also be found in our newsletter available at your Town Meeting.

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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

January 1, 2018

Deanna Robitaille
Town of Montgomery
PO Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Re: Warrant for the collection of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District
FY2019 Assessment

Dear Ms. Robitaille,

The District Board of Supervisors, on December 6, 2017 set the Municipal Assessment at \$1.00 per capita based on the most recent Census population estimates.

Based on the 2015 Vermont Health Dept. Population Estimates, the population of the Town of Montgomery is 1195. In accordance with Article IV, Section 2.b of the District Charter, the "District Formation Agreement" approved by the voters of your community December 29, 1987, the FY2019 assessment for the Town of Montgomery is \$1,195.00. All assessments are due by November 15, 2018. An invoice will be mailed to you in July 2018.

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

Sincerely,



Pamela J. Bolster
Business Manager

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December 12, 2017

Scott Perry, Select Board Chair
Town of Montgomery
P O Box 517
Montgomery, VT 05471

Re: FY19 Funding Request

Dear Scott:

As you may be aware, this time each year the Regional Commission submits for your consideration our municipal funding request for the coming year.

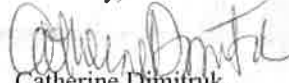
The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC has been providing planning and community development assistance to our member municipalities for over fifty years. All municipalities within the two-county area are members of the Commission, which consists of a board made up of your appointed representatives (two from each municipality). All municipalities in the region have access to the types of services described in the enclosed report. In order to carry out our planning programs, the Commission maintains an office in St. Albans and a staff of qualified planning professionals.

While the Commission is not a regulatory taxing authority, each year we do request a per capita-based assessment from our members in support of municipal and regional projects and programs. This is done in accordance with state statutes and the Commission's adopted bylaws. Funds raised through the municipal assessment support the Commission's technical assistance program and assist in providing matches for programs such as transportation and emergency planning.

The Board of Commissioners voted to increase the assessment rate to \$1.047 per capita for the 2019 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2018. Please include for consideration as a line item in your upcoming budget a Regional Commission request for \$1,292 in support of local and regional planning activities in FY19. This amount is based upon the adopted rate of \$1.047 per person, multiplied by Montgomery's 2010 census population of 1,201. The enclosed report is offered for your information and inclusion in the town's annual report; an electronic version is available upon request.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, your municipal representatives, or Chair Bob Buermann (372-5470). We would also be glad to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss in more detail the Commission's planning programs and services provided to municipalities. Your continued support of local and regional planning is most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Catherine Dimitruk,
Executive Director

cc: Montgomery Regional Commissioners
Montgomery Clerk



Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2017 Montgomery Town Report

Northwest Regional Planning Commission is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

Municipal plan and bylaw updates and related technical assistance: *Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education and training, bylaw modernization and plan updates.*

Brownfields: *Complete environmental site assessments and fund clean-ups so properties can be sold, developed or re-developed to benefit the economy, create or protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.*

Transportation planning: *Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans and traffic counts.*

Emergency planning: *Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and Vermont Emergency Management and Homeland Security on emergency planning, exercises and training.*

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

Watershed planning and project development: *Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities and address known sources of pollution.*

Regional plans: *Coordinate infrastructure, community development and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.*

Geographic Information System Services: *Provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.*

Special projects: *Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development and affordable housing projects.*

Grants: *Provide assistance identifying appropriate grant sources, defining a project scope and writing grant applications.*

2017 MONTGOMERY TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided zoning technical assistance.
- Assisted with updating and adoption of the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Completed a FEMA approved and locally adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Updated the E-911 poster map and road atlas.
- Coordinated engineering for four culvert retrofit/replacement projects to accommodate aquatic organism passage and improve flood resiliency.
- Assisted with Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid project selection
- Began a road erosion inventory and culvert inventory update.
- Wrote successful Better Roads grant applications for FY18 for a road erosion inventory and wrote two applications for FY19 for replacing a large culvert on Hazens Notch Road and ditch stabilization and drainage culvert replacement on Reagan Road (awards will be announced by February, 2018).
- Prepared a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for river bank stabilization along Longley Bridge Road.
- Developed municipal data and mapping required to complete an energy plan per standards developed by the Vermont Department of Public Service.

Montgomery Town
Regional Commissioners
Charlie Hancock & Vacant Seat

Transportation Advisory
Committee
Mark Brouillette

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

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



The following additional Social Service and other organizations requested taxpayer assistance for 2018 (totaling: \$2,100.00)

- Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired: \$300.00
- Northwestern Counseling: \$1,500.00
- Vermont Adult Learning: \$200.00
- Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (formerly the Dry Hydrant Grant Program): \$100

The Selectboard denied their requests because they did not demonstrate specific benefits to Montgomery and/or had not received consistent taxpayer support in previous years.

They are all worthy causes and we have published this list so individuals may make personal contributions as their circumstances allow. Additional information on their requests is available at the Town Office.

Respectfully,
The Selectboard.



HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

POST OFFICE BOX 478
MONTGOMERY CENTER VERMONT 05471

January 11, 2018

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

Dear Friends:

We are writing to ask the voters of the Town of Montgomery to approve a request for a contribution of \$1000 to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund in 2018, our 25th year providing programs for area families.

Each summer 125 children ages 6 to 14 attend 1-week camp sessions at the Hazen's Notch Association on the Hazen's Notch Road in Montgomery. Last year the HNA Campership Fund raised \$4,100 enabling 17 children from 7 towns to receive financial assistance from the HNA Campership Fund.

The past fifteen years the voters of Montgomery at Town Meeting have approved a request for a contribution to the Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund.

If voters approve this request for a \$1000 contribution, school administrators in the Montgomery Elementary School may then recommend one or more students from Montgomery who wish to attend the HNA Summer Camp to receive partial or full financial assistance towards the camp fee. Camp fees are \$250 for the Day Camp and \$500 for the Overnight Camp.

On behalf of the families served by the campership fund, thank you for your continued support of the Hazen's Notch Association's Campership Fund.

Yours truly,

Rolf Anderson

Rolf Anderson
President
Hazen's Notch Association





December 8, 17

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

Cc: Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk & Treasurer

Greetings:

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

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

It is with recognition and appreciation for all levels of support that Green Mountain Transit (GMT) would like to submit a request of level funding for FY19 from the Town of Montgomery. **We respectfully request \$568 for FY19 to be placed before the Town of Montgomery voters for consideration.** The requested funding directly supports GMT's ongoing operations and the amount is based on a fair share calculation applied to the municipalities GMT serves.

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

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

Sincerely,

Mark A. Sousa
General Manager



Missisquoi River Basin Association

Our goal is to restore and maintain the ecological integrity of the Missisquoi River system so that the uses and values desired by the community are supported by the river and quality of its water.

December 20, 2017

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

Dear Montgomery Selectboard members and Residents of Montgomery,

Since 1996, the Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) has been working with community members to understand and improve water quality issues in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries. The MRBA is primarily a volunteer-based organization, composed of folks from many local sources: school groups, local businesses, concerned citizens, teachers, and landowners, to name just a few. Our activities are always open to the public and we strive to include as many watershed residents as possible. Together we have generated over 21,500 volunteer hours performing streambank stabilization projects, cleaning up trash from the river and its banks, and conducting water quality sampling in conjunction with the Agency of Natural Resources. Each year we also regularly host speakers, outreach events, and public forums in the watershed to cover important topics relating to water quality issues.

The MRBA proudly partners with farmers and other landowners to assist in implementing techniques to reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff. These techniques range from planting trees in streambank buffer areas, to installing water bars or lining culvert outlet basins, to seeding cover crops in corn fields. Our assistance can be in the form of hands-on fieldwork or cost-sharing on specific projects designed to meet these goals. In fall 2017 the MRBA partnered with the town of Montgomery to plant 150 trees along the stream, buffering 0.5 acres of land which is currently in production.

Along with encouraging school groups to assist with field workdays, we also provide educational opportunities to our younger watershed residents: we have educational tools that we loan out to classrooms and groups, and we provide sessions of our educational programs, free of charge, to schools within the watershed. In 2017, the MRBA reached 13 watershed towns with 35 educational sessions, which included one session of 'Bugworks' at Montgomery Elementary School. This summer we also held a community outreach event in Montgomery - our Bluegrass Against Blue-Green Algae music event - and used our rainfall simulator to show community members how water moves across a landscape. Volunteers also collected water samples at 2 locations in Montgomery this year – in addition to 23 other sampling locations throughout the watershed– and monitored phosphorus, nitrogen, and turbidity.

To continue making all these programs available within our communities, we respectfully request the Town's support of the MRBA through a \$500 donation. Your donation will be used to help us meet our overhead expenses (rent, telephone, internet, postage, planning meetings, and newsletters) which amount to over \$12,000 annually, and are extremely difficult to cover through grants.

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2018 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA Chair

Montgomery Center for the Arts
2 Mountain Road
Montgomery Center, Vermont 05471
www.MontgomeryCenterForTheArts.org

Selectboard Chairman
Town of Montgomery Selectboard
P.O. Box 356
[Montgomery Center, Vermont 05471](http://MontgomeryCenter,Vermont05471)

Dear Selectboard:

This year marked a key moment in the history of the structure that is a landmark of our town – the old Community Baptist Church. In 2016 the Montgomery Town Association, charged with protecting the structure and continuing its mission to serve the community of Montgomery, chose to house the Montgomery Center for the Arts in this grand setting. In doing so, the MTA chose to use this grand building to enhance the creative life of Montgomery. We set as our mission to be a home for anyone in the town who wanted to express themselves through art, and more importantly, teach others.

In 2017, the Montgomery Center for the Arts has hosted three Art Shows, Ballet classes and 2 Performances, Drawing & Painting classes, 3 weekly Yoga Classes, Monthly Meditation and Self-Improvement classes, and Live Musical Performances as well. We also hosted a week long Summer Art Camp and plan to do so again during the long Winter School break. It is our intention to continue to grow this wonderful institution, and continue to provide a resource to everyone in Montgomery for decades to come. The monies allotted this year are being used to improve the interior of the building by the purchasing of gallery style hanging equipment and paint for the bathroom and entry way. Which will provide a much need boost to our abilities to function in a more convivial way.

In the next few years, we will be working to solicit state and national grants to help improve this structure that represents a visitor's first impression of our town. We will also work to fund programs that will give children and adults in Montgomery a vital and enjoyable social life. We also recognize our role as a resource to the town, as most evidenced by the fact we waive building use fees for any use by a town agency or board. We are requesting the town consider another contribution of \$1,000 to help us keep this building open, well run and to fund additional programs to grow the arts community in Montgomery. Your support will help ensure a vibrant, active Montgomery for generations to come. On behalf of the board of the MTA, I thank you for your consideration of this worthy program. Please feel free to contact us should you require additional information

Sincerely,
M. Sebastian Araujo – President, Montgomery Center for the Arts
Suzanne Dollois – Vice President/Treasurer
Greta Quantan- Secretary

MTA Board

Everett McGinley, Melissa Haberman, Mimi Magyar, Ian Hutchings, Drew Lalonde, Wendy Howard, Eileen Whaener, Jade Kelly



Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild & Scenic Committee

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

Tel: (802) 393.0076 E-mail: info@vtwsr.com Website: www.vtwsr.org

As you know, in December 2014, the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers were designated by congress as Wild and Scenic. 46.1 miles of our beautiful rivers joined this national network that celebrates and protects some of our most pristine, historical, and recreational waterways. Only 12,734 miles of rivers are protected by the Wild and Scenic Act – just 0.35% of all US rivers; we are indeed among prestigious company.

Our Wild & Scenic Committee is made up of your friends and neighbors – representatives of each of the towns that our rivers flow through – and has been working to encourage residents and visitors to protect and enjoy the Missisquoi and Trout. We hope you were able to join us for some of the fun events in 2017, such as our Full Moon Paddle or one of our Wildlife Talks, and we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our rivers during the coming year (and beyond). The Wild and Scenic Act celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018, and we will be taking part in that celebration with a full year of activities that will highlight the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers. Please plan to mark your calendars and join us at these events, and visit our website (www.vtwsr.org) for more details!

January – Saving Our Waters screening; **February** – guided Snowshoe Along The River (offered in both Franklin and Orleans County); **March** – Wild and Scenic Film Festival; **April** – Bat Box Building Workshop; **May** – Let's Go Fishing; **June** – Paddle and Picnic in Orleans County; **July** – Paddle and Picnic in Franklin County; **August** – Wild and Scenic Gathering; **September** – River Clean-Up; **October** – Plein Air painting; **November** – Fire Along the River; **December** – Solstice potluck.

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



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December 21, 2017

Town of Montgomery
Attn: Deanna-Dee Robitaille
PO Box 356
Montgomery, VT 05471

For more than 40 years, Age Well (formerly CVAA) has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. We excel at integrating community resources, health services and wellness programs to enhance and improve quality of life for all seniors in the Northwestern Vermont.

Thanks to past support from the Town of Montgomery, we have been able to offer care & service coordination, Meals on Wheels; community meals; wellness programs; social activities; transportation services; expertise on Medicare, insurance, and long and short-term care options; and a helpline to Montgomery residents.

Vermont is ranked as the second "oldest" state in the country and the population of seniors is only expected to grow. The state's senior population is expected to nearly double in the next fifteen years. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to healthcare, including specialized healthcare, and the services tend to be more costly than those provided in metropolitan areas. Overwhelmingly, Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes, Age Well provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

Attached is a report on Age Well services provided in Montgomery during FY 2017 (October 1, 2016 – to September 30, 2017). We are writing to request continued support in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Town of Montgomery. As a non-profit, most our services are provided at no charge and we rely on donations and town funding to continue to help our aging population access services and receive the support they deserve. We thank you for your past support for our programs and services.

If there are any questions regarding our programs or services, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sara Wool, Director of Development & Communications

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Dear Select Board/Town Clerk:

October 2017

Please consider Green Up Vermont's request for your community's financial support. We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. This guide remains the same as in previous years:

For towns under 1,000 population \$ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . . \$100
For towns over 2,000 and under 3000 . . . \$150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4000 . . . \$200
For towns over 4,000 population \$300

Sincerely,
Melinda Vieux
President, Green Up Vermont

Town report information for Green Up Day, May 6, 2017

(This is available for download at www.greenupvermont.org under "About Us.")

Green Up Day marked its 47th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individuals giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Our East Montpelier coordinator reports "Green Up Day is an excellent teachable moment for our children." Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover sixteen percent of the operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees.

Mark your calendar: May 5, 2018 Green Up Day, 48 years of tradition!

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,
Always the first Saturday in May.**



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November 10, 2017

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Ms. Deanna Robitaille
Town of Montgomery
PO Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Dear Ms. Robitaille,

Our Agency remains deeply committed to providing care to everyone in need, regardless of his or her ability to pay. We once again ask Montgomery to include an allocation of \$2,522 in your 2018 town budget.

Your support will help us to serve people of all ages in Montgomery who lack the resources to pay for medically necessary community based home health and hospice care.

Every day, we care for individuals and families who benefit from the health care we provide to patients in the comfort of home. In the last 12 months, we have provided 720 units of service to 29 people in your community. I have enclosed additional information about the services we provided to the residents of Montgomery during last year.

We are proud to provide our community with high quality comprehensive home health, hospice, long term care and a variety of health and wellness services.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and patients we serve, thank you for your consideration of our request. We appreciate your support during the past year. Please call me at 393-6713 or email me at JMcCarthy@fchha.org if you have any questions or if I can provide any further information. It would be my pleasure to attend a Select Board meeting if you feel it would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Janet L. McCarthy, BSN, MSA
Executive Director

Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.

Information Sheet

Montgomery

What is Franklin County Home Health Agency?

Franklin County Home Health Agency is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation that has proudly provided residents Franklin County with high quality, comprehensive home health, hospice, long term care and wellness services since 1969.

What is the Agency's Mission and Purpose?

We provide high quality health care services in home and community settings. We are committed to excellence. We strive to meet the needs of our clients in a professional manner that promotes health, independence, comfort, dignity and quality of life.

What is the Agency's service area?

The Agency serves all 15 towns in Franklin County through our two offices – one in St. Albans and one in Enosburg Falls. We serve people of all ages.

How many patients did the Agency serve in 2017?

The Agency made a total of 71,562 visits to 1,924 residents.

We made the following number of visits to the residents Montgomery:

239	Nursing
111	Physical Therapy
6	Speech Language Pathology
2	Occupational Therapy
15	Medical Social Work
73	Licensed Nursing Assistant
0	Homemaker
274	Personal Care Attendant
0	Volunteers

How many people does the Agency employ?

The Agency currently has a staff of 180 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Medical Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Assistants, Care Attendants, Homemakers, and Office Support Staff.

What are the Agency's Programs and Services?

Home Care: We provide medically necessary home health services to people of all ages. Examples include individuals who need wound care, a person newly diagnosed with diabetes needing insulin administration and instruction, or a mother and newborn newly discharged from the hospital.

Home Telemonitoring Program: We use state of the art technology to remotely monitor our patients' weight, blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen status to help improve their health condition and avoid hospitalization.

Hospice: We care for people with serious illness for whom the prognosis is less than six months of life. The focus of this care is on achieving comfort and quality of life.

Palliative Care: This program balances advanced medical technology with the wishes of each individual client by focusing on psychological, physical, social and spiritual needs by providing a strong support system to help the client and family cope during the serious illness. This program understands that maintaining quality of life is an important aspect of care.

Long Term Care: We help disabled and older members of our community with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, errands and shopping to allow them to stay independent in their own home.

Maternal Child Health Program: We help to prepare pregnant women for a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding and new infant care.

In addition, we offer infusion therapy, foot clinics, grief and bereavement services and wellness services to our community.

How are services paid for?

As a Medicare certified Agency, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurances. In 2017 we received 81 percent of our revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

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

Why does the Agency need money from towns?

The Agency depends on the money received from towns to subsidize the cost of care provided to patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Last year the Agency provided more than \$532,322 in free and subsidized care.

Where can you call for more information about Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.?

For more information about the Agency or the services we provide please call (802) 527-7531 or visit our website at www.fchha.org.



FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

November 30, 2017

Charlie Hancock, Chair
Montgomery Select Board
Montgomery Town Clerk's Office
PO Box 356
Montgomery, VT 05471

Dear Charlie,

Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) is your county non-profit development corporation. The Corporation is engaged in the process of building a strong and diversified market economy that serves the interest of area enterprises, municipalities and residents.

The Corporation begins its forty-eighth (48th) year of work with tremendous pride. The creation of quality employment opportunities and capital investment remains our primary consideration. We understand that some towns have limited opportunity for industrial development, but all communities can benefit from the creation of jobs within other parts of Franklin County.

FCIDC continues to partner with Franklin county communities to assist existing businesses to expand, grow and develop into sound employers with educated, quality employees. FCIDC continues to make a substantial financial commitment to the recruitment of Canadian businesses; we are starting to see some return on our investment. We are getting our community requests out early as the end of the year becomes very hectic with holidays and year-end reporting.

This year marks the thirty-sixth (36th) year of level-funding request. As in prior years, as you prepare your FY'2019 budget, we are asking the Town of Montgomery to invest \$500 for economic development. This funding will cover our FY'2019 which runs from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

As you can see we have included the invoice for the FY'2018 contribution. Again, everyone at FCIDC sincerely appreciates your investment in Franklin County and your many years of support of our organization.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith
Executive Director

Charlie - All the
best in 2018.

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STARTING A TOWN CONSERVATION FUND

What, Why and How?

What is it? A municipal Conservation Fund is a dedicated fund set up by the town to be used to protect land and waters for conservation purposes. Uses of the fund may be to conserve land for agricultural, working forest, wildlife, scenic, recreational, and natural area use. The land to be conserved may be bought outright, or protected by the purchase of a conservation easement. The first local conservation fund in the state, the Norwich Conservation Trust Fund, was established in 1974. Since then close to 50 more municipalities have created such funds.

Why should we create a Conservation Fund?

A conservation fund....

- Enables the town to participate in important conservation projects, **focusing on local priorities and advancing local goals**, as articulated in the Town Plan
- Allows the town to **tap into matching funds**. In a very competitive environment, a local conservation fund can provide leverage for Federal, State and private funds. Many sources of conservation funding require community participation in projects they will support.
- Allows the town to **be responsive to short-term opportunities**
- Can **create real economic benefits**. Research has shown that land conservation can help a town by reducing property tax burdens on local residents, improving property values, attracting business investment, reducing spending in infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and public health.
- Allows the town to **support private easement donations**, supporting the generosity of our neighbors who wish to protect their own lands for the public good in perpetuity. The donation of an easement can cost a landowner upwards of \$10,000.

How can we spend this money? Once established, the Selectboard will develop a clear policy and criteria for use of the funds, following purpose statements derived from the goals, objectives, and actions included in Montgomery's 2016 Municipal Plan. These will focus specifically on protecting natural resources, scenic resources, or recreational resources. Funds may be used for:

- New Town Forests
- Protecting historic resources
- Restoration of town land
- Easements that protect public access
- Easements that protect public values (local food, open space protection, scenic views)
- Protect drinking water sources, shoreline protection, and water quality
- Purchase options on land
- Improve recreation access
- Support local grant and loan programs

What have others towns around us done with these funds?

- The town of Enosburg purchased and conserved a canoe launch access along the Mississquoi River. The town is working with landowners seeking to donate conservation easements on both scenic fields, and a sugarbush used by the Cold Hollow Career Center.
- The town of Georgia recently purchased and conserved a new Town Forest, to be maintained as a working forest, providing periodic income, while providing recreational and educational opportunity, as well as protecting source waters
- The town of Westford recently purchased and conserved a new town forest and adjacent agricultural fields near the Elementary school. The fields have been transferred to a local farmer, and development of recreational trails is underway, connecting the school to the village center.

What will this cost me? As proposed, the fund would be supported by a ½ penny increase in the tax rate, to be re-affirmed annually by the voters of Montgomery. **This would translate to about \$5.00 per \$100,000 of valuation on your tax bill.**

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY, VERMONT

VACANT AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE (PROPOSED)

Revised Nov. 20, 2017; December 12, 2017

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

Being that there exists in the Town of Montgomery vacant structures or buildings that have become dangerous or unsafe, and numerous other structures that are abandoned, and in disrepair, the Town of Montgomery finds and declares that:

1. Vacant structures which are not properly secured, and which have become dangerous and unsafe, specifically vulnerable to arson or trespass for criminal purposes, are declared a public nuisance and must promptly be made safe and secure to protect the public safety.
2. Many structures which are vacant, whether secured or not, are a blight on their neighborhoods, cause deterioration and instability in their neighborhoods, and have an adverse impact upon adjacent and nearby properties, detrimentally impacting the local housing market and vitality of our neighborhoods, and therefore immediate abatement and rehabilitation of these structures is necessary
3. Communication between owners of dangerous and vacant buildings and the Town is essential for effective allocation of public resources and the maintenance of public health, welfare, and safety in regards to such structures.

Thus the purpose of this Ordinance is to define what constitutes vacant buildings, blighted premises, dangerous property, and public nuisance, and to provide procedures and take action for their abatement or removal as the public health, safety or welfare may require, consistent with the authority vested in the Town of Montgomery in 24 V.S.A. § 2291.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and/or phrases shall apply:

Blighted Premises: Any vacant building or structure, except exempt property as defined below, in which at least one of the following conditions exists:

1. It is dilapidated or becoming dilapidated as documented by the Selectboard and/or assigns;
2. It is attracting illegal activity as documented by state police, sheriff's office or other law enforcement agency;
3. It is a fire hazard as determined by the Fire Marshal or as documented by the Fire Department;
4. It is determined by a town or state health officer that the condition of the building or structure poses a serious or immediate danger to the safety, health or general welfare of the community.
5. It is not being maintained. The following factors may be considered in determining whether a structure or building is not being adequately maintained: missing, broken or boarded windows or doors; collapsing or missing walls, roof, fireplaces or floors; seriously damaged or missing siding or walls; a structurally faulty foundation; garbage, trash or abandoned/unregistered cars on the premises (unless the premises is a junkyard legally licensed); overgrown grass or weeds of at least one foot in length; graffiti; and fire damage; or
6. It is a factor creating a substantial and unreasonable interference with the reasonable and lawful use and enjoyment of other space within the neighborhood as documented by neighborhood complaints, or cancellation of insurance on the subject property or on adjacent properties.

Building Safety Officer: Appointed by the Selectboard for a two-year term to enforce this Ordinance. The Building Safety officer may hold any other office in the Town of Montgomery. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the Building Safety Officer from performing his duties under other regulations or ordinances that he/she may be designated to administer and enforce. The Building Safety Officer shall have the authority to inspect buildings, structures or any portion of a property within the Town of Montgomery. In the event the Building Safety Officer is unavailable, or has a conflict of interest, another officer may be designated by the Selectboard.

Dangerous Building or Dangerous Structure: Any building or structure, or part thereof, that due to (a) the lack of proper maintenance, repair or sanitation, (b) dilapidation, deterioration or decay, (c) faulty construction, (d) the removal, movement or instability of any portion of the ground necessary for the purpose of supporting such building, (e) the deterioration, decay or inadequacy of its foundation, or (f) any other cause that is likely to cause the building or structure to partially or completely collapse; is hazardous to the health or safety of the public or likely to endanger other buildings or property.

Fire Hazard: Exists whenever any building or structure, because of dilapidated condition, deterioration, damage, or other cause, is determined by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief to be a fire hazard.

Hazardous Conditions. Shall include, but not be limited to, situations where a property owner, tenant, any mortgagee in possession, or a designee of any of the foregoing allows:

1. The creation of an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests;
2. The placement of appliances, cars, and other objects that might constitute an attractive nuisance to children or attract vermin; or
3. Allows a vacant property to be left in an unsecured state.

Inadequate Maintenance: Whenever a building or structure, used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction, or otherwise, is determined by any health officer to be unsanitary, unfit for human habitation or in such condition that it is likely to cause sickness or disease.

Trash. Shall include rubbish, waste and refuse, including, but not limited to household wastes, household appliances, automotive parts, automobiles, and furniture, but shall not include junk at a duly licensed junkyard.

Vacant building: Any structure or building that is unoccupied by a person or occupied by unauthorized persons for one hundred and eighty (180) days, excepting permitted warehouse structures, garages, vacation or resort facilities, hunting or seasonal camps, agricultural operations, or those buildings or structures otherwise only used on a seasonal basis.

Vacant Nuisance Property: Any property that has been vacant for one hundred and eighty (180) days and has also been determined to be a Dangerous Property.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY OF TOWN HEALTH OFFICER AND SELECTBOARD

Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the authority of the Town of Montgomery Health Officer or Selectboard to take any action permitted under 18 V.S.A. 126, 127 et. Seq. The Health Officer and Selectboard retain the authority, in their discretion, to take action under Vermont state law or under this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. BUILDING AND PROPERTY OWNER OBLIGATIONS AND STANDARDS

Vacant building property owners shall ensure that the following measures have been undertaken to secure the building or structure by satisfying the following building maintenance standards:

1. **Building Openings.** Doors, windows and other openings shall be weather-tight and secured against entry by birds, vermin and trespassers. Missing or broken doors, windows and other such openings shall be covered by glass or other rigid materials which are weather protected, and tightly fitted and secured to the opening.
2. **Roofs.** The roof and flashings shall be sound and tight, protecting against the deterioration of the interior walls or interior of the building.
3. **Building Structure.** The building shall be maintained in good repair and be structurally sound. Structural members shall be free of deterioration and capable of safely bearing imposed dead and live loads.
4. **Foundation Walls.** Foundation walls shall be maintained structurally sounds and in a sanitary condition so as not to pose a threat to public health and safety, shall be capable of supporting the load which normal use may cause to be placed thereon, and be free from open cracks and breaks, free from leaks, and be animal and rodent-proof.
5. **Exterior Walls.** Exterior walls shall be free of holes, breaks and loose or rotting materials.
6. **Exterior Features.** Cornices, belt courses, corbels, terra cotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be safe, anchored and in good repair.
7. **Overhanging Extensions.** All balconies, canopies, marquees, signs, metal awnings, stairways, fire escapes, standpipes, exhaust ducts and similar features shall be in good repair, anchored, safe and sound.
8. **Exposed Metal and Wood.** All exposed metal and wood surfaces shall be protected from the elements against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.
9. **Chimneys and Towers.** Chimneys, smokestacks and similar appurtenances shall be structurally safe and in good repair.
10. **Walkways.** Walkways shall be safe for pedestrian travel.
11. **Accessory and Appurtenant Structures.** Accessory and appurtenant structures such as garages, sheds and fences shall be free from safety, health and fire hazards and shall comply with these building maintenance standards.
12. **Premises.** All properties located in the Town of Montgomery shall be kept clean, safe and sanitary, free from waste, trash, rubbish, debris, and free from any hazardous condition or threat to the public health or safety.

SECTION 5. BUILDING INSPECTION

Upon receiving a written, signed complaint that any building, structure or property, or anything attached or connected therewith, is in violation of the specifications of this Ordinance or is otherwise in such unsafe condition that the public safety is endangered, the Building Safety Officer shall cause the building, structure or property to be inspected. Such inspection shall occur according to the following process:

1. Written notice of intent to conduct an inspection pursuant to this Ordinance shall be given to the owner of the building, structure or property at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the inspection.
2. If the Building Safety Officer has reason to believe that an emergency situation exists which poses an immediate danger to the health or safety of the public, no notification shall be necessary prior to inspection.
3. If the owner of a building, structure or property fails or refuses to consent to the inspection, the Building Safety Officer shall be authorized to obtain a search warrant from the Vermont District Court for the

purpose of determining and ensuring the structural integrity of the building, the repairs necessary to ensure its structural integrity, that it will be safe for entry by police officers and firefighters in times of exigent circumstances or emergency, and that the building or its contents will not present a hazard to the public.

4. The Building Safety Officer may also view the premises from any public space, or, from any nearby or adjacent property with the permission of the owner of that nearby or adjacent property.
5. The Building Safety Officer may retain such law enforcement officers, fire officials, engineers, attorneys and other qualified experts as necessary to assist with a building safety inspection and the preparation of a Building Safety Order.

SECTION 6. SAFETY ORDER

If, upon inspection, the Building Safety Officer determines that a building, structure or anything attached or connected therewith, constitutes a Dangerous Structure or Building, or any Hazardous Condition appears to endanger the public safety, the Building Safety Officer shall commence an abatement action by issuing a Safety Order. The Safety Order shall:

1. Identify the hazardous conditions that cause the premises, building, structure or anything attached or connected thereto to be dangerous.
2. Identify the actions that must be taken by the owner to secure the Dangerous Building or Premises and abate the hazardous conditions identified in the order, including where appropriate, removal of a Dangerous Building.
3. Set a date by which the actions to secure a Dangerous Building or Premises and abate the hazardous conditions must be completed by the owner, which shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the service of the order.
4. Inform the owner of his/her right to appeal the Building Safety Order and the right to be represented by legal counsel at the appeal hearing.

The Safety Order shall be served upon the owner of the Dangerous Building or Premises by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class mail. A copy of the order shall be provided to the Selectboard of the Town of Montgomery.

If it appears to the Building Safety Officer that such structure or premises would be especially dangerous, the officer may affix a notice of dangerousness in a conspicuous place upon the structure exterior walls, or may affix a posted notice in the ground which shall not be removed or defaced without the officer's authority.

If the owner continues such refusal or neglects to remove or make the building or premises safe, and the Order has become final by the failure to appeal, the Building Safety Officer shall be fully authorized to abate the nuisance, except where removal or demolition of a building is required. The Building Safety Officer may, as necessary, install boards or otherwise secure a dangerous building or order that a building be vacated by any occupants.

For removal or demolition, the Building Safety Officer, or other appropriate town officer, may seek approval from the appropriate Court for a remedy in equity to remove or demolish a dangerous building, or to order such steps as may be necessary to abate any hazardous condition. The Building Safety Officer may also seek the imposition of fines in accord with Section 8 of this Ordinance.

The Building Safety Officer may contract with such service providers or use such other Town employees as may be necessary to secure public safety in the circumstances. The full cost of any work necessitated by a Safety Order shall constitute a lien chargeable against the property owner and may be recovered in the same manner as taxes for real estate pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 133.

SECTION 7. APPEAL OF SAFETY ORDER

A person aggrieved by a Safety Order may appeal such Order to the Selectboard of the Town of Montgomery within fifteen (15) days of service of the Order. The notice of appeal shall be in writing and shall set forth a brief statement of the basis of the appeal.

Within thirty (30) days of service of the notice of appeal, the Selectboard shall hold a hearing on the appeal. The Selectboard shall issue a written decision within fifteen (15) days of the close of the hearing. The decision may reverse or sustain the Safety Order and may contain such additional requirements at the Selectboard deems necessary and appropriate to implement the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT

If the owner fails to comply with a Safety Order, the owner shall be considered in violation of the Order and this Ordinance. The Town shall be authorized to take such steps as may be allowed under Section 6 of this Ordinance. In addition, any violation shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the Franklin County Superior Court, at the election of the Building Safety officer.

A civil penalty of not more than \$100.00 per violation may be imposed for violation of this Ordinance. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

Violations enforced in the Judicial Bureau shall be in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. 1974a and 1977 *et seq.* For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, the Building Safety Officer shall be the designated enforcement officer. The Building Safety Officer shall issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The Town of Montgomery may pursue any and all remedies available at law or in equity.

SECTION 9. VACANT BUILDING PERMIT AND STANDARDS

Application by the owner of a vacant building or structure for a Vacant Building Permit shall be made on a form provided by the Building Safety Officer. Applicants shall disclose all measures to be taken to ensure that the building will be kept weather-tight and secure from trespassers, safe for entry by police officers and firefighters in times of exigent circumstances or emergency, and together with its premises be free from nuisance and in good order in conformance with the Building Maintenance Standards outlined in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

The application shall include a "statement of intent." The statement of intent shall include but not necessarily be limited to information as to the expected period of vacancy (including the date of initial vacancy), the plan for regular maintenance during the vacancy to comply with the maintenance safety requirements of this subsection, and a plan and timeline for the lawful occupancy, rehabilitation or removal or demotion of the structure.

Upon and at the time of application, the owner of a vacant building or structure shall arrange for an inspection of the premises by the Building Safety Officer and the appropriate police and fire officials. The purpose of such inspection is to determine and ensure the structural integrity of the building, the repairs necessary to ensure its structural integrity, that it will be safety for entry by police officers and firefighters in times of exigent circumstances or emergency, that the building and its contents do not present a hazard to the public health or safety during the time that the building remains vacant, and that the building or structure is in compliances with the standards of this Ordinance.

The Building Safety Officer, upon inspection, shall issue any order for work needed to:

1. Adequately protect the building from intrusion by trespassers and from deterioration by the weather in accordance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance.

2. Ensure that allowing the building to remain will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, will not unreasonably interfere with the reasonable and lawful use and enjoyment of other premises within the neighborhood, and will not pose an extraordinary hazard to police officers or firefighters entering the premises in times of emergency.
3. When issuing such orders, the Building Safety Officer shall specify the time for completion of the work. The Order shall act as an interim vacant building permit, the duration of which shall be for the time set forth in the Building Safety Officer's order. No interim permit shall be effective for a period of more than ninety (90) days. All work done pursuant to this article shall be done in compliance with the applicable building, fire prevention, and zoning statutes and ordinances.
4. The Building Safety Officer shall issue a vacant building permit upon his or her satisfaction that the building has been inspected and is in compliance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance, and is adequately protected from intrusion by trespassers and from deterioration by the weather. This permit shall be effective for a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days.
5. A vacant building or structure shall be deemed adequately protected from intrusion by trespassers and from deterioration by the weather if it satisfies the building maintenance standards in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. NONCOMPLIANT BUILDINGS OR PROPERTY.

Any building or property in violation of this Ordinance shall not be accepted for review by the Planning Commission or Development Review Board until the violation is rectified.

SECTION 11. REPEAL OF PRIOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

The enactment of this Ordinance shall repeal all other ordinances of the Town of Montgomery that regulate the topics addressed herein.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY

If any section of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Ordinances.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Selectboard of the Town of Montgomery in accordance with 24A V.S.A. 11



Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Visit Program

Vermonters know that local action makes our communities vibrant. But local action often needs support from regional, state, and even federal resources to achieve goals for prosperity. The Vermont Council on Rural Development's (VCRD) **Community Visit program** is a way for towns to engage and bring together their residents, set common goals and directions in a neutral and facilitated structure, and access resources that will help them take action on those goals. The program gets citizens engaged in working for their communities and connects them to the resources they need to be successful.

How It Works

The Community Visit program happens in four months, with a series of major community events, bringing together a broad mix of community members with a **Visiting Team**, made up of state, federal, non-profit, and philanthropic experts, to create intensive partnerships and tailored work plans for long-term local success. VCRD provides the structure and neutral facilitation each step of the way. The Visit begins with a series of focus forums (STEP 1) followed by a community wide discussion where residents champion their ideas for the future of their town (STEP 2). After the community chooses its priorities, interested citizens join local task forces to work forward on the community goals set through the process (STEP 3). Each task force has a *chairperson* who will manage meetings and keep work moving forward. A local *Community Visit chairperson* ("chair of the chairs") will help to keep the community informed and involved as the program progresses. While the program is provided to towns for free, residents are expected to assist with logistics, outreach, and community meals.

"VCRD hosted its first community visit to Bellows Falls, at a time when the community was really at a loss on how to move forward. Ten years later we have an active main street, a strong arts community and a great integration between our industrial park and downtown."

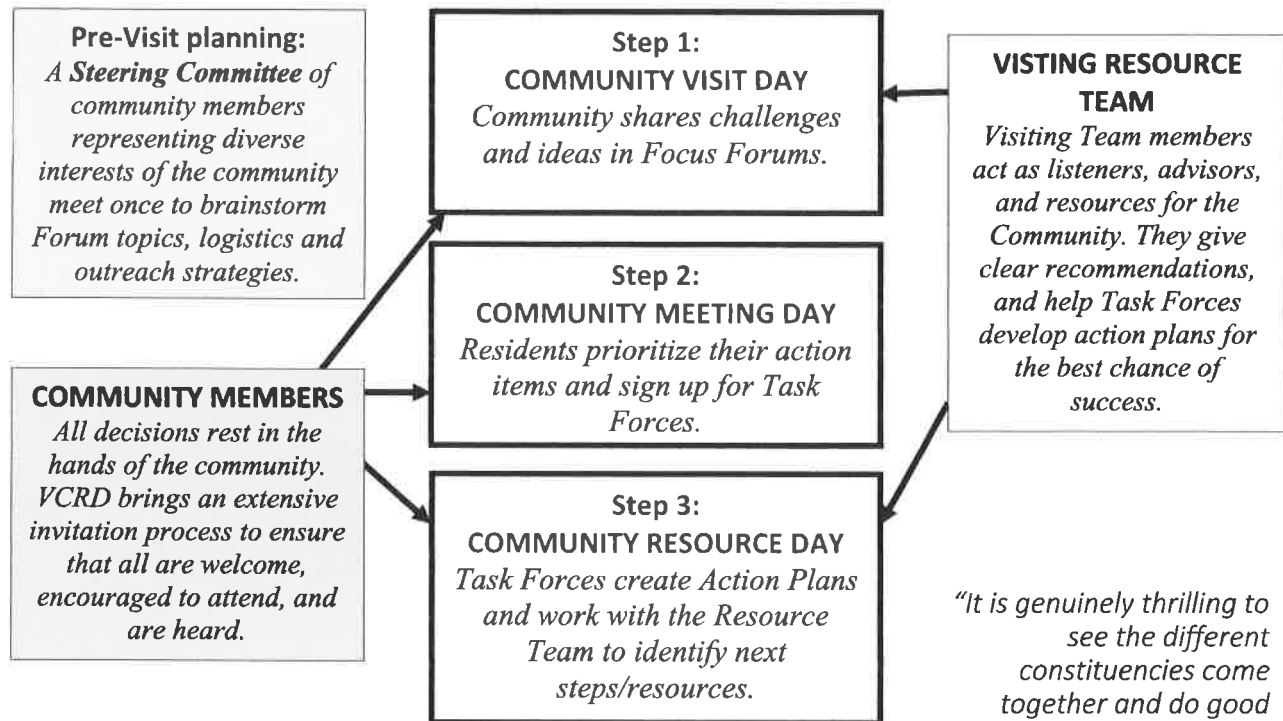
~ Robert McBride, RAMP,
Bellows Falls

"I have been involved in dozens of planning sessions and community forums here in St. Johnsbury over the last 15 years and I can truly say that this event was, by far, the best – and will, without a doubt, result in productive outcomes for St. Johnsbury."

~ Mike Welch, St. Johnsbury
Community Visit Chair

"I have never seen as much activity, excitement, and accomplishment in our town. VCRD is doing meaningful work that will improve the quality of life in Vermont towns for generations to come. I will always be grateful."

~ Sandy Kilburn, Swanton Resident



What Does a Community Visit Produce?

The Community Visit program is built from the priorities that a community decides together, so results vary from town to town. Overall, towns report energized volunteers, better community engagement, and new connections to state, federal, and regional resources. For some towns, the Visit creates community goodwill and celebrations, such as Rutland's Friday Night Live series; outdoor each summer week with live music, food and shopping opportunities. For others, it is used to leverage funds or planning resources, such as Pownal's affordable housing project or Johnson's downtown redesign. For some towns, the Visit provides a mechanism to talk about important issues and begin long term work for the future, as in Killington's 4-season tourism planning, or Poultney's downtown revitalization work. And for still others, it is a chance to help the community get healthier; Troy, Westfield, Jay and Woodstock built and advertised new walking trails.

Find out more about the Community Visit program:

<http://vtrural.org/programs/Community-Visits>.

"It is genuinely thrilling to see the different constituencies come together and do good things for our community.

The most significant results of the process are the lasting effects in the town around community engagement. The town has been transformed."

~ April Tuck, Cambridge
Community Visit Chair

"I have been hearing such a great buzz today after all of the fun yesterday. Thanks again for helping our community get reinvigorated. I really believe in the task forces that have been formed and their determination and ability to better serve our community."

~ Emily Maclure, Craftsbury
Community Visit Chair

Enosburgh Ambulance Service
PO Box 465
Enosburg Falls, Vermont 05450



Annual Subscription

MEMBERSHIP

The Cost is \$65 per household / Per Year (membership fee provides local emergency medical ambulance service to you and your listed dependents as medically needed in the Enosburgh Ambulance 911 response area.)

The principal subscriber and all persons living in the household residing in our normal call area will be covered under this membership.

Enosburgh Ambulance Service reserves the right to bill any available third party insurance agency. Additional donations are tax deductible.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

The Cost is \$65 per business and \$5 per Employee (Please list employees on a separate sheet)

Enosburgh Ambulance Subscription Application

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NEW

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RENEWAL

Office use only

Date Entered _____

Please Print

Subscriber _____

Mailing Address _____ **Apt #** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT BELOW

List Current Dependents

I hereby apply for Enosburgh Ambulance Service membership for myself and my dependents listed.

I understand that the \$65 per family per year membership fee provides local emergency medical ambulance service to me and my listed dependents as medically needed in the Enosburgh Ambulance 911 response area. The membership fee will cover any applicable deductible or co-payments. I understand that this membership permits Enosburgh Ambulance Service to collect directly from any third party agency whatever benefits may be available at no charge to me or my family, and that this membership is nonrefundable and is nontransferable. I request payment of authorized Medicare benefits and/or other insurance benefits be made on my behalf to Enosburgh Ambulance Service, for any ambulance services and supplies furnished to me by Enosburgh Ambulance Service whether in the past, present or in the future. I authorize any holder of medical information about me or other relevant documentation about me to be released to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and its agents and contractors, and all appropriate third party payers, whether in the past, present or in the future.

Please send application and check to: Enosburgh Ambulance Service, PO Box 465, Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE OFFICERS

OF THE

**MONTGOMERY TOWN
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2017

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MONTGOMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Tim Murphy

School Directors

Cathy Howell	Term Expires	2018
Bruce Mercy	Term Expires	2018
Mary Niles	Term Expires	2019
Charles Purrier	Term Expires	2019
Christina Suarez-Pratt	Term Expires	2020

In accordance with Vermont Statutes, the Montgomery Town Auditors and the Montgomery School Directors have agreed that the town auditors need not conduct an audit of school district accounts for fiscal year 2017, as the books were audited by the C.P.A. firm R.H.R. Smith. A complete copy of the audit is available for inspection and copying, at cost, from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union, Richford, Vermont.

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES – 2017
ANNUAL MEETING**

The legally qualified voters of the Montgomery Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, met at the Montgomery Elementary School in the said Town, County of Franklin, State of Vermont, on Monday the 13th day of March A.D. 2017 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following business:

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

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator.

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

ARTICLE 2: To elect one School Director for a term of two years. (Mary Niles – term expires)

Carol Farmer nominated Mary Niles. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Mary.

ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director for a term of three years. (Christina Suarez-Pratt – term expires)

Marijke Dollois nominated Christina Suarez-Pratt. Hearing no other nominations and without objection, the Moderator instructed the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to re-elect Christina.

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

Scott Perry made a motion as written and was seconded.

Sharon Perry asked the Board if there had been any discussion regarding potential future expansion to accommodate the pre-k and playschool programs. Charles Purrier, School Board Chair, stated that there has been no discussion regarding this matter.

Scott Perry asked where the \$10,000 is from and what it will be used for. Charles Purrier stated the monies are from the 2015/2016 surplus. The funds will be used to make repairs to the aging building.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of school district approve the school board to expend \$2,671,504, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,884 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 7.64% higher than spending for the current year.

Richard Morgan Daybell made a motion to approve the school board to expend \$2,671,504 and was seconded.

Marijke Dollois asked why the number of para-educators has increased so drastically over the years. Charles Purrier said the number of students requiring additional support has increased and warrants the increase in staff.

Carol Farmer asked why there is a 7.64% increase. Charles Purrier stated the overall spending for the ensuing year remains level but the revenue has decreased.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

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

Sharon Perry asked why, with the failed Act 46 vote, Board and Supervisory Union employees are not in Montpelier lobbying for changes to, and relief from, Act 46. Christina Suarez stated that Montpelier is simply not listening to Towns that oppose the law and encouraged voters to pursue any and all avenues to be heard.

Elizabeth Crane asked that the Town thank Jay Nichols, Superintendent, for his years of service.

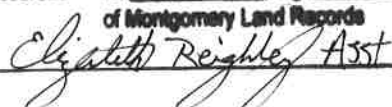
Carol Farmer made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 P.M and was second. Motion passed by voice vote.

True records this 13th day of March, 2017

ATTEST: 
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Town Clerk

ATTEST: 
Timothy Murphy, Moderator

ATTEST: 
Charles Purrier, School Board Chairman

**MONTGOMERY TOWN CLERK OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD/DISCHARGE**
Mar 20th A.D. 2017 at 8 o'clock - min. A.M.
and Recorded in Vol. 10 Page 654
of Montgomery Land Records
Attest:  Asst. Town Clerk

WARNING
MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, March 12, 2018

The legally qualified voters of the Montgomery Town School District, Montgomery, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Montgomery Elementary School on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., to transact the following business, viz:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a School Director for a term of two (2) years.
(Bruce Mercy's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a School Director for a term of three (3) years.
(Cathy Howell's term expires.)
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$10,000 into the Capital Project Fund?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,663,361, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,060 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.58% lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 6. To transact any other nonbinding business thought proper.

Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Board of School Directors duly noticed, called and held for that purpose on January 15, 2018.



Cathy Howell

Bruce Mercy

Mary Niles

Charles Purrier

Christina Suarez-Pratt

**MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

Beginning Balance 07/01/16

General Fund Checking	470,744.70	
Food Service Checking *Merged mid-year	<u>30,395.11</u>	
		\$501,139.81

General Fund Receipts:

Town of Montgomery - Property Taxes	1,942,119.82	
State of Vermont	323,806.94	
Interest	596.86	
Grants	207,293.10	
E-Rate Reimbursements	3,730.96	
Tuition Reimbursements	0.00	
Uses - Rental of School	301.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,974.55</u>	
		\$2,480,823.23

Food Service Receipts:

State of Vermont	1,470.81	
Federal	71,027.40	
Food Sales (Meals, A La Carte, Catering)	23,260.66	
Miscellaneous	<u>4,033.72</u>	
		\$99,792.59

EXPENSES

Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,638,131.62</u>
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Ending Balance 06/30/17	Checking Account	<u><u>\$443,624.01</u></u>
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Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Treasurer

MONTGOMERY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Joint Report of School Directors and Office of Superintendent of Schools

Enrollment as of October 1, 2016

Grades	PK-3	PK-4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Elementary	14	17	11	11	12	18	14	15	14	13	15					154
Enosburg Falls Middle and High School-----												7	7	3	8	25
Richford Jr.-Sr. High School-----												0	2	3	1	6
North Country Union High School-----												0	4	2	2	8
Lamoille Union High School-----												0	1	0	0	1
BFA-----												0	0	0	0	0
St. Johnsbury Academy-----												0	2	0	2	4
Stanstead College-----												0	4	2	1	7
Oak Meadow-----												1	0	0	0	1
Emma Willard-----												1	0	0	0	1
																<u>207</u>

Blueprint for Learning

Mission

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

Vision

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

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

Targets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Superintendent's Report

Lynn Cota

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

~ Nelson Mandela

In July, I began my first year as the Superintendent of Schools, and my 23rd year serving students, in the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). It is my honor to present my first Superintendent's Annual Report.

School Governance

School governance has been a primary focus throughout my first six months in this role. In November, the boards of our five towns (Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Richford) presented voters with a side-by-side merger proposal. The merger passed in three of the five towns, which led to a merge on one side between Bakersfield and Berkshire and a narrow defeat on the other side between Enosburg and Richford. Berkshire and Bakersfield School Districts have begun the preliminary work to begin the unification process. The new Unified Union District will become operational on July 1, 2019. Montgomery School Board members submitted a Section 9 proposal requesting that they remain a single district. Similarly, the Enosburg and Richford School Boards submitted a joint proposal requesting that they each maintain their current single district governance structure.

Proposals are available on the FNESU website: www.fnesu.net. These Section 9 proposals will be considered by the Secretary of Education as she develops her recommendation for the final Statewide Plan.

No matter the outcome of the final plan, it is in the best interest of our students for us all to move these, sometimes divisive, conversations about unification into productive and respectful opportunities for civil discourse. Whether school governance structures are merged or not, we will best meet the needs of our school communities by moving forward productively and collaboratively.

Timeline – Act 46 & Act 49

By June 1, 2018, the Vermont Secretary of Education will present her recommendations for school governance of the non-merged districts to the State Board of Education.

By November 30, 2018, the State Board of Education will issue the order of the final Statewide Plan requiring school governance consolidation, which will include some or all of the non-merged districts in Vermont.

By July 1, 2019, all new merged districts will become fully operational.

Education Funding in Vermont

The statewide education funding system in Vermont is quite complex. The Vermont School Board's Association released a video that helps break it down in an understandable manner. If you haven't already watched this video, please take the time to do so: <http://bit.ly/VTEdFunding>. Over the past several months, there has been a lot of conversation about the anticipated gap in the State Education Fund. It's important to understand that the State Education fund pays for budgets approved locally by taxpayers. The amount of money Vermonters are required to raise in the Education Fund is based upon the sum total of all the local decisions that get made about school budgets throughout Vermont.

Governor Scott has recommended capping the increase in per-pupil spending at 2.5%. Within the Supervisory Union, 4 of the 5 towns exceeded the recommendation, and actually decreased their per-pupil spending. Enosburg was not able to meet the target, given a substantial deficit at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, in part due to a loss of tuition students from Fairfield as a result of Maple Run's merger. As a Supervisory Union, our per-pupil spending is decreasing by over 2%. Our spending continues to be among the lowest in the state and falls below the county and state averages in all five of our towns. It's also important to note at the state level, we used one-time money to cover a deficit in the Education Fund in 2017 in order to prevent a tax increase. That being said, we are now faced with two years of growth in one year.

Student/Staff Ratios

One of the contributing factors to increased spending in Vermont is a relatively low student/staff ratio, compared to the national norm. In an effort to control spending in Vermont's public schools, Secretary Holcombe has set a *Student/Staff Ratio* recommendation of 5:1. We are meeting, or very nearly meeting, this target in all our schools.

School	Student/Teacher Ratio	Student/Staff Ratio
Bakersfield Elementary	9.07	5.05
Berkshire Elementary	13.43	6.28
Enosburgh Elementary	10.72	5.40
Enosburgh Middle & High	10.28	4.95
Montgomery Elementary	12.35	5.59
Richford Elementary	9.94	4.93
Richford Jr.-Sr. High	12.88	6.15

Student Learning

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

Overall, we have seen growth in the majority of standardized measures from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC).

Grade	Vermont ELA	FNESU ELA	Student Growth Over Time	Vermont Math	FNESU Math	Student Growth Over Time
3	49%	52%	N/A	52%	50%	N/A
4	49%	50%	-12%	47%	55%	+6%
5	55%	49%	-2%	42%	43%	+7%
6	52%	56%	+8%	39%	48%	-1%
7	55%	51%	-----	44%	46%	-4%
8	55%	50%	-1%	41%	41%	-3%
11	59%	51%	(+33%)	37%	27%	(+7%)

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

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

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

Community Support

Your support of our school communities is greatly appreciated. Without this support, we would not be able to provide our students with the variety of opportunities and experiences we do. On behalf of our School Boards and administrators, thank you for allowing us the privilege of educating your children. We will continue to work hard to provide all students with a high quality public education at a cost our taxpayers can value.

Curriculum

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

The schools of Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) and the rest of Vermont continue to navigate significant change in order to prepare students for a variety of opportunities after high school and prepare them to thrive in a new economy. As with any major change, we have experienced success and encountered challenges. Fortunately, the strong culture of collaboration among our schools allows us to work together to build on our strengths and address our struggles as we work toward continual improvement.

The implementation of Proficiency-Based Learning (Act 77) represents a success from the past year of which we can all be proud. To quote Vermont Secretary of Education Holcombe, “Proficiency-Based approaches are driven by three basic principles. First, when we can tell students clearly and specifically what we expect them to learn, they are more likely to learn it. Second, practice helps us get better. Third, giving students the specific feedback they need and the opportunity for additional practice helps them to develop and demonstrate those same skills.”

All schools in FNESU have been striving to teach students how to be self-directed learners, and all students in grades K-9 now have standards-based reporting systems that include information for parents about standards and feedback on student performance toward meeting these standards. Many of our schools conduct student-led conferences and Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) meetings as well. Students who are currently freshmen at Richford and Enosburg High Schools will graduate based on evidence of proficiency, rather than traditional grading systems that offer learners little information about how to improve. For more information on Proficiency-Based Learning in Vermont, visit the FNESU Website at <http://www.fnesu.net/proficiency-based-learning.html> and/or the Vermont Agency of Education website at <http://education.vermont.gov/student-learning>.

The continued improvement of our students’ achievement on the statewide assessment known as SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) is certainly another bright spot from the past year. Students in FNESU showed growth in the majority of the 14 measures on the SBAC for literacy and math. We expect to see more growth from our testing this spring.

The 2017-2018 school year represents the transition year to implementation of changes required by the Vermont State Plan to address the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under ESSA, teachers and students in Vermont schools will face changes in the statewide assessments beginning in the spring of 2018. New this spring, Vermont students will participate in the field test of a new science assessment for students in grades 5, 8 and 11. This assessment is in the design process and focuses on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Also new, students in grades 4, 7 & 10 will participate in the field test of the FitnessGram assessment. This tool is intended to help our students learn to value a physically active lifestyle. Another significant change is the shift from administering the SBAC Literacy and Math assessment in grade 11 to grade 9. These changes can be viewed as both a challenge and an opportunity. For instance, by moving the high school assessment to grade 9, FNESU will be able to track year-to-year growth from grades 3 through grade 9.

Ultimately, continuous improvement is the goal of every school in FNESU. Just as with each of our students, we recognize that each school has individual strengths and needs. FNESU strives to celebrate school success and support improvement where there is need.

Continuum of Supportive Services

Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs

Children experiencing significant challenges in basic skill development are often referred to individual schools' Educational Support Team (EST) for an informal discussion regarding what basic skills are impacted, what interventions are needed, and the severity of academic achievement. Parents are also invited to the EST meetings to express their concerns and/or hear the concerns of their child's teacher(s).

There are various outcomes as a result of the EST meeting - additional interventions might be proposed over a period of time and reassessed at the conclusion of this timeframe, or the team may recommend that a referral to special education is warranted given the data collected regarding a student's individual progress.

Once a special education referral is made, an Evaluation and Planning Team (EPT) meeting is convened by a special education teacher to develop a plan for testing purposes. The EPT meeting will include the child's general education teachers, interventionists, the school's Local Education Agent (LEA), and the parent. Once the child's parent gives consent to the evaluation plan, the school has 60 days to complete this assessment.

Please find below the percentages of identified special education students in each of our 5 towns with the exception of Montgomery.

Bakersfield	12%
Berkshire	12%
Enosburg Elementary	15%
Enosburg Middle & High	15%
Montgomery Elementary	N/A
Richford Elementary	20%
Richford Jr.-Sr. High	18%

These numbers were based on the 2016/2017 School Report data. It should be noted that the statewide average of identified special education students is 15% while the national average is 14.8%.

During the 2016/2017 school year, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union participated in an intensive study performed by the District Management Group (DMG), a consultant firm from Cambridge, Massachusetts. DMG was contracted by the State of Vermont, to conduct an in-depth study of special education systems in 10 participating supervisory unions in Vermont. Results of this study became available in late June 2017. DMG will present their consolidated findings to the State Legislature in January 2018. Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union has done preliminary work in addressing recommendations presented in this study and will continue to consider next steps in improving special education services and how our schools can intervene earlier when students struggle academically.

Technology Report

Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director

In Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU), we strive to prepare students for the technological future that awaits them. The use of technology in schools creates more educational opportunities for students, as well as providing the connectivity to become global learners.

With 1:1 computing, many students are given their "own" device to use by their school. 1:1 computing is a broad term based around the idea of having one device per student. As the cost of mobile devices has continued to decrease, FNESU schools have been able to continue to grow our 1:1 programs. We regularly evaluate devices as new ones become available providing our students with the best learning experience possible, while at the same time keeping our budgets and local taxpayers in mind.

While we have a variety of devices available to students, including laptops, iPads and Chromebooks, it's the Chromebooks that have emerged as the main computing device within FNESU. At this point, all of our schools are either already using Chromebooks as their main student device, or are in the process of transitioning from iPads to Chromebooks. The lower price of Chromebooks compared to iPads, along with the ease of maintenance, larger screen and physical keyboard have made them a very attractive option. FNESU is far from alone in this thinking, as Chromebooks have become the most popular device in schools nationwide in recent years.

Having a large number of computing devices in schools has also become a necessity when it comes to testing. Our students are required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments. While students would take traditional paper and pencil style tests in the past, the SBAC tests are electronic and require compatible devices for testing.

While technology has great benefits in its role as a learning tool, we must also keep in mind that technology itself can lead to many potential career paths for students. With the creation of many new jobs, which require Computer Science degrees being projected for the near future, it is our responsibility to show our students that these potential career paths exist. Many classrooms across FNESU have participated in the Hour of Code over the past few years, which is an annual event designed to introduce and promote coding to students. We have also seen an increase in Maker (learn by creating) projects, including the use of 3D Printing in several of our schools.

Many technological tools other than student devices are used throughout FNESU as well. We use a teacher observation system called TeachPoint, which allows administrators to leave detailed real-time feedback for teachers about what they observed while visiting classrooms. Teacher-created websites and the use of classroom management tools like Google Classroom and Edmodo improve the communication between teachers and students and continue to grow in popularity. All teachers use our online curriculum database, Rubicon Atlas, to develop and map curriculum. The use of G Suite (formerly Google Apps for Education) has become commonplace for FNESU schools, enabling collaborative document creation and sharing, website design and blogging, among other useful tools. We also continue to use PowerSchool as our Student Management System. Another beneficial system is SchoolMessenger, which allows schools to make automated calls home to share information about upcoming events, or with important messages such as school closings.

As the use of technology continues to grow, safety must be kept as a focus. Both teachers and students need to be educated in safe and appropriate use of technology. The first link in the list below is a good resource for anyone looking for tips on Internet safety.

Technology Education Resources:

- <https://www.common sense media.org/> (Internet safety/digital citizenship resource)
- <https://www.google.com/edu/products/productivity-tools/> (G Suite for Education)
- <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium)
- <http://hourofcode.com/us> (The Hour of Code)

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions pertaining to technology in FNESU schools at dderosia@fnesu.net or by phone at 848-7661 x21.

LEAPS

(Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive relationships and Self-esteem)

A 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC)

Maria Gleason, 21st CCLC Project Director

LEAPS continues to connect after-school programming, supplemental instruction, and skill development with the local school system and community. The mission of LEAPS is to improve student achievement in math, science, and reading/language arts, to improve self-esteem and social skills, and to reduce high-risk behaviors and attitudes.

For the fourteenth year, we are serving grades 5-12 at Enosburg Falls Middle & High School and grades K-6 in Richford. Three other sites are in their eighth year and are serving grades K-8 in Bakersfield, grades K-8 in

Berkshire, and grades K-4 at Enosburg Elementary. Montgomery Elementary is in their fourth year and serves grades K-8. This grant funds all sites at fifty percent through June 2019. Other funding sources include Consolidated Federal Program Funds, private grants, tuition paid by parents, donations, and in-kind services. After this school year, every LEAPS program will have some funds allocated to their programming from each individual school board.

Each site varies in scope; however, they each work towards achieving common goals with the intent to strengthen student learning during the school day. The goals parallel those of the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU). This mission is promoted through offering a variety of enrichment activities, homework assistance, tutoring services, volunteer opportunities, career readiness and clear expectations that will foster a positive school and community atmosphere.

Staff for these programs primarily consists of school-day staff and some recruited community members that lead other activities in which students have expressed an interest. All of our sites provide a variety of high-quality enrichment activities, such as physical activities, the arts, science, literacy, and math. LEAPS has access to classrooms, gyms, cafeterias, libraries, and outdoor sports fields. All of these sites follow school rules, policies, procedures, and practice fire drills and lockdowns during the after-school hours.

During the 2016-2017 school year, our project served 915 students in all six sites, 691 of these students were regular attendees defined by attending 30 or more program days. The amount of regular attendees is up by 20 students from last year! Research shows that in order for after-school programming to positively impact student learning, they must attend more than 30 days per year. Overall, 77% of eligible students have attended our programs. 76% of those attendees are considered regular attendees by the federal definition. Specifically, at Montgomery Elementary: Out of the 126 students in Kindergarten through eighth grade, 117 students attended the program of which 102 were regular attendees. This means that approximately 87% of those students who attended the program were regular attendees. Montgomery LEAPS also received \$10,000 this year from the local school board to help support the program.

Our programs would not have been as successful without the continued and growing support of our Community Partners: Arvin A. Brown Library, Cornerstone Youth Center, Local Motion, LJW Memorial Fund, VT National Guard, Enosburg Art Gallery, Berkshire Recreational Department, Green Heron Farm, UVM Extension Service, RISEVT, Phineas Swann, Berkshire PTO, Snyder's Academy of TKD, Hannaford, Montgomery Adventures, the VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, VT Department of Fish/Wildlife, and the NOTCH Program. Thank you for all of your support.

Principal's Report

Sandra Alexander, Principal

The student enrollment at Montgomery Elementary School is holding steady at 152, including Preschool and Playschool students. Currently, our largest class has nineteen students, and the smallest has eleven. I am proud to add that we commenced the school year with a very small turnover in staff members. Cassie Krieger was hired as our 3rd grade teacher, and we welcomed Kiley Corson as our new speech and language pathologist. This year, in addition to teaching Art, Danielle Berg has also taken on the role of Librarian. As an added bonus, we now have two United Way "Foster Grandparents", Jean Trautner and Lois Chauvin, spending time in first, second and third grade. It is great to have them in our classrooms and as part of our Montgomery Elementary School community. As always, our staff is very strong and committed to working collaboratively to help each and every student reach their highest potential.

The Montgomery Elementary School Continuous Improvement Plan states that we are committed to providing high quality, professional learning opportunities for our teachers. The opportunities are embedded, ongoing, promote teacher collaboration, and focus on improving learning. On our quest to improve student learning, teachers meet several times per week in their Professional Learning Communities, and also attend other professional development opportunities such as the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union (FNESU) "Academy." Through these efforts, we are committed to ensuring that all students are meeting challenging academic content standards as well as increasing overall achievement. In addition, through our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, we are committed to narrowing the

achievement gaps between high and low performing students by providing interventions that prevent difficulties and/or accelerate learning.

In May of 2017, the state of Vermont, once again, participated in the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) to assess student progress toward meeting the Common Core State Standards in literacy and math. In Montgomery, students in grades 3-8 were tested, and below you will find average scores for Vermont, FNESU, and Montgomery. As you can see, Montgomery's scores continue to be strong.

Grade	English Language Arts/Literacy			Math		
	Proficient and Above Vermont	Proficient and Above FNESU	Proficient and Above Montgomery	Proficient and Above Vermont	Proficient and Above FNESU	Proficient and Above Montgomery
3	49%	52%	77%	52%	50%	62%
4	49%	50%	60%	47%	55%	67%
5	55%	49%	62%	42%	43%	62%
6	52%	56%	93%	39%	48%	86%
7	55%	51%	67%	44%	46%	67%
8	55%	50%	88%	41%	41%	63%

In the spring of 2018, we will be piloting a new state assessment for Science, which will replace the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). This new assessment will be administered to students in 5th, 8th and 11th grades. In addition, the Vermont Agency of Education recently adopted "FitnessGram" as its statewide physical education assessment. FitnessGram is a comprehensive health-related fitness assessment and is currently the most widely used fitness assessment in the nation. FitnessGram will assess students in 4th, 7th and 10th grades.

While academic excellence is always at the forefront, there are many other facets to the well-rounded education that students are afforded at Montgomery Elementary School. Hands down, Montgomery Elementary School is the epitome of a student-centered, family-like community, and we are fortunate that the Montgomery community at large is so supportive of our school. We are proud of our community connection and thankful for the various people who partner with us to volunteer, offer programming, and include the school in community events. When visitors come to Montgomery, we often hear about a certain "feel" that they experience. Our students contribute to that feel by taking an active role in our day-to-day routines, as well as their education. This spring, we will begin Student-Led Conferences, where students will present their learning to their parents.

Our Learning and Enrichment Activities that build Positive Relationships and Self-esteem (LEAPS) before and after school program is going strong in its fourth year, and the enrollment continues to grow with a current total of 120 students. The program is funded through a 21st Century Grant, which provides funding for five years. We are preparing to apply for another round of funding, and hope to be successful so that we can continue to offer this opportunity to our students. We know that our families appreciate the LEAPS program, and our Site Coordinator, Renee Roddy, continues to work hard to continuously bring new and exciting enrichment offerings to our students.

I am happy to report that our 3rd annual school-wide Penny War, recently renamed as "Penny Palooza," raised just over \$1,000 again this year! Students from the Students Making Ideal Living Everywhere (SMILE) committee initiated this event in 2015 in an effort to raise money for families in need during the holidays. Each year, students plan the event, take part in raising and counting the money, and some even go shopping to purchase gifts for anonymous families. These efforts have now branched out in many directions to include Jay Peak's Joy Committee, Northwestern Medical Center, St. Isidore's Parish, and other generous community members who wish to remain anonymous. This is a heartwarming event for a worthwhile cause.

In closing, I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, one very special person for everything she has done for the Montgomery Elementary School Community – Ruth Little. Ruth is retiring in June, and I'm sure everyone is thinking the same thing as I am – what are we going to do without Ruth? While I don't have an answer to that question, I do want to express sincere best wishes to Ruth for a happy and healthy retirement, and thank her for her 24 years of dedicated service to Montgomery Elementary School. She will be truly missed! Thank you, Ruth!

Business Manager's Report

Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

School Budget

Montgomery's proposed school budget is down \$8,143 from the budget approved last year, a 0.3% decrease. A slight increase in personnel costs were offset by reductions in transportation and high school tuition estimates.

The district is anticipating an increase in revenue compared to last year, primarily as the result of a fund balance from FY17, combined with an expected increase in the small schools grant.

Residential Tax Rates

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

- **Education Spending** is the budget approved by voters each year, lowered by any expected revenues (like grants, and interest). *As Education Spending increases, the tax rate increases. This is the only part of the formula impacted by local boards and voters.*
- The **Equalized Pupil Count** is a weighted count of the number of students in a district. *As the Equalized Pupil Count increases, the tax rate decreases.*
- The **Property Dollar Equivalent Yield** is an amount set by statute and revised annually by the Legislature. *As the dollar yield increases, the tax rate decreases.* This budget uses \$9,842, the amount recommended by the tax commissioner on November 30. The final figure will be set by the Legislature.
- The **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** measures the difference between listed property values and market value. A CLA below 100% means that on average, properties are selling above their assessed value. *As the CLA increases, the tax rate decreases.*

The lower yield amount proposed by the administration is increasing projected tax rates statewide by around 9 cents. That increase is smaller in towns that spend below the state average, and in Montgomery is offset by the decrease in per-pupil spending, as well as an increase to both the equalized pupil count and CLA.

Households with income below \$137,500 may be eligible for a reduction in their residential property tax bill. In Tax Year 2016, 287 Montgomery property owners had their school taxes reduced based on income. All Vermont residents who own and occupy a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim (HS-122) with the VT Department of Taxes by April 15.

Non-Residential Tax Rates

Non-residential tax rates are set by the legislature and change based on the CLA. *Local budget decisions do not change the non-residential tax rate assessed by the state.* The non-residential rate increase clearly shows the 9-cent impact from the figures proposed by the State administration.

Audit

The District was audited by RHR Smith & Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. A copy of the audit can be obtained by calling the Supervisory Union office at 802-848-7661.

Respectfully submitted,

Montgomery School Directors

Charles Purrier, Chair
Bruce Mercy, Vice Chair
Cathy Howell, Clerk
Mary Niles
Christina Suarez-Pratt

Administration

Lynn Cota, Superintendent
Jody Vaillancourt/Jennifer Kennison
Co-Directors of Instruction & Learning
Shirley Carlson, Director of Special Programs
Dominic DeRosia, Technology Director
Maria Gleason, 21st CCLC Project Director
Sandra Alexander, Principal
Morgan Daybell, Business Manager

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

2016-17 SALARIES AND WAGES

PRINCIPAL

Sandra Alexander	\$75,000
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TEACHERS

Marjorie Nyland-Funke	\$3,753
Kristina Bowen	\$47,021
Jeffrey Ward	\$34,322
Kathryn Gray	\$39,242
Susan Zeineth-Collins	\$61,613
Megan Schindler	\$31,564
Steven Moran	\$62,124
Sara Caldwell	\$47,820
Claudia Woodward	\$6,997
Eric Hoh	\$18,716
Nicole Lacharite	\$40,319
Irene Rippon	\$2,169
Taylor Rivard	\$19,034
Jessica Tandy	\$42,561
Danielle Berg	\$14,302
Total	\$471,557

TREASURER

Deanna-Dee Robitaille	\$4,176
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PARAEDUCATORS

Megan Bosley	\$6,694
Phyliss Charbonneau	\$14,297
Carol Clokey	\$18,159
Ligia Courneya-Carrick	\$13,565
Lauren O'Connell	\$13,185
Angela Paquette	\$18,408
Robin Pelkey	\$24,578
Jennifer Plantier	\$17,151
Renee Roddy	\$2,381
Elsa Schafer	\$3,418
Suzanne-Marie Bilodeau	\$720
Total	\$132,556

LIBRARIAN

Robin Bryce	\$18,753
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Lara Morales	\$1,500
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CUSTODIANS

Andrew Smith	\$37,576
Colin Wood	\$34,223
Total	\$71,799

SECRETARY

Ruthanne Little	\$31,216
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FOOD SERVICE

Maryanne Wood	\$9,148
Wendy Howard	\$12,815
Dawn Reed	\$29,747
Mary Jane Kinney-Harness	\$1,581
Total	\$53,291

GUIDANCE

Christine Muratore	\$14,783
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COACHES

Megan Bosley	\$900
Kristina Bowen	\$450
David Burns	\$450
Christopher Dixson-Boles	\$450
Jade Dixson-Boles	\$450
Total	\$2,700

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS

Mary Niles	\$600
Charles R. Purrier	\$600
Bruce Mercy	\$600
Christina Suarez	\$600
Catherine Howell	\$600
Total	\$3,000

NURSE

Rachael Hardy	\$19,550
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2016-17 SALARIES AND WAGES

SUBSTITUTES

Megan Bosley	\$81
Carmen Carroll	\$195
Carol Clokey	\$125
Marijella Collins	\$80
Ligia Courneya-Carrick	\$169
Patricia Cummins	\$1,145
Sharon Devries	\$80
Stacey Doe	\$160
Suzanne Dollois	\$505
Shelley Gendron	\$520
Carolyn Giroux	\$90
Marie Gray	\$790
Beverly Haase	\$250
Wendy Howard	\$45
Mimi Magyar	\$973
Lauren O'Connell	\$813
Renee Roddy	\$980
Krista Signor	\$150
Cassandra Westcom	\$225
Patricia Wilder	\$170
Total	\$7,546

2016-17 TUITION PAYMENTS

North Country Union High School	\$155,002
Enosburg Falls High School	\$291,733
Cold Hollow Career Center	\$10,834
Richford High School	\$90,600
St.Johnsbury Academy	\$65,260
North Country Career Center	\$5,272
Stanstead College	\$162,503
Lamoille Union High School	\$14,200
Green Mountain Technology and Career	\$5,912
Northwest Technical Center	\$1,718
Total	\$803,034

**Montgomery Town School District
FY19 General Fund
Projected Revenue and Tax Rates**

	FY18 Reported	FY19 Estimated	FY18-19 Change
Private and Local Revenue			
Use of Unreserved Fund Balance	\$87,306	\$129,712	\$42,406
Interest	\$500	\$500	\$0
Medicaid Funds	\$20,000	\$15,896	(\$4,104)
Miscellaneous	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Total Private and Local Revenue:	\$110,306	\$148,608	\$38,302
State Aid			
Small Schools Grant	\$67,445	\$104,500	\$37,055
State Transportation Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Education Mainstream Block Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Education Intensive Reimbursement	\$69,151	\$36,886	(\$32,265)
Special Education Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Essential Education Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total State Aid:	\$136,596	\$141,386	\$4,790
Projected Tax Rates			
	FY18 Reported	FY19 Estimated	FY18-19 Change
Budgeted Expenditures	\$2,671,504	\$2,663,361	(\$8,143)
less Local and Grant Revenue	\$246,902	\$289,994	\$43,092
equals Education Spending	\$2,424,602	\$2,373,367	(\$51,235)
divided by Equalized Pupils	187.80	196.79	8.99
equals Per Pupil Education Spending	\$12,911	\$12,060	(\$850)
divided by Dollar Yield	\$10,160	\$9,842	(\$318)
equals Equalized residential school tax rate	\$1.2707	\$1.2254	(\$0.0453)
divided by Common Level of Appraisal	100.46%	103.14%	2.68%
Local Residential Education Tax Rate:	\$1.2649	\$1.1881	(\$0.0768)
Non-Residential School Tax Rate	\$1.5350	\$1.6290	\$0.0940
divided by Common Level of Appraisal	100.46%	103.14%	2.68%
Local Non-Residential Education Tax Rate:	\$1.5280	\$1.5794	\$0.0514

Montgomery Town School District

FY19 General Fund Budget

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change
1 EXPENSES					
2 Elementary Instruction					
3 Personnel	\$349,836	\$356,839	\$149,479	\$403,571	\$46,732
4 Benefits	\$94,723	\$104,078	\$51,117	\$132,152	\$28,074
5 Contracted Services	\$2,896	\$3,500	\$1,332	\$3,500	\$0
6 Facilities/Rent	\$5,376	\$5,400	\$1,607	\$5,400	\$0
7 Transportation/Mileage	\$483	\$650	\$145	\$600	(\$50)
8 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$25,077	\$26,500	\$10,374	\$18,000	(\$8,500)
9 Total Elementary Instruction	\$478,391	\$496,967	\$214,054	\$563,223	\$66,256
10					
11 Secondary Instruction					
12 Personnel	\$104,862	\$108,213	\$41,884	\$109,444	\$1,231
13 Benefits	\$25,386	\$27,666	\$12,833	\$28,905	\$1,239
14 Total Secondary Instruction	\$130,248	\$135,879	\$54,717	\$138,349	\$2,470
15					
16 Co-Curricular					
17 Personnel	\$4,220	\$6,050	\$1,110	\$5,050	(\$1,000)
18 Benefits	\$351	\$135	\$94	\$248	\$113
19 Contracted Services	\$1,415	\$600	\$1,020	\$1,400	\$800
20 Transportation/Mileage	\$4,799	\$6,500	\$1,289	\$6,000	(\$500)
21 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$500	\$1,800	\$1,020	\$1,500	(\$300)
22 After School Program	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$21,000	\$11,000
23 Total Co-Curricular	\$11,285	\$25,085	\$4,533	\$35,198	\$10,113
24					
25 Guidance					
26 Personnel	\$16,681	\$16,945	\$6,596	\$17,770	\$825
27 Benefits	\$5,009	\$4,835	\$1,044	\$2,057	(\$2,778)
28 Contracted Services	\$367	\$150	\$0	\$300	\$150
29 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$17	\$200	\$57	\$200	\$0
30 Total Guidance	\$22,074	\$22,130	\$7,697	\$20,327	(\$1,803)
31					
32 Health Services					
33 Personnel	\$18,835	\$19,720	\$7,673	\$20,750	\$1,030
34 Benefits	\$21,562	\$22,205	\$10,516	\$21,756	(\$449)
35 Contracted Services	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$0	(\$150)
36 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$614	\$1,000	\$309	\$1,000	\$0
37 Total Health Services	\$41,011	\$43,075	\$18,498	\$43,506	\$431
38					
39 Paraeducators					
40 Personnel	\$65,620	\$51,694	\$30,882	\$80,862	\$29,168
41 Benefits	\$24,071	\$5,309	\$3,479	\$9,096	\$3,787
42 Total Paraeducators	\$89,691	\$57,003	\$34,361	\$89,958	\$32,955
43					
44 Library					
45 Personnel	\$18,459	\$18,947	\$6,563	\$17,760	(\$1,187)
46 Benefits	\$1,752	\$9,936	\$2,195	\$5,475	(\$4,461)
47 Contracted Services	\$0	\$250	\$175	\$250	\$0

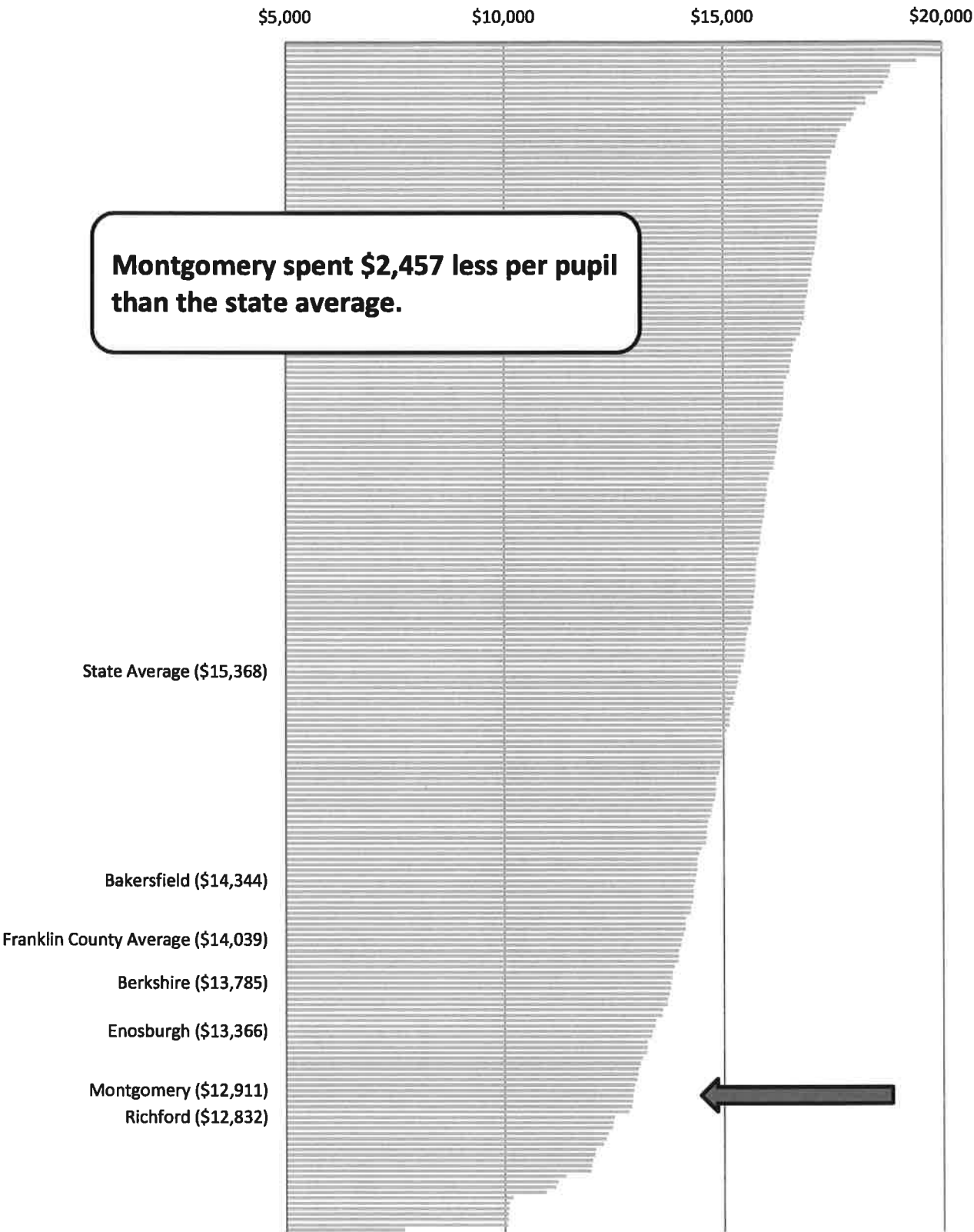
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	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change
48 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$2,859	\$3,200	\$1,813	\$3,200	\$0
49 Total Library	\$23,070	\$32,333	\$10,746	\$26,685	(\$5,648)
50					
51 Technology					
52 Personnel	\$780	\$4,200	\$350	\$1,000	(\$3,200)
53 Benefits	\$63	\$0	\$27	\$18	\$18
54 Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0
55 Facilities/Rent	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,200	(\$1,800)
56 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$4,577	\$10,000	\$3,246	\$10,000	\$0
57 Total Technology	\$5,420	\$17,200	\$3,923	\$12,218	(\$4,982)
58					
59 School Directors					
60 Personnel	\$7,561	\$7,021	\$5,340	\$7,176	\$155
61 Benefits	\$581	\$0	\$409	\$537	\$537
62 Contracted Services	\$90	\$3,000	\$745	\$3,000	\$0
63 Other Services	\$8,079	\$8,500	\$7,533	\$8,500	\$0
64 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$1,519	\$6,700	\$561	\$6,200	(\$500)
65 Total School Directors	\$17,830	\$25,221	\$14,588	\$25,413	\$192
66					
67 Superintendent's Office					
68 Assessment	\$82,996	\$102,713	\$51,357	\$105,812	\$3,099
69 Total Superintendent's Office	\$82,996	\$102,713	\$51,357	\$105,812	\$3,099
70					
71 Principal's Office					
72 Personnel	\$107,685	\$113,473	\$54,442	\$117,591	\$4,118
73 Benefits	\$20,999	\$23,293	\$10,982	\$22,373	(\$920)
74 Contracted Services	\$1,693	\$0	\$170	\$500	\$500
75 Transportation/Mileage	\$357	\$1,000	\$0	\$500	(\$500)
76 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$3,286	\$3,000	\$2,660	\$3,000	\$0
77 Total Principal's Office	\$134,020	\$140,766	\$68,254	\$143,964	\$3,198
78					
79 Operation of Plant					
80 Personnel	\$69,757	\$71,926	\$34,814	\$74,780	\$2,854
81 Benefits	\$19,799	\$19,954	\$9,210	\$21,547	\$1,593
82 Facilities/Rent	\$32,026	\$23,300	\$8,868	\$24,100	\$800
83 Other Services	\$2,809	\$3,300	\$1,132	\$3,000	(\$300)
84 Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$42,805	\$45,000	\$22,209	\$47,000	\$2,000
85 Total Plant	\$167,196	\$163,480	\$76,233	\$170,427	\$6,947
86					
87 Transportation					
88 Transportation To/From School	\$133,670	\$104,800	\$52,609	\$80,687	(\$24,113)
89 Total Transportation	\$133,670	\$104,800	\$52,609	\$80,687	(\$24,113)
90					
91 Debt Service					
92 Interest	\$23,330	\$20,221	\$8,696	\$17,646	(\$2,575)
93 Principal	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$0
94 Total Debt Service	\$88,330	\$85,221	\$73,696	\$82,646	(\$2,575)

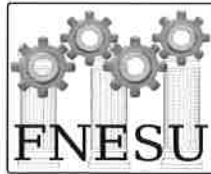
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		FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change
95						
96	Tuition					
97	Public HS Tuition	\$551,535	\$584,000	\$258,902	\$584,000	\$0
98	Private HS Tuition	\$227,763	\$256,000	\$89,170	\$234,000	(\$22,000)
99	Tech Center Tuition	\$74,634	\$73,300	\$22,433	\$73,300	\$0
100	Prior Year Tuition	\$4,207	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
101	Prior Year Tech Tuition	\$1,476	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
102	Total Tuition	\$859,615	\$913,300	\$370,505	\$891,300	(\$22,000)
103						
104	Special Education					
105	Personnel	\$61,810	\$94,417	\$25,740	\$58,801	(\$35,616)
106	Benefits	\$7,620	\$9,901	\$3,073	\$6,856	(\$3,045)
107	FNESU Assessment	\$129,158	\$137,948	\$68,974	\$134,156	(\$3,792)
108	Total Special Education	\$198,588	\$242,266	\$97,787	\$199,813	(\$42,453)
109						
110	Early Education					
111	Personnel	\$5,514	\$10,316	\$0	\$0	(\$10,316)
112	Benefits	\$1,001	\$1,219	\$0	\$0	(\$1,219)
113	Contracted Services	\$30,289	\$28,228	\$0	\$29,150	\$922
114	Transp/Mileage/Tuition	\$0	\$6,700	\$0	\$3,267	(\$3,433)
115	Supplies/Equipment/Other	\$921	\$600	\$329	\$600	\$0
116	Total Early Education	\$37,725	\$47,063	\$329	\$33,017	(\$14,046)
117						
118	Early Education SPED					
119	Personnel	\$960	\$13,773	\$223	\$749	(\$13,024)
120	Benefits	\$137	\$1,692	\$28	\$69	(\$1,623)
121	Contracted Services	\$23,685	\$1,537	\$1,537	\$0	(\$1,537)
122	Total Early Education SPED	\$24,782	\$17,002	\$1,788	\$818	(\$16,184)
123						
124	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,545,942	\$2,671,504	\$1,155,675	\$2,663,361	(\$8,143)

FY18 Education Spending Per Pupil by District



District: Montgomery County: Franklin		T128 Franklin Northeast		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 144 expenditures)	\$2,592,657	\$2,649,154	\$2,671,504	\$2,663,361
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	+	+	+
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,592,657	\$2,649,154	\$2,671,504	\$2,663,361
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	+	+	+
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	+	+	+
7.	Total Budget	\$2,592,657	\$2,649,154	\$2,671,504	\$2,663,361
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$499,436	\$457,663	\$246,902	\$289,994
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	+	+	+
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$499,436	\$457,663	\$246,902	\$289,994
14.	Education Spending	\$2,093,221	\$2,191,491	\$2,424,602	\$2,373,367
15.	Equalized Pupils	181.33	183.09	187.80	196.79
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$11,543.71	\$11,969.47	\$12,910.55	\$12,060.40
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$522.98	\$482.44	\$453.79	\$419.97
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
19.	minus 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 equpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)	-	\$19.66	\$23.43	\$30.74
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$11,993.36	threshold = \$17,388 \$17,388.00	threshold = \$17,818 \$17,816.00
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	+	+	+
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$11,544	\$11,969	\$12,911	\$12,060.40
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	122.039% based on \$9,285	123.384% based on \$9,701	127.072% based on yield \$10,180	122.540% based on yield \$9,842
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$12,060.40 + (\$9,842.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.2082 based on \$9.88	\$1.2338 based on \$1.00	\$1.2707 based on \$1.00	\$1.2254 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Montgomery equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.23)	\$1.2082	\$1.2338	\$1.2707	\$1.2254
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.71%	100.20%	100.46%	103.14%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.2254 / 103.14%)	\$1.1997 based on \$9.99	\$1.2313 based on \$1.00	\$1.2649 based on \$1.00	\$1.1881 based on \$1.00
		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.			
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$12,060.40 + \$11,862) x 2.00%)]	2.20% based on 1.80%	2.20% based on 2.00%	2.15% based on 2.00%	2.03% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.03%)	2.20% based on 1.80%	2.20% based on 2.00%	2.15% based on 2.00%	2.03% based on 2.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
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 \$1,829. 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%.			



Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union FY19 Central Office Budget

	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 to Dec 31	FY19 Proposed	FY18-19 Change	Montgomery Share
1 EXPENSES						
2 ELL						
3 Personnel	\$0	\$43,000	\$3,378	\$22,453	(\$20,547)	\$2,066
4 Benefits	\$0	\$26,575	\$813	\$6,644	(\$19,931)	\$611
5 Other	\$0	\$0	\$393	\$500	\$500	\$46
6 Total ELL	\$0	\$69,575	\$4,584	\$29,597	(\$39,978)	\$2,723
7						
8 Curriculum and Instruction						
9 Personnel	\$32,763	\$50,762	\$25,700	\$70,890	\$20,128	\$6,522
10 Benefits	\$12,513	\$19,288	\$9,295	\$25,077	\$5,789	\$2,307
11 Other	\$696	\$0	\$571	\$500	\$500	\$46
12 Total Curriculum	\$45,972	\$70,050	\$35,566	\$96,467	\$26,417	\$8,875
13						
14 New Teacher Mentoring						
15 Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,250	\$26,250	\$2,415
16 Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,625	\$2,625	\$242
17 Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
18 Total Mentoring	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,875	\$28,875	\$2,657
19						
20 Administration						
21 Personnel	\$334,934	\$332,588	\$132,169	\$322,213	(\$10,375)	\$29,644
22 Benefits	\$122,887	\$124,210	\$55,679	\$139,733	\$15,523	\$12,855
23 Contracted Services	\$54,827	\$47,843	\$25,425	\$46,843	(\$1,000)	\$4,310
24 Facilities/Rent	\$23,297	\$23,996	\$11,998	\$24,000	\$4	\$2,208
25 Other Services	\$23,006	\$27,700	\$20,494	\$24,400	(\$3,300)	\$2,245
26 Supplies/Equipment	\$56,575	\$61,200	\$31,286	\$56,900	(\$4,300)	\$5,235
27 Other	\$7,720	\$9,000	\$8,315	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$920
28 Total Administration	\$623,246	\$626,537	\$285,366	\$624,089	(\$2,448)	\$57,416
29						
30 Business Services						
31 Personnel	\$191,874	\$261,599	\$126,753	\$267,860	\$6,261	\$24,643
32 Benefits	\$91,015	\$125,200	\$61,359	\$126,237	\$1,037	\$11,614
33 Other	\$150	\$0	\$1,414	\$0	\$0	\$0
34 Total Business Services	\$283,039	\$386,799	\$189,526	\$394,097	\$7,298	\$36,257
35						
36 Food Service						
37 Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$505,476	\$505,476	\$46,504
38 Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$122,015	\$122,015	\$11,225
39 Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$642,000	\$642,000	\$59,064
40 Total Food Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,269,491	\$1,269,491	\$116,793
41						
42 Transportation To/From School						
43 Contracted Services	\$1,023,118	\$1,053,000	\$526,390	\$1,015,580	(\$37,420)	\$139,050
44 Total Transportation	\$1,023,118	\$1,053,000	\$526,390	\$1,015,580	(\$37,420)	\$139,050
45						
46 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,975,375	\$2,205,961	\$1,041,432	\$3,458,196	\$1,252,235	\$363,771
47						
48 REVENUES						
49 Transportation Aid	\$38,287	\$465,000	\$308,926	\$471,000	\$6,000	\$58,363
50 Medicaid	\$23,224	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$2,024
51 Erate	\$2,159	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
52 Food Service Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,269,491	\$1,269,491	\$116,793
53 Miscellaneous	\$1,017	\$1,000	\$1,667	\$1,000	\$0	\$92
54 TOTAL REVENUES	\$64,687	\$488,000	\$310,593	\$1,763,491	\$1,275,491	\$177,272
55						
56 DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS						
57 Bakersfield	\$211,144	\$182,102	\$91,051	\$189,234	\$7,132	\$186,499
58 Berkshire	\$289,287	\$266,383	\$133,192	\$267,278	\$895	
59 Enosburgh	\$769,715	\$675,522	\$329,310	\$677,338	\$1,816	
60 Montgomery	\$216,666	\$207,513	\$103,966	\$186,499	(\$21,014)	
61 Richford	\$421,584	\$386,442	\$199,266	\$374,357	(\$12,085)	
62 TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$1,908,396	\$1,717,962	\$856,785	\$1,694,706	(\$23,256)	\$186,499

NOTES

HELPFUL TOWN INFORMATION

Tax Due Dates 2018: August 10th & October 12th by 4:00pm unless Article 15 passes in which case the Oct date changes to November 9th.

Postmarks are not accepted

2010 State of Vermont Census 1201

Registered Voters 906

FIRE, RESCUE & POLICE EMERGENCIES.....911

VERMONT STATE POLICE.....524-5993

CLERK/TREASURER Office326-4719

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Email.....montgomeryclerk@gmail.com

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TOWN LIBRARY326-3113

HIGHWAY GARAGE.....326-4418

FRANKLIN COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE524-9650

DOG OFFICER326-2021

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – voicemail.....326-4719 ext 205

Who Meets Where and When

Group	Day	Time	Place
Listers	Thursday & Friday	8:00am - 12:00pm	Public Safety Bldg
Budget Committee	January 'til needed	As Needed	Public Safety Bldg
Cemetery Commissions	As needed	As Needed	Public Safety Bldg
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday	5:00pm	Public Safety Bldg
Development Review Bd	By Appointment	As Needed	Public Safety Bldg
Fire Department	Every Other Monday	Evening	Fire Station
Library Trustees	Second Monday	6:30pm	Library
Planning Commission	Second Tuesday	7:00pm	Public Safety Bldg
Recreation Board	First Monday	5:30pm	Rec Center
School Board	Second Monday	6:00pm	School
Selectboard/Water Comm	First & Third Monday	6:30pm	Public Safety Bldg
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday	1:00pm – 4:00pm or by appt.	Public Safety Bldg

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