



Town of East Montpelier, Vermont
155th Annual Report

Report of the Town Officers
for the Year Ending December 31, 2004
Town School District • July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

TOWN OFFICES

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Monday and Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

| | |
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| Medical Emergencies or Ambulance | 911 |
| East Montpelier Fire Dept. (Fire Call) | 911 |
| East Montpelier Fire Dept. (Non-emergency Messages)..... | 223-5586 |
| Fire Chief | John Audy 223-7899 |
| Fire Warden | Chris Reed 223-7707 |
| Town Clerk/Treasurer | Sylvia Tosi 223-3313 |
| Town Garage | 223-5870 |
| State Police | 229-9191 |
| First Constable | Dennis Carver 223-5444 |
| Second Constable | Tim Meehan 229-4478 |
| Elementary School | 223-7936 |
| U-32 High School | 229-0321 |
| Washington Central Supervisory Union | 229-0553 |
| Rep. Dist. No. 7 | Tony Klein 224-9097 |
| Zoning Administrator | 223-3313 |
| Sewage Officer | Richard Czaplinski 229-4534 |
| Animal Control Officer | Tim Meehan 229-4478 |
| Town Health Officer | Chris Reed 223-7707 |
| Truant Officer | Carol Randall 223-7936 |
| Town Service Officer | Susan Kittredge 229-0840 |

~ FRONT COVER ~

East Montpelier, 2005. Photo by Rick Mastelli.

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In Appreciation

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

We appreciate their generous contributions to our community.

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| Tim Carver | Zoning Board of Adjustment |
| Diana Chace | Zoning Administrator |
| Rob Chickering | Justice of the Peace |
| Richard W. Curtis, Jr. | U-32 School Director |
| Earle Ellingwood | Zoning Board of Adjustment |
| Lucy W. Ferrada | EMES School Director |
| Arlene Goodrich | Funding Request Study Committee |
| Ginger Hopkins | Recreation Board |
| Sally Longhi | Justice of the Peace |
| Tim Meehan | State Police Community Advisory Board |
| Dean Monteith | Zoning Administrator |
| Harry "Burr" Morse, Jr. | Justice of the Peace |
| Tracy M. Phillips | Town Auditor |
| Robert J. Riggen | EMES School Director |
| Dave Sparrow | Planning Commissioner |
| Mark Stephen | Rally Day Committee |
| Sue Stephen | Rally Day Committee |
| Leonard Wilson | Conservation Fund Advisory Committee |

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2005

9:30 a.m. at the East Montpelier Elementary School

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public hearing and Informational Meeting concerning Australian Ballot Articles and other Warned Articles for the **March 1, 2005, Town and School Meeting.**

Candidates for Town and School Offices will be introduced. This will be the only opportunity to discuss the Town Budget as this is voted on by Australian Ballot. The Town will be first on the Agenda at the Forum as well as Town Meeting followed by the School District.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Town/School Meeting — Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Australian Ballot Voting

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

OFFICE FILED FOR:

MODERATOR for 1 year MARTY MILLER

SELECTMAN for 3 years TOM BRAZIER

LISTER for 3 years ROSENDO CUETO

AUDITOR for 3 years PAULINE COBURN

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for 3 years MARY ANNE CERASOLI

TOWN LAW AGENT for 1 year NO CANDIDATE

TOWN GRAND JUROR for 1 year BURR MORSE

FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year NO CANDIDATE

SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year PAUL W. HAYNES

PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years MARILYN "LYN" BLACKWELL

(Vote for not more than Three) LOIS E. FLANDERS

..... RICHMOND "RICK" HOPKINS

..... MARK LANE

..... KEN SANTOR

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 5 years ELLIOTT A. MORSE

SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years JANICE ALDRICH

SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years JULIA LONGHI HAYNES

(Vote for not more than One) BILL KAPLAN

U-32 SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years SUSAN CHICKERING

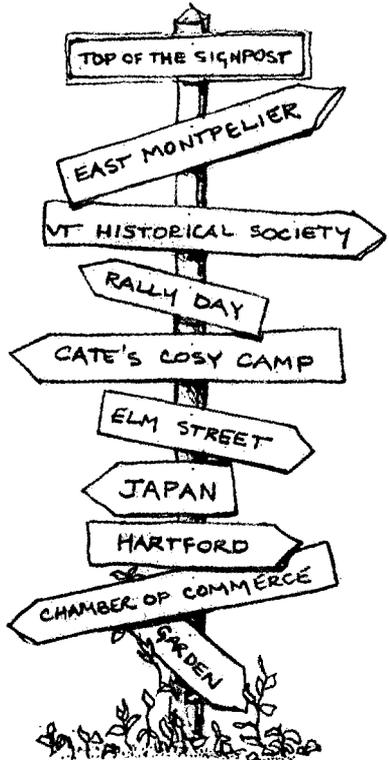
(Vote for not more than One) RICHARD W. CURTIS, JR.

Jean M. Cate

March 20, 1924 – June 2, 2004

Jean Cate was a great role model — she had faith in people and their ability to make a difference. We remember her vision, spirit, generosity, service, and community-building. You can accomplish a lot if you don't worry about who gets the credit for it, and Jean never worried about taking credit. One of her enduring gifts was to enlist so many people to get involved in our community. We're grateful to Jean for all the neighbors she made it possible for us to meet on Rally Day and in the pages of "The Signpost."

When we think of Jean, we think of the things we do to make our lives thrive: connect, organize, nourish, nurture, grow, harvest, share. To continue this spirit, the Jean Cate Community Fund was created last summer. Its mission is to discover and support new ventures or programs that promise to make East Montpelier an even better place in which to live and raise families. Look for news of community activities in "The Signpost" and the Elementary School newsletter, and join in.



TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

Moderator: 1 year term; Expires 2005 Martin K. Miller

Town Clerk: 3 years; Expires 2006 Sylvia M. Tosi

Town Treasurer: 3 years; Expires 2006 Sylvia M. Tosi

Selectboard: 3 years

Expires 2005 Thomas Brazier

Expires 2006 Martha Holden

Expires 2007 Edith Miller

Listers: 3 years

Expires 2005 Rosendo Cueto, Jr.

Expires 2006 Ross Hazel

Expires 2007 Earl Montague

Auditors: 3 years

Expires 2005 (appointed)..... Pauline E. Coburn

Expires 2005 (resigned) Tracy M. Phillips

Expires 2006 Shirley M. King

Expires 2007 Deborah Fillion

Trustees of Public Funds: 3 years

Expires 2005 Virginia Hopkins

Expires 2006 Teresa "Terri" Conti

Expires 2007 Sylvia Tosi

First Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2005 Dennis Carver

Second Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2005 Timothy Meehan

Town Law Agent: 1 year term; Expires 2005 Dennis Carver

Town Grand Juror: 1 year term; Expires 2005 Tim Carver

Elementary School Directors:

Expires 2005; 3 years Janice Aldrich

Expires 2005; 2 years Julia Longhi Haynes

Expires 2006; 3 years Joe Buley, Jr.

Expires 2007; 3 years Matthew Curtis

Expires 2007; 2 years Brian Bishop

U-32 School Directors: 3 years

Expires 2007 Virginia "Ginny" Burley

Expires 2005 Sue Chickering

Planning Commission: 3 years

Expires 2005 Marilyn "Lyn" Blackwell

Expires 2005 Richmond "Rick" Hopkins

Expires 2005 Kenneth Santor

Expires 2006 Deborah Fillion

Expires 2006 John "Jack" Pauly

Expires 2006 Tracy M. Phillips

Expires 2007 Tim Carver

Expires 2007 Robert Chickering

Expires 2007 Carol Welch

Cemetery Commissioners: 5 years

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| Expires 2005 | Elliott Morse |
| Expires 2006 | Maurice Cerutti |
| Expires 2007 | Pauline Coburn |
| Expires 2008 | Frederick C. Strong |
| Expires 2009 | Gary Hudson |

Justices of the Peace: 2 years; 2/2005–2/2007

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Janice Aldrich | David Grundy |
| Dennis Carver | Peter R. Hill |
| Sue Clayton | Florence C. Morse |
| Richard W. Curtis, Jr. | Rebecca Reed |
| Ruth Farnham | Janice Waterman |

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

Town Board for the Abatement of Taxes:

Board of Civil Authority plus Listers and Town Treasurer

APPOINTED

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| Collector of Lease Land Rent (1 year; 2005) | Sylvia M. Tosi |
| Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer | Teresa “Terri” Conti |
| Town Administrator | Marlene Betit |
| Road Foreman | Mike Garand |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year; 2005) | Norma Raymond |
| Town Attorney | Bruce Bjornlund |
| Interim Zoning Administrator | Deborah Fillion |
| Zoning Administrator (resigned) | Dean Monteith |
| Sewage Officer (1 year; 2005) | Richard Czaplinski |
| Town Health Officer (3 years; 2006) | Chris Reed |
| Town Service Officer (1 year; 2005) | Susan Kittredge |
| Animal Control Officer (1 year; 2005) | Tim Meehan |
| Pound Keeper (1 year; 2005) | Tim Meehan |
| Town Fire Warden (5 years; 2009) | Chris Reed |
| Assistant Fire Warden (5 years; 2009) | Bill George |
| Emergency Management Coordinator (1 year; 2005) | Bill George |
| Town Tree Warden (1 year; 2005) | Paul Cate |
| Regional Planning, Town Representative (1 year; 2005) | Tim Carver |
| Alternate (1 year; 2005) | Tracy M. Phillips |
| Transportation Advisory Committee Representative | |
| To Regional Planning Commission (1 year; 2005) | Frank Pratt |
| Central Vermont Transit Authority Board Rep. (3 years; 2006) | David Grundy |
| Solid Waste District Representative (1 year; 2005) | Steve Jerome |
| Alternate (1 year; 2005) | Ginny Callan |
| Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Rep. (3 years; 2006) | Chris Grimard |
| Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc. Rep. (1 year; 2005) | Eddie Miller |
| Green Up Coordinator (1 year; 2005) | Bill Merrylees |

Fence Viewer (1 year; 2005) Marcia Pauly
 Inspector of Coal, Wood and Shingles (1 year; 2005) Austin Cleaves
 State Police Community Advisory Board (1 year; Expires 2005) Don Welch
 Carol Welch

Forest Committee: 3 years

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| Rick Barstow (2005) | Chris Grimard (2005) |
| Harry "Burr" Morse, Jr. (2006) | Steven J. Sinclair (2006) |
| Paul Cate, Chair (2007) | Earle Ellingwood (2007) |

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3 years

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| Sandy Conti (2005) | Tim Carver (resigned) |
| Patrick Biggam (2006) | Fred Strong (2005) |
| Jeff Cueto (2007) | Richard W. Curtis, Jr., Chair (2006) |
| Clifton King (2007) | Wm. Gray Ricker, IV (2007) |
| | Steven Kappel (2005) |

Recreation Board: 3 years

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| Jan Aldrich (2005) | Tim Bigelow (2005) | Brian Lusignan (2005) |
| Dave Burley (2006) | Ed Deegan (2006) | Patrick McCoy (2006) |
| Terri Conti, Chair (2006) | | Ellen McGurn (2006) |
| Ginger Hopkins (resigned) | | |

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: 3 years

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| Susan Chickering, Chair (2005) | Brian Lusignan (2005) |
| Arlene Goodrich (2006) | Charles Johnson (2006) |
| Dennis Carver (2007) | Austin Cleaves (2007) |
| | Michael Dworkin (2007) |

Funding Request Study Committee: 1 year; Expires 2005

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| Lyn Blackwell, Chair | Wes Cate | Rhoda Chickering |
| Tracy M. Phillips | Anne V. Sherman | |

East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund Committee: No term set

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| Dave Coburn, Chair | Bruce Bjornland |
| Paul Manghi | Lynn Winters |

Rally Day Committee: 1 year; Expires 2005 Jean Cate

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| Deborah Fillion, Co-Chair | Jennifer Boyer | Rachel Senechal |
| Matthew Curtis, Co-Chair | Janet Allen | Rhoda Chickering |
| Janice Waterman, Treasurer | Hobie Guion | Sylvia Tosi |
| Bill George | Cliff King | Shirley King |
| Darlene Grundy | Sally Longhi | Bill Merrylees |

Village Septic Committee: No term set

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| Richard Czaplinski, Chair | Tim Carver | Bill George |
| Art Montague | Bob Morey | |

East Montpelier Fire Department Facilities Steering Committee: No term set

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| Edie Miller, Selectboard Liaison | Diana Chace, President of EMFD |
| Rick Barstow, EMFD | Bill George, EMFD & Village Septic Liaison |
| Kathleen Audy | Bruce Bjornlund |
| Bill Kaplan | Brian Phillips |
| <i>Calais Appointments:</i> | <i>Bob Cleary</i> |
| | <i>Andy Shapiro</i> |
| | <i>Dave Parah</i> |

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

March 1, 2005

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in said Town, on Tuesday, the first (1st) day of March, 2005 at 9:30 A.M. to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on those Articles so noted:

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

Moderator, 1 year term, Town & School District

Selectboard, 3 year term

Lister, 3 year term

Auditor, 3 year term

Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term

Town Law Agent, 1 year term

Town Grand Juror, 1 year term

First Constable, 1 year term

Second Constable, 1 year term

Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

School Director, 3 year term

School Director, 2 year term

U-32 School Director, 3 year term

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to have all taxes paid to the Treasurer, without discount, on real estate, as provided by law, received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building, on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2005.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$888,402.16 as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).

- ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise \$111,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Fund. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise \$15,942 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (Petitioned Article to be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to add to the existing Conservation Fund. (Petitioned Article to be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$10,500 towards replacing the heating system in the Templeton Road Station of the East Montpelier Fire Department. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$3,750 towards body work on Engine #3 of the East Montpelier Fire Department.
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$7,000 to be expended by the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of town cemeteries during 2005.
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$1,500 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Association 2005 operating expenses.
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations:
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| a) Battered Women's Services and Shelter | \$ 675 |
| b) Central Vermont Community Action Council..... | 400 |
| c) Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice | 2,800 |
| d) Central Vermont Council on Aging..... | 1,464 |
| e) Family Center of Washington County..... | 300 |
| f) Green Mountain Transit (formerly Wheels) | 1,000 |
| g) Green Up Vermont..... | 100 |
| h) People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc..... | 950 |
| i) Project Independence..... | 500 |
| j) Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc. | 500 |
| k) U-32 Project Graduation..... | 200 |
| l) Washington County Diversion Program | 300 |
| m) Washington County Youth Services Bureau | <u>400</u> |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 9,589 |

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise \$2,500.00 for student scholarships and to support student and community participation in the East Montpelier Community Connections Program. (Petitioned Article)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town decide all financial questions of \$25,000.00 or more by Australian Ballot in lieu of the current \$10,000.00 limit.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept and to spend grant funding received during 2005 without a vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town extend tax exempt status to the Orchard Valley School, a non-profit and charitable organization, for its 55 acre Grace Farm Campus for a period of ten years (2015). (Petitioned Article) (Title 32 Section 3840)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town, in Town Meeting, vote to change its fiscal year from January to July, which includes one 18 month tax cycle (with two payments) and vote to pay its real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer as follows:

1) On November 15, 2005 (Fiscal Year January 2005 through December 2005) - see Article 3.

2) 18 month cycle:

On November 15, 2006 (Fiscal Year January 2006 through December 2006) and

On April 1st, 2007 (Fiscal Year January 2007 through June 2007).

3) 12 month fiscal year beginning July:

On November 15, 2007 payment of taxes (Fiscal Year is July 2007 through June 2008).

All payments to be made on the date due and shall be received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building before 5 p.m.

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters of the Town of East Montpelier vote to approve the resolution concerning the war in Iraq and the deployment

of members of the Vermont National Guard in that war, as attached to the petition and incorporated herein by reference, and then send a copy of the resolution to Vermont's state and federal office-holders? (A copy of the full resolution can be viewed at iraresolution.org, the Town Clerk's Office, and will be available at Town Meeting.)

A Public Informational Hearing concerning the Australian Ballot Articles and pre-Town Meeting forum to discuss all other Articles and meet candidates for offices will be held at the East Montpelier Elementary School on Saturday, February 26th, 2005, at 9:30 A.M., to which the citizens of the Town are invited.

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 26th day of January, 2005.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

THOMAS BRAZIER, *Chair*

EDITH MILLER

MARTHA HOLDEN

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, 28th day of Jan. A.D. 2005 at 12:00 p.m.
Received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: Sylvia M. Tosi, Town Clerk



Templeton Road

SELECTBOARD REPORT

It has been another busy year for the Selectboard. The road crew was very busy with a number of snow and ice storms. The Town's people need to be aware of the increased amount of work it takes to deal with these storms. The road crew has consisted of a working foreman and two employees with three trucks. It takes six hours to cover the town roads one time if nothing goes wrong and conditions are average. This means that if all the roads are covered before the busses are on the road at 7:00 am, the road crew starts work at 1:00 am. We have two public schools and one private school located in Town. It isn't just during school hours that the roadwork increases. With the extra curricular activities that occur at each one of the schools, the hours that people travel home extend into the night. There have been some storms the road crew has worked over 50 hours without sleep to keep the roads passable. They have often worked when they are sick.

During the 1960's, 1970's and part of the 1980's, the Town had a four-person road crew. Since that time, they have operated with the three-person crew. The Selectboard has worked hard to give the road crew the tools they need to do their job efficiently. We have decided for efficiency and safety reasons to add a fourth person to the road crew.

Some other road issues we dealt with involved the review, reclassification upgrade of Brazier Road. The classification upgrade was one of the recommendations of the road and culvert survey that was funded by the *State Better Back Roads Program*. This classification upgrade will not change the physical appearance of the road or change the way the road has been maintained, but will entitle the Town to additional State aid funds and ensure the road will remain passable year round. We completed paving the only section of the County Road that was not done when we did the large paving project in 1997. This project was funded with a grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the balance from the capital reserve fund.

Vermont State Labor and Industry inspected the Town Garage and the Town office building as a courtesy. This is part of program designed to get Towns to be more proactive about fixing problems before they do an official inspection which could result in large fines and short time tables to rectify violations.

The town office building was renovated during the 1980's; therefore, the items that needed to be rectified were minimal. Some problems have been fixed already. The balance will be completed this year.

The Town Garage has not had anything done since it was constructed 41 years ago. The good news is that as long as we fix the worst problems this year, we will not be fined and should be able to plan to do the rest in a few years. We have been told the cost for the immediate work will be about \$75,000. We have had former Selectboard member and retired State of Vermont Buildings employee Frank Pratt volunteer to oversee this project for the Selectboard. Frank has renovated a number of State Garages. We are confident he will look out for the best interest of the Town.

We have opened discussions about sewage disposal in the East Montpelier Village area. This is of great concern, as we know that there are a number of septic systems in this area that have already failed. More have the potential for failure because of the soil types and close proximity to the Winooski River. We know that it is just a matter of time before we need to make some hard choices for a long-term solution. We have formed a committee to look at the problem and report back to the Selectboard regarding the possible extent of the problem and possible solutions to explore. This has the potential of becoming a huge financial burden on the town or homeowners if a viable creative solution is not found in the near future.

We are continuing our effort to become fully compliant with the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). The final piece of full compliance is to change to a modified accrual based accounting system. We also need to move to a fiscal year end of June 30; if approved at Town meeting (see Art. 18). To implement this in a way that will have a minimal affect on taxpayers and the Town office, we hope to come to next year's town meeting with an eighteen-month town budget. We would send out tax notices at the same time as usual, however, the bill will have two tax payments due. The first payment for one year's portion will be due in November. The second payment for six month's portion will be due in April. The changes in the accounting system will start to take place on January 1, 2006, and continue with the change over completed by June 30, 2007. We have worked with the town's Collector of Delinquent Taxes, the Listers, our outside auditing firm, as well as the employees in the town office to ensure this change will have the least impact on everyone as possible.

The East Montpelier Fire Department approached the Selectboard to inform them that they need to look at building a new station to replace the present garage they have been leasing from Washington Electric. The Fire Department recommended to the Selectboard that a committee be formed to look at any other uses that could be incorporated in this project including the Town of Calais as the Fire Department provides services to them. The Selectboard appointed a committee to look at this project.

We are continuing to hold public meetings regarding the intersection of Routes 2 and 14 and Quaker Road. There are a number of different options people would like to see considered. We encourage people to come to these public meetings. Whatever is done will likely be in place for many years.

The Selectboard continues to work with the Agency of Transportation on the following projects in Town:

1. The intersection at Routes 2 and 14 (as mentioned above)
2. Concrete Bridge on Route 14 and redesign of adjoining Route 2 and 14 intersection
3. Bridge in North Montpelier on Route 14 North (Singing Bridge)
4. Concrete Bridge on Route 14 North (over brook by Bragg Farm)
5. Concrete Bridge on Route 2 East (over brook by Delairs Carpet Barn)

We would like to thank all the Town's people who volunteered their time and

energy for different positions and committees on behalf of the Town of East Montpelier as well as the Town employees that worked over and above their duties for our Community. Anyone that is interested in serving on any of the Committees or in one of the Town positions, please contact the Town office.

THOMAS H. BRAZIER, *Chair*
MARTHA HOLDEN
EDITH A. MILLER



ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

The East Montpelier Animal Control Ordinance took effect on April 18, 2003. Any questions may be directed to Timothy Meehan, Animal Control Officer, 229-4478 (home), 225-3100 (work), Tim@MMRVT.com; or Town Administrator Marlene Betit at the Municipal Building, P O Box 157, East Montpelier, VT 05651, 223-3313, eastmontpe@adelphia.net. A complete text of the ordinance are available at the Municipal Building or by contacting Town Administrator Betit.



REPORT OF THE SECOND CONSTABLE AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR EAST MONTPELIER

This past year was a busy one for your Second Constable/Animal Control Officer. At the request of the Vermont State Police, we provided traffic security for a tree that had fallen on telephone lines and partially blocked County Road. We also provided traffic control for an event at Morse Farm that involved many cyclists touring the roads of East Montpelier. On several other occasions we were able to help stranded or lost motorists to find their way home.

East Montpelier's Animal Control Ordinance went into affect for the first time in 2004. No tickets were issued in the community. The past year was spent educating residents on the new ordinance which requires individuals to be in control of their animals. The following is a list of the type of complaints received at either the Town Clerk's office, my home, or filed with the State Police:

- One (1) dog bite was reported in town. The dog's vaccinations were current. The victim was appropriately taken care of.
- One (1) dog was quarantined this year. This required a meeting with the dog's owner to ensure correct procedures were followed during confinement.
- Six (6) occasions to call or meet with residents to ensure their dogs were registered, licensed, and had current vaccinations. This is one of the main responsibilities of the Animal Control Officer.
- Three (3) skunks were captured by town residents and were then properly handled by the Animal Control Officer.

- Five (5) complaints regarding dogs aggressively chasing individuals who were on foot, a bicycle, or a horse were resolved through meetings of all involved.
- One (1) complaint regarding loose cattle that had broken through a fence and three (3) complaints of horses that had escaped their pastures.
- Seven (7) complaints regarding barking dogs. The town's ordinance does not have a noise provision. The involved parties met and attempted to work out a resolution. Some of the complaints were resolved, but others have not been.
- One (1) potential animal cruelty complaint was resolved to everyone's satisfaction prior to a formal complaint being issued.
- One (1) call regarding a dog that had been hit by a car and was lying beside the road. The owner was located and the dog received medical attention.
- Two (2) complaints regarding dogs chasing young cattle in their pasture.

As you can see, this has been a busy year. It has been a pleasure dealing with the community of East Montpelier. We are happy to report that most of the complaints brought to our attention have been resolved to the satisfaction of all involved. I would like to take this time to thank everyone involved in making position of Animal Control Officer a rewarding one: Marlene Betit, Terry Conti, Sylvia Tosi, and Mike Garand. Special thanks go to Elliot Morse, who, when I was out of town, stepped in to assist when it was most needed. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at home 229-4478 or at my office 225-3100.

— TIMOTHY MEEHAN



TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

With tsunami and mudslides happening in other parts of the world and country, we here in East Montpelier worry over ice and snow coming at us in the winter months and perhaps a good amount of rain in the spring and summer with not to much worry except when we might be in a drought mode. Then we hope our water supply will hold up but even that doesn't compare to what these people have suffered in recent happenings.

At this moment, Land Record Book 86 is being filled with Warranty and Mortgage deeds and other miscellaneous documents. Total documents recorded in 2004 was 875 or a total of 2,738 pages. Income this year totaled \$ 21,213, a decrease of \$12,192 from 2003. This is due to the refinancing dropping off over the year, since by now everyone has their mortgage deed at the lowest rate available. Interest rates are going back up now. A total of 902 documents were received from Jan. 1, 2004 to Jan. 1, 2005. This does not include how many pages the documents include.

Microfilming of 12 of Land Record Books was done as I noted in last year's report. Another 10 books could be done to bring the microfilming up to where

current recording is being done. Book 76 is the next book to start on this year for microfilming.

Restoration of Land Record Book 15 was done for \$814. Other Vital Records books, for Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1930-1939 were restored for \$707.

Use of our Planning & Zoning Module has been established with Zoning & Planning records being put in the records by Terri Conti, Assistant Town Clerk, starting with year 2004 back to 1995. All this information has been interconnected with the Tax ID # of each parcel listed on the Grand List. To date there are 1,132 permits entered.

This year there were three Federal/State Elections held – the Presidential Primary Election as well as Town Meeting held on Town Meeting Day, March 2, 2004, Primary Election on September 14, 2004, and the General Election on November 2, 2004. Use of our Vote Tabulation equipment was appreciated very much. Please refer to our Voting records page in the Town Report.

Property Taxes collected amounted to \$3,404,448 and \$188,976.91 was reported delinquent. Act 68 helped to lower the tax rate for the year by 16 cents. Filing of the form HS-131 was required to attain the Homestead rate for the School District. Filing of this form with the State was required by April 15, 2004. Any filed after that date, were charged a 1% penalty which was noted on your amended tax bill when the town was notified that this form had been filed with the State through the Town's connection with the State Tax Dept. This amount collected was \$367.

Please note that this form HS-131 will be required in 2005 also in order to continue your Homestead designation and it must be filed by April 15, 2005. This form is in your Vermont Tax Form Booklet. Extra copies are on hand at the Town Clerk's Office.

Regarding checks being presented for payment of taxes, recording fees or dog license fees or any bills being paid, especially in person, could be submitted to the Bank that same day and it would be processed that same day. Check 21 or under another name, Check Clearing, is a new federal regulation which was implemented on October 28, 2004. If you wish further information on this, you may check with your own Bank. Please be aware of this fact when your payment for taxes is submitted and make sure the tax amount is available in your account.

November 15, 2004 was our tax deadline this year. Each year this is voted on at Town Meeting. Also, voted on is the time that it has to be received at the office which is 5 p.m. NO postmarked tax payment dated the tax due date but received after the tax due date are accepted. These are turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector.

Anyone wishing to do any research on your property or come and observe for the day, please come in. Our office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

— SYLVIA M. TOSI, *Town Clerk & Treasurer*

CASH FUND BALANCE RECONCILIATION

| Actual Revenues & Expenses: | 2003 | 2004 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 106,679.57* | \$ 87,944.70 |
| Total Revenues | 1,287,059.57 | 1,441,294.61 |
| Total Expenses | (1,305,794.44) | (1,382,834.82) |
| Surplus | <u>\$ 87,944.70</u> | <u>\$ 146,404.49</u> |

* 7 cents surplus reflects actual cash on hand

| December 31, Assets: | 2003 | 2004 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash Drawer | \$ 125.00 | \$ 125.00 |
| Checking Account | 27,000.00 | 27,000.00 |
| Money Market Sweep Account | 225,506.40 | 251,888.44 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 252,631.40</u> | <u>\$ 279,013.44</u> |

| Cash/Fund Balance Reconciliation: | 2003 | 2004 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Total Cash | \$ 252,631.40 | \$ 279,013.44 |
| Less Taxes Owed to School | (122,209.48) | (128,858.33) |
| Transfer back to Special Accounts: | | |
| Capital Reserves | (40,000.00) | (2,138.60) |
| Cemetery Fund | (3,103.07) | (1,525.00) |
| Special Bridge & Culvert Fund | (1.62) | (1.62) |
| Transfer out to General Fund: | | |
| Act 200 Planning Fund | 706.25 | - |
| Forest Fund | 1.13 | 1.13 |
| Held Withholdings: | | |
| AFLAC payroll withholding | (37.41) | - |
| Hunting and Fishing License | (27.50) | (86.00) |
| Marriage License | (15.00) | |
| Misc: Act 200 | | (.53) |
| Reconciled Cash Surplus | <u>\$ 87,944.70</u> | <u>\$ 146,404.49</u> |

NOTE: The Town of East Montpelier reports its financial transactions on the cash basis.

TAXPAYER NOTE

Property taxes must be received in the office by 5 p.m. on the due date which will be Tuesday, November 15, 2005 for this coming tax year. This is voted on at Town Meeting each year. **NO postmarked tax payment dated the tax due date but received after the tax due date are accepted.** They are turned over to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
2005 REVENUE**

| CASH & RECEIPTS: | Actual 2003 | Budget 2004 | Actual YTD 12/31/04 | (Under) Over | Selectboard Proposed 2005 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| TOTAL CASH ON HAND: | \$ 106,679.57 | 87,944.70 | 87,944.70 | 0.00 | 146,404.49 |
| NON-TAX RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
| Recording/Copy Fees | 37,644.77 | 20,000.00 | 21,313.00 | 1,313.00 | 18,000.00 |
| Vault Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,913.32 | 3,913.32 | 3,500.00 |
| Zoning Fees | 8,158.00 | 7,000.00 | 5,691.00 | (1,309.00) | 6,300.00 |
| Sewage Fees | 966.00 | 1,000.00 | 2,050.00 | 1,050.00 | 2,200.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 2,803.00 | 2,800.00 | 2,691.00 | (109.00) | 2,600.00 |
| Liquor Licenses | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Late H131 Filers Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 | 367.87 | 367.87 | 200.00 |
| Education Retention Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,168.00 | 3,168.00 | 3,000.00 |
| School Share Town Expenses..... | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 | 0.00 | 8,500.00 |
| State Aid Highways | 117,973.52 | 110,000.00 | 120,723.56 | 10,723.56 | 115,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 25.73 | 500.00 | 2,232.79 | 1,732.79 | 1,000.00 |
| Interest/Sweep Account | 2,784.02 | 3,000.00 | 4,620.61 | 1,620.61 | 3,500.00 |
| Interest/Delinquent Taxes | 10,708.18 | 8,000.00 | 11,044.15 | 3,044.15 | 9,000.00 |
| Penalty Delinquent Taxes | 10,472.19 | 9,500.00 | 17,791.20 | 8,291.20 | 10,000.00 |
| State Land/Access | 886.00 | 886.00 | 0.00 | (886.00) | 0.00 |
| Current Use Hold Harmless | 40,426.00 | 33,000.00 | 37,754.00 | 4,754.00 | 33,000.00 |
| Legal Fees..... | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Traffic Fines..... | 24,008.13 | 17,000.00 | 17,615.07 | 615.07 | 16,000.00 |
| VCDP Management Income/Fairmont..... | 7,625.54 | 7,600.00 | 7,625.54 | 25.54 | 0.00 |
| State Pilot Program..... | 783.00 | 750.00 | 1,960.00 | 1,210.00 | 750.00 |
| Green Up | 278.40 | 275.00 | 301.32 | 26.32 | 275.00 |
| Municipal Planning Grant | 0.00 | 7,980.00 | 7,980.00* | 0.00 | 3,420.00 |
| Better Backroads Grant - Coburn Rd..... | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,900.00 |
| Vitrans Grant for County Rd Paving..... | 0.00 | 76,000.00 | 76,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Vitrans Grant for Clark Road Culvert..... | 52,645.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Vtrans Grant for Putnam Road Culvert..... | 73,024.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Equipment Loan Proceeds..... | 87,400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| SUBTOTAL NON-TAX RECEIPTS | \$ 487,212.28 | 313,891.00 | 353,442.43 | 39,551.43 | 245,045.00 |

* Includes \$3,079 in "Municipal Planning Grant" account (page 40).

TAXES:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Current Taxes: | | | | | |
| Selectboard Budget | 911,354.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 888,402.16 | |
| Other Money Articles | 139,752.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 171,781.00 | |
| Total Current Taxes | 1,051,106.38 | 871,033.94 | (180,072.44) | \$1,060,183.16 | |

Delinquent Taxes:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Current Year | 29,277.76 | N/A | 94,819.99 | N/A | |
| Prior Years | 103,321.54 | N/A | 121,998.25 | N/A | |
| Total Delinquent Taxes | \$132,599.30 | N/A | 216,818.24 | 216,818.24 | N/A |

TOTAL TAXES

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$799,847.29 | 1,051,106.38 | 1,087,852.18 | 36,745.80 | 1,060,183.16 |
| GRAND TOTAL CASH & RECEIPTS | \$1,393,739.14 | \$1,452,942.08 | \$1,529,239.31 | \$76,297.23 | \$1,451,632.65 |

TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Selectboard w/o Articles | \$1,101,920.11 | 1,126,648.24 | 1,313,190.08 | 1,279,851.65 |
| Less: Cash on Hand | 75,289.41 | 106,679.57 | 87,944.70 | 146,404.49 |
| Subtotal | 1,026,630.70 | 1,019,968.67 | 1,225,245.38 | 1,133,447.16 |
| Less: Proposed Non-Tax Receipts | 347,941.86 | 351,400.00 | 313,891.00 | 245,045.00 |
| Municipal Proposed for Tax w/o articles | 678,688.84 | 668,568.67 | 911,354.38 | 888,402.16 |
| Plus: Articles | 138,519.00 | 81,890.00 | 139,752.00 | 171,781.00 |
| Total Town Current Taxes | \$817,207.84 | \$750,458.67 | \$1,051,106.38 | \$1,060,183.16 |

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
2005 BUDGET**

| EXPENDITURES | Actual 2003 | Budget 2004 | Actual YTD 12/31/04 | Under (Over) | Proposed 2005 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| GENERAL EXPENSES: | | | | | |
| Town Officers: | | | | | |
| Town Clerk | \$ 33,405.84 | 34,407.88 | 34,407.88 | 0 | 35,440.12 |
| Assistant Town Clerk - Coburn | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assistant Town Clerk - Conti | 19,138.52 | 21,443.80 | 21,452.47 | (8.67) | 21,765.46 |
| Substitute Town Clerk | 2,166.37 | 4,545.80 | 4,151.86 | 393.94 | 4,682.17 |
| Auditors | 2,020.70 | 2,600.00 | 2,157.50 | 442.50 | 2,600.00 |
| Selectboard | 2,250.00 | 2,250.00 | 2,250.00 | 0 | 2,250.00 |
| Town Administrator | 20,237.24 | 27,864.72 | 27,864.72 | 0 | 28,700.66 |
| Salary Pool | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 700.00 |
| Municipal Assistant | 630.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 739.00 |
| Health Officer | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 0 | 750.00 |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | 9,648.20 | 12,000.00 | 20,274.89 | (8,274.89) | 10,000.00 |
| Comprehensive Salary Evaluation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Town Officers | 90,246.87 | 105,862.20 | 113,309.32 | (7,447.12) | 107,627.41 |
| Employee Benefits: | | | | | |
| Social Security/Medicare | 18,026.20 | 19,655.04 | 19,793.51 | (138.47) | 22,669.00 |
| Municipal Retirement | 9,391.02 | 10,225.64 | 9,478.86 | 746.78 | 11,821.00 |
| Long-Term Disability Insurance | 173.13 | 708.00 | 875.80 | (167.80) | 980.00 |
| Unemployment | 2,514.14 | 2,526.00 | 2,526.00 | 0 | 533.00 |
| Health Insurance | 31,695.98 | 32,548.80 | 40,596.59 | (8,047.79) | 52,993.00 |
| Total Employee Benefits | 61,800.47 | 65,663.48 | 73,270.76 | (7,607.28) | 88,996.00 |
| Law Enforcement: | | | | | |
| State Troopers | 9,269.03 | 18,972.00 | 16,818.84 | 2,153.16 | 20,284.80 |
| Community Advisory Board | 0 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0 | 50.00 |

| | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1st Constable | 750.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0 | 500.00 |
| 2nd Constable/Animal Control Off. | 750.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0 | 500.00 |
| E-9-1-1 Dispatch | 3,150.00 | 3,197.25 | 4,231.00 | (1,033.75) | 4,585.00 |
| Sheriff's Patrol | 1,279.90 | 0 | 5.13 | (5.13) | 0 |
| Total Law Enforcement | 15,198.93 | 23,219.25 | 22,104.97 | 1,114.28 | 25,919.80 |
| Town Meeting & Elections: | | | | | |
| Ballot Clerks | 375.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,068.40 | (68.40) | 400.00 |
| Town Report & Printing | 2,747.35 | 2,850.00 | 2,739.65 | 110.35 | 2,850.00 |
| Ballot Equipment | 1,161.78 | 3,500.00 | 3,403.50 | 96.50 | 1,250.00 |
| Total Town Meeting/Elections | 4,284.13 | 7,350.00 | 7,211.55 | 138.45 | 4,500.00 |
| East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund (EMRLF) | | | | | |
| General Expenses | 141.20 | 500.00 | 0 | 500.00 | 0 |
| Loan Servicing Software | 0 | 2,000.00 | 0 | 2,000.00 | 0 |
| Mailing Expense | 0 | 500.00 | 0 | 500.00 | 0 |
| Total EMRLF | 141.20 | 3,000.00 | 0 | 3,000.00 | 0 |
| Electricity: | | | | | |
| Town Office | 1,324.97 | 1,350.00 | 1,237.30 | 112.70 | 1,376.00 |
| Street Lights | 4,264.77 | 4,325.00 | 4,258.37 | 66.63 | 4,325.00 |
| Town Garage | 1,775.23 | 2,200.00 | 2,453.27 | (253.27) | 2,750.00 |
| Total Electricity | 7,364.97 | 7,875.00 | 7,948.94 | (73.94) | 8,451.00 |
| Telephone: | | | | | |
| Town Office | 2,331.01 | 2,600.00 | 2,348.43 | 251.57 | 2,600.00 |
| Town Garage | 1,179.65 | 1,200.00 | 1,509.84 | (309.84) | 1,500.00 |
| Total Telephone | 3,510.66 | 3,800.00 | 3,858.27 | (58.27) | 4,100.00 |
| Insurance & Bonds | 20,696.00 | 21,000.00 | 22,988.93 | (1,988.93) | 24,000.00 |
| Legal Fees | 3,337.91 | 4,000.00 | 3,007.00 | 993.00 | 3,500.00 |

| | Actual 2003 | Budget 2004 | Actual YTD 12/31/04 | Under (Over) | Proposed 2005 |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Accounting Services: | | | | | |
| Conversion to modified accrual | 200.00 | 1,000.00 | 0 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Outside Audit | 3,500.00 | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 | 0 | 6,500.00 |
| Total Accounting Services | 3,700.00 | 4,700.00 | 3,700.00 | 1,000.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Land Acquisition Studies | | | | | |
| | 0 | 0 | 1,800.00 | (1,800.00) | 6,000.00 |
| Office Supplies: | | | | | |
| Postage | 2,776.17 | 3,000.00 | 3,565.09 | (565.09) | 3,620.00 |
| Restoration | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0 | 1,000.00 |
| Sesquicentennial | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplies | 6,239.69 | 6,495.00 | 6,425.66 | 69.34 | 6,500.00 |
| Copier Lease | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,701.00 |
| Equipment | 1,210.53 | 1,740.00 | 2,302.77 | (562.77) | 400.00 |
| Vault Storage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Office Supplies | 11,226.39 | 12,235.00 | 13,293.52 | (1,058.52) | 13,221.00 |
| Printing & Advertising | | | | | |
| Broadband survey & mailing | 1,947.53 | 2,500.00 | 1,967.33 | 532.67 | 2,500.00 |
| | 0 | 0 | 665.90 | (665.90) | 0 |
| Total Printing & Advertising | 1,947.53 | 2,500.00 | 2,633.23 | (133.23) | 2,500.00 |
| Computer: | | | | | |
| Services | 3,205.49 | 3,877.00 | 4,041.85 | (164.85) | 3,957.00 |
| Tax Map Conversion (tiff to digital) | 0 | 6,200.00 | 6,239.34 | (39.34) | 0 |
| Tax Maps linked to NEMRC, ARCVIEW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,200.00 |
| Equipment/Software | 5,583.24 | 4,888.76 | 4,512.13 | 376.63 | 1,360.00 |
| Total Computer | 8,788.73 | 14,965.76 | 14,793.32 | 172.44 | 13,517.00 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Municipal Building: | | | | | | |
| Payroll..... | 280.00 | 280.00 | 372.50 | (92.50) | 500.00 | |
| Water Cooler..... | 163.25 | 200.00 | 191.35 | 8.65 | 200.00 | |
| Rubbish/Recycling..... | 196.86 | 300.00 | 439.31 | (139.31) | 300.00 | |
| Water..... | 734.58 | 1,000.00 | 667.80 | 332.20 | 900.00 | |
| Custodial..... | 1,738.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,938.00 | 62.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| Fuel..... | 1,441.16 | 1,568.00 | 1,226.20 | 341.80 | 2,000.00 | |
| General Expenses..... | 1,978.03 | 1,000.00 | 1,035.50 | (35.50) | 1,000.00 | |
| Septic Maintenance..... | 345.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 400.00 | |
| Landscaping..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,550.00 | |
| Exit/Emerg. Lighting, fire alarm, GFCI..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,175.00 | |
| Repairs..... | 1,400.00 | 1,800.00 | 2,533.51 | (733.51) | 800.00 | |
| Total Municipal Building | 8,276.88 | 8,148.00 | 8,404.17 | (256.17) | 21,825.00 | |
| Other Office Expense: | | | | | | |
| General..... | 742.12 | 850.00 | 922.68 | (72.68) | 850.00 | |
| Tax Map Maintenance..... | 1,325.00 | 1,325.00 | 1,325.00 | 0 | 1,325.00 | |
| In Service Training..... | 835.00 | 800.00 | 695.00 | 105.00 | 800.00 | |
| Total Miscellaneous | 2,902.12 | 2,975.00 | 2,942.68 | 32.32 | 2,975.00 | |
| Planning & Zoning: | | | | | | |
| Zoning Payroll..... | 7,404.96 | 10,500.00 | 10,149.94 | 350.06 | 11,000.00 | |
| Training..... | 0 | 350.00 | 0 | 350.00 | 250.00 | |
| Advertising..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,330.00 | |
| Mileage Expense & Misc..... | 221.95 | 385.00 | 376.88 | 8.12 | 385.00 | |
| Sub-Total Zoning Administration | 7,626.91 | 11,235.00 | 10,526.82 | 708.18 | 12,965.00 | |
| Planning Commission: | | | | | | |
| Secretary..... | 658.50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hearing Notification/Advertising..... | 398.40 | 540.00 | 166.00 | 374.00 | 0 | |
| Draft Zoning Regs ¹ | 0 | 7,980.00 | 7,980.00 | 0 | 6,499.34 | |
| Mailing & Misc..... | 47.57 | 120.00 | 0 | 120.00 | 120.00 | |
| Educational/Training..... | 140.00 | 450.00 | 0 | 450.00 | 450.00 | |
| Sub-Total Planning Commission..... | 1,244.47 | 9,090.00 | 8,146.00 | 944.00 | 7,069.34 | |

1. Planning Grant - See Revenue

| | Actual 2003 | Budget 2004 | Actual YTD 12/31/04 | Under (Over) | Proposed 2005 |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Board of Adjustment: | | | | | |
| Secretary | 1,087.50 | 0 | 125.00 | (125.00) | 0 |
| Hearing Notification/Advertising | 789.60 | 790.00 | 565.38 | 224.62 | 0 |
| Mailing & Misc. | 120.10 | 120.00 | 0 | 120.00 | 210.00 |
| Educational/Training | 90.00 | 210.00 | 40.00 | 170.00 | 330.00 |
| Sub-Total Board of Adjustment | 2,087.20 | 1,120.00 | 730.38 | 389.62 | 540.00 |
| Total Planning & Zoning | 10,958.58 | 21,445.00 | 19,403.20 | 2,041.80 | 20,574.34 |
| Sewage Officer - Payroll | | | | | |
| Mailing & Mileage | 1,296.00 | 1,690.00 | 1,944.00 | (254.00) | 2,300.00 |
| Total Sewage Officer | 1,451.11 | 1,940.00 | 2,137.50 | (197.50) | 2,550.00 |
| Listers: | | | | | |
| Salaries..... | 10,165.00 | 14,500.00 | 9,800.00 | 4,700.00 | 17,000.00 |
| Supplies | 47.00 | 500.00 | 65.88 | 434.12 | 500.00 |
| Services..... | 0 | 500.00 | 0 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Total Listers | 10,212.00 | 15,500.00 | 9,865.88 | 5,634.12 | 18,000.00 |
| Tax Appeals/Abatements | | | | | |
| | 0 | 800.00 | 0 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Loans & Interest | | | | | |
| Tax Anticipation Interest | 3,863.61 | 4,000.00 | 5,525.32 | (1,525.32) | 6,000.00 |
| Equipment Loan Payment | 0 | 30,298.66 | 30,881.33 | (582.67) | 30,299.00 |
| Fire Truck ² | 51,900.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Loans & Interest | 55,763.61 | 34,298.66 | 36,406.65 | (2,107.99) | 36,299.00 |

2. See *Equipment Loan Proceeds*

| | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dues & Budget Requests: | | | | | |
| CV Regional Planning Comm..... | 2,191.30 | 2,191.30 | 2,191.30 | 0 | 2,192.00 |
| Northern VT Resource Council..... | 0 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 0 | 75.00 |
| CV Economic Development..... | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 0 | 900.00 |
| Washington County Expense..... | 17,387.00 | 16,746.00 | 16,746.00 | 0 | 17,500.00 |
| Vt. League Cities & Towns..... | 1,977.00 | 2,157.00 | 2,157.00 | 0 | 2,460.00 |
| Recreation Board..... | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0 | 3,000.00 |
| Wrightsville Beach Dist..... | 1,160.10 | 1,160.10 | 1,160.10 | 0 | 1,160.10 |
| Ambulance Service..... | 52,790.00 | 61,117.87 | 61,441.25 | (323.38) | 62,450.00 |
| CV Solid Waste Mgt. Dist..... | 5,432.70 | 5,460.00 | 5,607.00 | (147.00) | 5,700.00 |
| Fire Department..... | 87,975.00 | 101,438.00 | 101,437.50 | 0.50 | 136,450.00** |
| SCBA (Breathing Apparatus) ³ | 5,000.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Displaced Canine Services..... | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 0 | 800.00 |
| Sesquicentennial Celebration..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K-H. Library Capital Campaign..... | 16,290.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Dues & Budget Requests | 195,403.10 | 195,520.27 | 195,990.15 | (469.88) | 232,687.10 |
| TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES: | 517,211.19 | 556,797.62 | 565,070.04 | (8,272.42) | 645,542.65 |

3. See Equipment Loan Proceeds
 ** E.M.'s 75% share of Fire Dept. should be \$102,337.50. Error will be corrected when tax rate is set.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES:

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Summer Roads | | | | | |
| Labor..... | 58,775.08 | 59,190.26 | 64,078.75 | (4,888.49) | 73,401.00 |
| Operations..... | 30,554.72 | 25,000.00 | 22,125.37 | 2,874.63 | 25,750.00 |
| Chloride..... | 15,919.50 | 27,000.00 | 10,512.75 | 16,487.25 | 27,000.00 |
| Cherry Tree Hill Culvert..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gravel..... | 51,720.47 | 83,000.00 | 79,711.70 | 3,288.30 | 83,000.00 |
| Guardrail..... | 0 | 4,500.00 | 2,736.00 | 1,764.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Pavement Crack Sealing..... | 6,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| County Road Paving ⁴ | 0 | 95,000.00 | 95,000.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Coburn Road & Cate Farm Bridge..... | 0 | 70,000.00 | 48,925.00 | 21,075.00 | 0 |

| | Actual 2003 | Budget 2004 | Actual YTD 12/31/04 | Under (Over) | Proposed 2005 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Clark Road Culvert ⁵ | 65,807.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Putnam Road Culvert ⁶ | 81,138.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Summer Roads | 309,914.77 | 373,690.26 | 332,089.57 | 41,600.69 | 223,651.00 |
| 4. \$76,000 - Vtrans Reimbursement 2004 see Revenue page. | | | | | |
| 5. \$52,645 - Vtrans Reimbursement 2003 see Revenue page. | | | | | |
| 6. \$73,024 - Vtrans Reimbursement 2003 see Revenue page. | | | | | |
| Winter Roads: | | | | | |
| Labor..... | 56,091.98 | 66,406.19 | 51,992.10 | 14,414.09 | 76,398.00 |
| Operations..... | 2,183.59 | 4,000.00 | 1,857.20 | 2,142.80 | 4,200.00 |
| Salt..... | 44,630.45 | 35,000.00 | 30,752.26 | 4,247.74 | 32,000.00 |
| Sand | 58,068.13 | 48,000.00 | 42,657.34 | 5,342.66 | 48,000.00 |
| Total Winter Roads | 160,974.15 | 153,406.19 | 127,258.90 | 26,147.29 | 160,598.00 |
| Equipment Repairs & Maintenance: | | | | | |
| Misc. Repairs & Maintenance | 21,314.41 | 43,000.00 | 21,478.56 | | 44,000.00 |
| 1994 Dump Truck (sold to EMFD)..... | 0 | | | | |
| 1996 Dump Truck (sold to EMFD)..... | 2,820.12 | | 1,343.63 | | |
| 1999 Dump Truck..... | 3,510.81 | | 7,554.93 | | |
| 2000 1 Ton Truck | 1,512.01 | | 2,011.92 | | |
| 2001 Ten Wheeler..... | 1,542.94 | | 3,403.28 | | |
| 2005 Ten Wheeler..... | 0 | | 0 | | |
| 1967 Ford Truck (Chloride) | 0 | | 33.40 | | |
| Chipper | 0 | | 68.89 | | |
| Grader | 8,937.79 | | 4,102.57 | | |
| Loader | 106.20 | | 264.72 | | |
| Excavator | 0 | | 1,215.22 | | |
| Backhoe | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Total Equipment | 39,744.28 | 43,000.00 | 41,477.12 | 1,522.88 | 44,000.00 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Other Road Expenses: | | | | | |
| Gas, Fuel, Oil & Grease | 12,937.49 | 22,000.00 | 25,264.24 | (3,264.24) | 25,000.00 |
| '97 Paving Bond..... | 111,195.00 | 107,145.00 | 107,145.00 | 0 | 102,960.00 |
| '01 Dump Truck Note..... | 25,587.46 | 25,096.01 | 25,135.41 | (39.40) | 0 |
| 2004 Dump Truck Downpayment..... | 0 | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Town Garage finish bay, install drains..... | 0 | 20,000.00 | 0 | 20,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Salt Shed Construction ⁷ | 43,879.02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Green-Up Day | 334.07 | 500 | 521.66 | (21.66) | 600.00 |
| Signs | 1,972.01 | 1,500.00 | 815.88 | 684.12 | 1,500.00 |
| In Service Training | 555.00 | 555.00 | 305.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Other Road Exp. | 196,460.05 | 194,796.01 | 177,187.19 | 17,608.82 | 206,060.00 |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET | 707,093.25 | 764,892.46 | 678,012.78 | 86,879.68 | 634,309.00 |
| TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET | 1,224,304.44 | 1,321,690.08 | 1,243,082.82 | 78,607.26 | 1,279,851.65 |

7. *Equipment Loan Proceeds 2003, see Revenue Page.*

VOTED ARTICLES:

| | | | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Special Fire Equipment | 58,000.00 | 112,000.00 | 112,000.00 | 0 | 111,000.00 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,500.00 |
| EMFD Heating System | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,750.00 |
| EMFD Engine #3..... | 1,990.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0 | 1,500.00 |
| Four Corners Schoolhouse | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 0 | 7,000.00 |
| Cemetery Commission | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,000.00 |
| Conservation Fund..... | 0 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0 | 2,500.00 |
| Community Connections ⁸ | 9,000.00 | 11,438.00 | 11,438.00 | 0 | 15,942.00 |
| K-H. Library Operating Support ⁹ | 0 | 1,464.00 | 1,464.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Central Vermont Council On Aging ¹⁰ | | | | | |
| Total of Individual Voted Articles | 73,990.00 | 132,902.00 | 132,902.00 | 0 | 162,192.00 |

8. & 9. *2004 and 2005 Petitioned Articles*

10. *2004 Petitioned Article; See below for 2005*

FUNDING REQUESTS:

| | Actual 2003 | Budget 2004 | Actual YTD 12/31/04 | Under (Over) | Proposed 2005 |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Project Graduation U-32 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0 | 200.00 |
| C.V. Home Health & Hospice | 2,600.00 | 2,600.00 | 2,600.00 | 0 | 2,800.00 |
| C.V. Community Action | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 0 | 400.00 |
| Wash. County Youth Serv. | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 0 | 400.00 |
| C.V. Council on Aging (<i>petitioned in 2004</i>) | 900.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,464.00 |
| Retired Senior Volunteers | 275.00 | 275.00 | 275.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Battered Women's Serv/Shelter | 675.00 | 675.00 | 675.00 | 0 | 675.00 |
| Vt. Center for Ind. Living | 200.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Project Independence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500.00 |
| Vermont Green Up | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0 | 100.00 |
| People's Health Clinic | 700.00 | 950.00 | 950.00 | 0 | 950.00 |
| Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc. | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 0 | 500.00 |
| Court Diversion Program | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0 | 300.00 |
| Family Center Wash. County | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0 | 300.00 |
| Onion River Arts Council | 0 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Green Mtn. Transit (formerly Wheels) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,000.00 |
| Onion River Food Shelf | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Total of Funding Request Article | 7,500.00 | 6,850.00 | 6,850.00 | 0 | 9,589.00 |
| TOTAL VOTED ARTICLES | 81,490.00 | 139,752.00 | 139,752.00 | 0 | 171,781.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES | \$1,305,794.44 | 1,461,442.08 | 1,382,834.82 | 78,607.26 | 1,451,632.65 |

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

DUE IN 2005

| Notes Payable | 2005 Balance | Interest Rate | Interest Amount | 2005 | | 2006 Est'd. | 2007 Est'd. | 2008 Est'd. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | | Total | Principal | | | |
| 2002 Pumper/Tanker | | | | | | | | |
| VT Agency of Transportation | \$ 58,266 | 2.00% | 1,166 | 29,133 | 30,299 | 29,133 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest | | | | | | 583 | 0 | 0 |
| 1997 Paving Project Bond: | | | | | | | | |
| 6/1 Interest Only Payment | | | 6,480 | | 6,480 | 4,343 | 2,183 | 0 |
| 12/1 Interest Payment | | | 6,480 | | 6,480 | 4,342 | 2,182 | 0 |
| 12/1 Principal Payment | 270,000 | | | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 0 |
| | <u>\$ 328,266</u> | | <u>\$ 14,126</u> | <u>\$ 119,133</u> | <u>\$ 133,259</u> | <u>\$ 128,401</u> | <u>\$ 94,365</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> |

Debt Service:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2005 | 133,259 |
| 2006 | 128,401 |
| 2007 | 94,365 |
| 2008 and thereafter | 0 |
| | <u>356,025</u> |
| Less Interest Portion: | <u>(40,719)</u> |
| Total Debt | <u>\$ 315,306</u> |

NOTES:

- 1) Interest rates on notes are for current year and are subject to change in future years.
- 2) Paving Bond debt schedule is determined by the Vermont Bond Bank. Interest averages about 4.530% over the life of the loan. Final payment is due 12/1/2007.
- 3) Balance includes principal and interest on Paving Project Bond.
Paving Project Bond payments on principal are @ \$90,000 per year over 10 years.

TOWN SALARIES AND BENEFITS PAID

| | Salary | Total* |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| TOWN OFFICE | | |
| Sylvia Tosi | \$ 34,407.88 | \$ 45,217.94 |
| Teresa Conti | 21,577.47 | 26,505.07 |
| Marlene Betit | 27,864.72 | 32,513.57 |
| Virginia Hopkins | 1,653.36 | 1,779.85 |
| Maryanne Cerasoli | 2,773.50 | 2,985.66 |
| | \$ 88,276.93 | \$ 109,002.09 |
| ROADS | | |
| | Overtime Hours | |
| Michael Garand | 432.0 | |
| Anthony C. Williams | 384.0 | |
| Frank Campbell, II | 361.5 | |
| Jeffrey Booth | 2.5 | |
| | 3,789.00 | 4,078.86 |
| | \$ 116,070.85 | \$ 156,497.16 |
| OTHER | | |
| Thomas H. Brazier | 750.00 | 807.38 |
| Martha Holden | 750.00 | 807.38 |
| Edith Miller | 750.00 | 807.38 |
| Norma Raymond | 20,274.89 | 21,825.92 |
| Rosendo Cueto | 7,720.00 | 8,310.58 |
| Ross Hazel | 1,455.00 | 1,566.31 |
| Richard Czaplinski | 1,944.00 | 2,092.72 |
| Diana Chace | 1,934.88 | 2,082.90 |
| Dean Monteith | 3,306.25 | 3,559.19 |
| Deborah Fillion | 6,301.31 | 6,783.37 |
| Tracy M. Phillips | 610.00 | 656.67 |
| Shirley King | 155.00 | 166.86 |
| Timothy Meehan | 500.00 | 538.25 |
| Dennis Carver | 500.00 | 538.25 |
| Chris Reed | 750.00 | 807.38 |
| James Goodall | 350.00 | 376.78 |
| | \$ 48,051.33 | \$ 51,727.32 |
| CEMETERY | | |
| Elliott Morse | 1,623.00 | 1,747.17 |
| Allen Ploof | 1,142.50 | 1,229.91 |
| William Ploof | 397.50 | 427.92 |
| TOTAL CEMETERY | \$ 3,163.00 | \$ 3,405.00 |
| TOTAL TOWN & CEMETERY | \$ 255,562.11 | \$ 320,631.57 |

* Benefit packages may include: FICA (Social Security), Medicare, Retirement, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, payment in lieu of Health Insurance, and/or Uniforms. Other costs of the employer for Federal/State Unemployment and Workers' Compensation Insurance are not included as benefits. These costs for 2004 were \$2,526.00 for Unemployment and \$9,503.93 for Workers' Comp.

DELINQUENT TAXES

| | Taxes Due Jan. 1, 2004 | Paid In 2004 | Abated 2004 | Balance Due Dec. 31, 2004 |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1991-1999 | 464 | 0 | 0 | 464 |
| 2000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2001 | 1,414 | 715 | 0 | 699 |
| 2002 | 7,711 | 6,368 | 0 | 1,343 |
| 2003 | 122,655 | 113,791 | 1,128 | 7,736 |
| | <u>\$ 132,244</u> | <u>\$ 120,874</u> | <u>\$ 1,128</u> | <u>\$ 10,242</u> |
| 2004 Del. Taxes Submitted to Collector on 11/16/04 | 188,977 | 95,935 | 56 * | 92,986 |
| | <u>\$ 321,221</u> | <u>\$ 216,809</u> | <u>\$ 1,184</u> | <u>\$ 103,228</u> |
| Interest on Delinquent Tax | | 11,044 | | |
| | | <u>\$ 227,853</u> | | |

SUMMARY:

Delinquent Taxes

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Uncollected as of January 1, 2004 | \$ 132,244 |
| 2004 Delinquent Taxes Submitted to Collector 11/16/04..... | 188,977 |
| | <u>\$ 321,221</u> |

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Delinquent Taxes Collected and Submitted to Treasurer** | 216,809 |
| Uncollected as of December 31, 2004 | 103,228 |
| Abated | 1,128 |
| Adjustments * | 56 |
| | <u>\$ 321,221</u> |

Total Delinquent Taxes and Interest Collected in 2004 \$ 227,853

* Adjustments to tax owed due to late filing of H-131 form.

** Does not include \$35,524.10 collected for December 2004 and submitted on January 4, 2005.

2004 TAXES RAISED

Tax Rates

Homestead \$1.7373 • Non-Residential \$1.7566 • Town \$.7294

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Municipal Grand List | \$ 1,452,945.24* |
| Homestead Grand List | \$ 1,099,935.74* |
| Non-Residential Grand List | \$ 354,993.50* |

** Note: These figures represent adjustments made to Grand List after tax rate was set and new H-131 Homestead Forms were filed after April 15, 2004. A late penalty fee of 1% was charged to those who filed the H-131 form after this April 15 date.*

| | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Taxes Raised at \$.7294 Town Tax Rate* | \$ 1,059,778.29 |
| Taxes Raised at \$1.7373 Homestead Tax Rate* | 1,910,918.48 |
| Taxes Raised at \$1.7566 Non-Residential Tax Rate* | 623,581.62 |
| Penalty 1% / Late H-131 Homestead Fees | 367.87* |
| Total | \$ 3,594,646.26 |
| Less Lease Land (UVM/WCGS) | (63.16) |
| Total | \$ 3,594,583.10 |
| Less Penalty Fees to Town | (367.87)* |
| Total Taxes | \$ 3,594,215.23** |

Sources of Taxes Collected

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Town Taxes Collected | \$ 1,003,085.22 |
| Homestead and Non-Residential Taxes Collected | 2,401,362.78 |
| Uncollected 2004 Taxes as of Dec. 31, 2004 | 188,976.91 |
| Total | 3,593,424.91 |
| Less Penalty Fees to Town | (367.87) |
| Total Taxes | \$ 3,593,057.04** |

*** Note: The discrepancy in these figures results in the change of tax rate between the Residential and Non-Residential Rate of Taxes under which the School Taxes are figured. If the Homestead H-131 form had not been filed by April 15, 2004, and was filed after the tax bills were prepared, updates were sent to us by the State and a new tax bill was prepared because the Non-residential status changed to Residential. Changing from the Non-residential tax rate (\$1.7566) to the (Homestead) Residential tax rate (\$1.7373) decreased the amount of taxes to be collected.*

— Sylvia Tosi, Town Clerk

2004 DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES

Amount calculated due to School District as follows:

| Tax Rate: | | Percentage |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| Homestead Liability | \$ 1.7373 | 53% |
| Non-Residential | \$ 1.7566 | 17% |
| Town | \$.7294 | 30% |

Homestead Tax Rate **\$ 2.47**

Non-Residential Rate **\$ 2.49**



| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Non-Residential Education..... | \$ 623,581.62 |
| Homestead Education..... | 1,910,918.48 |
| Total School Taxes | <u>2,534,500.10</u> |
| Penalty 1% Late H-131 Homestead Fees | 367.87 |
| Total Town Taxes | <u>1,059,778.29</u> |
| Total Taxes..... | 3,594,646.26 |
| Less Lease Land (UVM/WCGS)..... | (63.16) |
| Total | <u><u>\$3,594,583.10**</u></u> |



Collected 2004 taxes as of tax due date (11-15-04) \$3,404,448.00



| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Amount Paid School District (20 days)..... | \$2,401,362.78 |
| Balance Due School District(within 120 days)..... | 128,858.34 |
| Retained by Town from School Taxes | 3,168.00 |
| Amount of School Taxes..... | <u><u>\$2,533,389.12**</u></u> |



| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Collected 2004 Taxes..... | \$3,404,448.00 |
| Delinquent Taxes..... | 188,976.91 |
| Total Taxes..... | <u>3,593,424.91**</u> |
| Less Penalty Fees to Town..... | (367.87) |
| Total Taxes..... | <u><u>\$ 3,593,057.04**</u></u> |

**See explanation under "2004 Taxes Raised" on the facing page.

TOWN PROPERTY

LAND, BUILDINGS, AND CEMETERIES

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Town Office | 0.60 acres | Cate Cemetery | 0.67 acres |
| Town Garage | 24.20 acres | Cutler Cemetery | 2.70 acres |
| Town Salt Shed | 1.50 acre | Doty Cemetery | 2.80 acres |
| Town Fire Station | 1.00 acre | Quaker Cemetery | 0.42 acres |
| Town Forest | 96.36 acres | Tinkham Cemetery | 0.20 acres |
| Elementary School | 18.00 acres | Village Cemetery* | 2.70 acres |
| Recreation Field | 12.00 acres | Wheeler Cemetery | 1.30 acres |
| Coburn Covered Bridge | | <i>*Includes former Town Hall lot</i> | |

VEHICLES, ETC.

(Information as of January 1, 2005)

| | Mileage | Hours |
|--|---------|-------|
| 2005 International 7600 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing | 7,598 | 613 |
| 2002 International 2574 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing | 57,583 | 4,206 |
| 2001 Ford 550 Dump Truck One Way Plow and Sand Spreader | 54,737 | N/A |
| 1999 International 4900 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing | 66,195 | 5,953 |
| 1998 MorBark Brush Chipper | N/A | 654 |
| 1995 International Pumper / Tanker | 17,300 | 1,179 |
| 1993 Caterpillar 928 Front End Loader | N/A | 7,152 |
| 1990 Caterpillar 140G Grader | N/A | 9,645 |
| 1988 John Deere 210C Backhoe | N/A | 3,366 |
| 1985 Case Excavator | N/A | 6,412 |
| 1972 Ford 900 Fire Truck | 35,725 | N/A |

Road Equipment Net Asset Value = \$289,712.63

TOWN SWEEP CHECKING ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | | \$ 252,506 |
| Income: Account Interest | 1,099 | |
| CD Interest | 3,522 | |
| 2 Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN) | 420,000 | |
| from Capital Reserve - County Rd paving..... | 53,804 | |
| from Capital Reserve - Dump Truck..... | 96,566 | |
| from Act 200 Fund (adjustment) | 707 | |
| from Cemetery Fund | 9,777 | |
| from Sesquicentennial Fund | 233 | |
| from Restoration Fund..... | 288 | |
| from Fireworks Fund | 2,800 | |
| from Carlton C. Smith Rec. Fund | 10,450 | |
| from Fairmont Farm Fund | 15,251 | |
| from Land Conservation | 15,000 | |
| from 2004 Planning Grant | 7,980 | |
| State Aid for Highways | 120,724 | |
| VTrans Grant for County Road | 76,000 | |
| Education Retention Fees | 3,168 | |
| Traffic Fines | 17,615 | |
| State Current Use Hold Harmless | 37,754 | |
| Late Files Fee Form H-131 | 368 | |
| State Pilot Program | 1,960 | |
| School Share of Treasurer Expense..... | 8,500 | |
| Fees and Licenses | 35,758 | |
| Green Up | 301 | |
| Property Taxes..... | 3,404,448 | |
| Delinquent Taxes, Int., Penalties | 245,653 | |
| End of Year Account Adjustments..... | 3,751 | |
| Misc. Income..... | 2,233 | |
| | | |
| Total Income | | 4,595,710 |
| Expenses: Town's Portion of School Expenses | 2,523,573 | |
| Repayment of TAN | 420,000 | |
| County Rd and Dump Truck | 150,370 | |
| Capital Reserves (adjustment) | 40,000 | |
| Cemetery Commission (adjustment) | 3,103 | |
| Cemetery Fund..... | 9,777 | |
| Sesquicentennial Fund | 233 | |
| Restoration Fund | 288 | |
| Fireworks Fund | 2,800 | |
| Carlton C. Smith Recreation Fund | 10,450 | |
| Land Conservation | 15,000 | |
| Planning Grant | 3,079 | |
| Fairmont Admin Costs to State | 7,626 | |
| Warned Articles (as voted)..... | 139,752 | |
| 2004 Town Budget (actual) | 1,243,082 | |
| Misc. Expense | 195 | |
| | | |
| Total Expenses | | (4,569,328) |
| Ending Balance* – December 31, 2004 | | \$ 278,888 |

* \$27,000 of ending balance is restricted. Its interest pays for the sweep account service.

PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Dog State Rabies Program | \$ 515.00 |
| State Dog Spay / Neuter Program | 54.00 |
| Marriage and Civil Union Licenses | 345.00 |
| Fish & Wildlife | 773.50 |



TOWN AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS SUMMARY*

See Detailed Reports on Following Pages

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| | |
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| Restoration Fund | 41 |
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* The Town and Fiduciary Funds are held in separate bank accounts. These funds may be spent only for the specific purposes for which they were intended and are not available for the general expenses of the Town.

– Town Funds are raised by taxes.

– Fiduciary Funds come from various sources. Some monies might be provided from tax revenues as voted at Town Meeting.

**SPECIAL BRIDGE AND CULVERT PROJECTS
RESERVE FUND**

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 1,078.62 |
| Interest | 5.83 |
| Bank Charge | <u>(5.00)</u> |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | <u><u>\$ 1,079.45</u></u> |



LAND CONSERVATION FUND

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 43,438.43 |
| Interest on 2 CDs | <u>244.89</u> |
| Expenses | |
| To Mallory Brook / Pratt (see pages 55-57) | (15,000.00) |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | <u><u>\$ 28,683.32</u></u> |



CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND

| | | |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | | |
| Bequest from Carlton C. Smith (CD)* | \$ 50,000.00 | |
| Savings | <u>10,404.36</u> | |
| | | \$ 60,404.36 |
| Interest Earned | | |
| CD | 461.04 | |
| Savings | <u>20.71</u> | |
| | | 481.75 |
| Expenses | | |
| To Four Corners Schoolhouse | (3,000.00) | |
| To Recreation Board | (3,000.00) | |
| To Trails Committee | (4,200.00) | |
| To Rally Day Committee (for Sheriff) | <u>(250.00)</u> | |
| | | (10,450.00) |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | | |
| CD | \$ 50,000.00 | |
| Savings | <u>436.11</u> | |
| | | <u><u>\$ 50,436.11</u></u> |

* Per Carlton C. Smith Bequest, the principal of CD cannot be used. Interest is transferred to a Savings Account where it is available for use as intended.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | | \$138,519 |
| CD – Beginning Balance | | 92,434 |
| CD interest earned | 1,243 | |
| Capital Distributions from CD | (112,019) | |
| CD deposit – 2003 Town Meeting, Art. 6 | 112,000 | 1,224 |
| CD – Ending Balance | | 93,658 |
| Money Market – Beginning Balance | | 46,084 |
| Money Market interest earned | 143 | |
| Capital Distributions from Money Market | (40,490) | (40,347) |
| Money Market – Ending Balance | | 5,737 |
| Money owed from General Fund | | 2,139 |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | | \$101,534 |

CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE

| Allocated Funds: | | Contrib. Year |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| Road Department Trucks 1&2 | 0 | |
| Road Department Heavy Equipment | 80,000 | 2002–2004 |
| Road Department Buildings | 0 | |
| Fire Dept. AED Monitor ³ | 0 | |
| Fire Dept. Breathing Apparatus | 1,000 | 2004 |
| Fire Dept. Trucks | 15,000 | 2004 |
| Paving ⁴ | 196 | |
| Interest earned in prior years | 3,953 | |
| Interest earned 2004 | 1,386 | |
| Dec. 31, 2004 Total | \$101,535 | |

1. Road Dept. Trucks balance was voted to be expended (Article 8) in 2004.
2. \$5,057 interest was expended for 16 Yard Dump Truck (Article 8) in 2004.
3. New line item: Automatic External Defibrillator/Heart Monitor.
4. Paving balance was voted to be expended (Article 7) in 2004.

2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

County Road Paving Project #1 – “Hooper’s Hollow”

| | |
|---|------------------|
| County Road Paving (Budget Expense) | \$ 95,000 |
| 80% VTrans Reimbursement Grant (Budget Revenue) | -76,000 |
| Actual Cost to Town | \$ 19,000 |

County Road Paving Project #2 – from Fitch Rd to Calais Line

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Article 7, 2004 Town Meeting (\$54,000 approved) | \$ 53,804 |
|--|------------------|

Purchase of New 16 Yard Dump Truck

| | |
|--|------------------|
| From Road Department Trucks | 91,509 |
| From Capital Reserve Interest..... | 5,057 |
| Article 8, 2004 Town Meeting (\$98,509 approved) | \$ 96,566 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Total 2004 Capital Reserve Distribution | \$ 150,370 |
|--|-------------------|

Capital Reserve Program

| Contributions | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Road Dept. Trucks | \$ 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 75,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Road Dept. Heavy Equip. | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| Road Dept. Buildings | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Fire Dept. AED Monitor | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Fire Dept. Breathing App. | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Fire Trucks | 29,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 | 29,000 |
| Paving | 47,445 | 51,720 | 56,040 | 58,000 | 78,000 | 78,000 | 85,000 |
| Total Annual Contrib. | \$ 187,445 | 191,720 | 196,040 | 273,000 | 264,000 | 264,000 | 271,000 |

Capital Improvement Program

| Distributions | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Road Dept. Trucks | \$ 0 | 0 | 0 | 105,000 | 0 | 106,000 | 0 |
| Road Dept. Heavy Equip. | 0 | 180,000 | 0 | 75,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 0 |
| Road Dept. Buildings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Dept. AED Monitor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Dept. Breathing App. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire Trucks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202,500 |
| Paving | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Annual Distrib. | \$ 0 | 180,000 | 0 | 195,000 | 250,000 | 206,000 | 202,500 |

NOTES:

- 2006 Heavy Equipment – Grader Replacement after trade-in expected to be \$225,000. \$45,000 to finance.
- 2008 Heavy Equipment – Excavator Replacement.
- 2009 Heavy Equipment – Front End Loader Replacement. \$100,000 total cost estimate after trade-in. \$0 to finance.
- 2009 Road Department Buildings – Sand Shed.
- 2010 Heavy Equipment – Backhoe Replacement. \$100,000.00 total cost estimate after trade-in. \$0 to finance.
- 2011 Fire Department Trucks – \$270,000 engine @ 75% for East Montpelier for \$202,500.

GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 49,642.80 |
| Interest on CDs | 542.43 |
| Received from State of Vermont | 8,036.00 |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | <u>\$ 58,221.23</u> |



2004 MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Account Opened on May 21, 2004 | \$ 0.00 |
| Received from Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development | 7,980.00 |
| Interest | 10.75 |
| to Burnt Rock Associates, Inc. for consulting services | (4,900.57) |
| Bank Charge | (20.00) |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | <u>3,070.18</u> |



VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 428.27 |
| Interest | 1.28 |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | <u>\$ 429.55</u> |



EAST MONTPELIER FIREWORKS FUND *

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 195.91 |
| Donations | 2,881.00 |
| Interest | 1.99 |
| To Northstar Fireworks | (2,800.00) |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | <u>\$ 278.90</u> |

** This account was opened in 2003 and funded with donations from townspeople and local businesses to help offset the costs of fireworks on Rally Day.*

TOWN FOREST FUND

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 22,761.83 | |
| CD – Beginning Balance | 19,685.23 | |
| CD interest earned | 146.42 | |
| | | 19,831.65 |
| Savings – Beginning Balance | 3,076.60 | |
| Savings interest earned | 9.24 | |
| | | 3,085.84 |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | | \$ 22,917.49 |



SESQUICENTENNIAL FUND

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 1,812.89 | |
| Interest | 14.46 | |
| Income | 10.98 | |
| Expenses: Restoration of Town Records | (232.64) | |
| Bank Charge | (3.00) | |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | | \$ 1,602.69 |

Note: This account was opened in 1998 and funded with proceeds from sales of commemorative plates, calendars, buttons, and envelopes.



RESTORATION FUND

| | | |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 287.84 | |
| Interest | .50 | |
| Expenses: Restoration of Town Records | (288.34) | |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | | \$ 0.00 |

Note: Previously, one dollar from receipts for every page recorded by the Town Clerk was deposited into this account for restoration of town records. Beginning with the 2000 budget, a line for Restoration was added to the general budget. The Restoration Fund account was spent down to zero and has been retired.

FAIRMONT FARM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

| | | |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | | \$ 101,372.11 |
| Payments from Fairmont Farms | 36,974.28 | |
| Interest (NSBK) | 760.31 | |
| | | 37,734.59 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Administrative Costs to Town | 7,625.54 | |
| Administrative Costs to VT Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs | 7,625.54 | |
| Community Capital of Central Vermont..... | 123,855.62 | |
| | | (139,106.70) |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | | \$ 0.00 |

The Town of East Montpelier was awarded \$218,000.00 from the Vermont Community Development Program which was loaned to Fairmont Farms at five (5%) percent per annum. The loan was amortized over seven (7) years. The principal and interest payments began February 1, 2000. The repayment schedule is eighty-four monthly payments of \$3,081.19 each. The payments received were deposited in a separate Town account and were earmarked to be used for community development as outlined by state and federal statutes. These funds may be loaned or granted for eligible activities, including public facilities, public services, housing rehabilitation, or economic development.

In 2001, the East Montpelier Selectboard appointed an East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund (EMRLF) Committee. The EMRLF Committee, with assistance from the Town Administrator, made a recommendation to the Selectboard for the operation of the Loan Fund (loan repayments) received from Fairmont Farms, Inc., as established by Grant Agreement 0197/95IG(22).

In 2004, the Selectboard decided to assign the funds to Community Capital of Central Vermont. They will use half of the almost \$235,000 in proceeds from the loan to establish a revolving loan fund to make business loans. The other half was granted to the Central Vermont Land Trust to lend for housing improvements.

For current information on this topic, please see the reports of Community Capital of Central Vermont on page 53 and East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund Committee on page 54.

SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 1.00 |
| Payments from Housing Foundation, Inc. | 6,596.00 |
| Interest | 4.19 |
| Transfer to General Fund checking | (1.00) |
| | <u> </u> |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004 | <u><u>\$ 6,600.19</u></u> |

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

Principal and interest payments began September 1, 2004. Monthly installments are in the amount of \$1,319.20 each, with the balance of any remaining indebtedness due and payable on June 1, 2022. This year the East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund Committee met with the Vermont State Housing Authority to discuss the repayment of this loan. VSHA owns the park and is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance. The water and electrical systems are in need of substantial upgrade and VSHA approached the Selectboard to see if repayment of the loan could be deferred so the money could be used for these repair.

For more information on this topic, please see the report of the East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund Committee on page 54.



CEMETERY TRUST FUND

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | \$ 78,218.61 |
| Income | |
| Vote – 2004 Town Meeting, Art. 11 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Sale of Lots and Perpetual Care | 150.00 |
| | 5,150.00 |
| Interest on Savings: | |
| Chittenden Bank Cemetery Account, 12/31/04 ... | 17.77 |
| Banknorth – For CD, 10/31/04 | 3.91 |
| | 21.68 |
| Interest on CD's: | |
| Chittenden, 12/31/04 | 744.27 |
| Banknorth Bank, 10/31/04..... | 186.44 |
| | 930.71 |
| Care of Cemeteries Expense (see Orders below) | (9,777.48) |
| Banknorth charge | (6.00) |
| | (6.00) |
| Ending Balance – December 31, 2004..... | \$ 74,537.52 |

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2004

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Savings Accounts: | |
| Chittenden Account | \$ 1,602.09 |
| Due to Cem. Account from Town Checking..... | 1,525.00 |
| Banknorth Interest | 60.43 |
| | 3,187.52 |
| Perpetual Care Funds — CD Accounts: | |
| Chittenden | 49,850.00 |
| Banknorth | 21,500.00 |
| | 71,350.00 |
| Total Perpetual Care Funds | \$ 74,537.52 |

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Mowing Payroll | \$ 3,313.00 |
| Fence Painting and Repair | 0.00 |
| Tombstone Repair | 0.00 |
| Tombstone Cleaning | 0.00 |
| Parts and Supplies | 828.04 |
| Equipment Replacement Fund | 387.00 |
| Contingency/Miscellaneous | 120.00 |
| Doty Cemetery Fence | 3,338.00 |
| Veterans' Markers and Signs | 100.00 |
| Cutler Driveway | 1,462.00 |
| Gas | 229.44 |
| | 9,777.48 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 9,777.48 |

EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

The East Montpelier Cemetery Commission met five times during 2004. Pauline Coburn was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2004.

The muddy and slippery entrances to the Cutler Cemetery were repaired with crushed ledge.

It is our intention that the graves of all veterans be marked with a flag. Flag holders have been purchased and placed by the graves of known veterans. Please advise the commission if a grave has been missed.

Goals for the coming year include:

- Repairing fences at the Quaker, Clark and Peck cemeteries.
- Repairing leaning and broken tombstones in the Tinkham cemetery.
- Improving the landscaping in the Quaker and Tinkham cemeteries.
- Restoring broken tombstones at the White cemetery.
- Completing the review and update of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

There were no lot sales in 2004, and the return on our investments remained very low again this year, and wet season severely strained the budget. Allen Ploof and Elliott Morse donated the labor for the final mowing. As a result of all of these factors, we must ask the town for \$7,000 in order to maintain the town cemeteries for the season ahead.

The commissioners thank:

Bradford Lane and Robert Vivian for continuing to mow the White cemetery.

William & Catherine Swift for cleaning up the Clark Cemetery.

Pauline Coburn for hosting the commission meetings.

Elliott Morse and Allen Ploof for donating their labor for the final fall mowing.

— PAULINE COBURN, *Chair*
MAURICE CERUTTI
GARY HUDSON
ELLIOTT MORSE
FREDERICK STRONG

2004 PROPERTY TRANSFERS

| Seller | Buyer | Location | Property | Sale Price |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brazier | Lynch | 1051 Sugarhouse | 6.39 Acres | \$118,000 |
| Donnini | Leonard | 170 Cherry Tree Hill | 10.20 Acres & Dwl. | 380,000 |
| Macleay | Feeny | 543 Bliss Rd | 3.50 Acres & Dwl | 310,000 |
| Wilson | Mealey | 150 Patridge Run | 12.51 Acres & Dwl | 310,000 |
| Raymond | Hall | 1685 Towne Hill | 3.01 Acres | 72,000 |
| Merritt | Goodall | 174 Coburn Rd | 3.79 Acres | 38,000 |
| Merritt | Winters | 74 Coburn Rd | 4.24 Acres | 34,000 |
| Wells | Wells | Sandy Pines | MHU | 9,000 |
| Dodge | Davidson | Sandy Pines | MHU | 16,000 |
| Landolt | Quinn | 3959 Center Rd | 4.10 Acres & Dwl | 235,000 |
| Wells | Morris | 630 Banfield Rd | 2.80 Acres & Dwl | 290,000 |
| Jourdan | Gravel | VT Rte 14S | 5.59 Acres | 50,000 |
| Ward | Johnson | Sandy Pines | MHU | 22,000 |
| Donnelly | Flynn | 135 Elisha Smith | 5.89 Acres & Dwl | 230,000 |
| Merritt | Richards | VT Rte 14N | 3.51 Acres | 38,000 |
| Smith | O'Neal | 925 Jacobs Rd | 7.00 Acres | 103,000 |
| Henry | Loftus | 1695 VT Rte 214 | 3.00 Acres & Dwl | 145,000 |
| Nutter | Porter | 390 Haggett Rd | 4.90 Acres & MH | 52,000 |
| Jourdan | Cochran | VT Rte 14S | 5.52 Acres | 50,000 |
| Fitch | White | 440 Fitch Rd | 10.10 Acres | 30,000 |
| Thompson | Clayton | 235 Walbridge Rd | 7.6 Acres & Dwl | 162,500 |
| Hill | Chickering | Boulder Ridge | 10.30 Acres | 72,000 |
| Parker | Banfield | 140 Maplewood | 0.82 Acres & Dwl | 212,000 |
| Lester | Bissell | North St. | 3.47 Acres | 84,000 |
| Porter | Parker | Cherry Tree Hill Rd | 3.06 Acres | 78,000 |
| Zimmerman | Parsons | 1898 County Rd | 7.07 Acres & Dwl | 250,000 |
| Bristow | Jordan | 360 Horn of Moon | 10.60 Acres & Dwl | 307,500 |
| Benedict | Megrath | 2023 County Rd | 2.63 Acres & Dwl | 197,500 |
| Kirby | Kirby | 865 Cherry Tree Hill | 2.00 Acres & Dwl | 210,000 |
| Heller | Clark | 820 Dodge Rd | 76.00 Acres & Dwl | 300,000 |
| Strassberger | Pratt | 1733 US Rte 2 | 1.77 Acres & Comm | 175,000 |
| Wells | Benway | 230 Pine Ridge Rd | 1.00 Acres & Dw. | 236,500 |
| Merritt | Heller | VT Rte 14N | 31.70 Acres | 127,500 |
| Desboeurs | Johnson | 894 Sodom Pond | 40.50 Acres & Dwl | 155,000 |
| Johnson | Obeldobel | 225 Johnson Rd | 10.65 Acres & Dwl | 192,000 |
| Hill | Hutchins | 159 Boulder Ridge | 3.20 Acres | 72,000 |
| Marshall | Marshall | 120 Railroad St. | 0.97 Acres & Dwl | 145,000 |
| Phillips | Isabelle | VT Rt 14S | 10.00 Acres & Dwl | 170,000 |
| Duhamel | Phillips | 202 Elisha Smith | 50.00 Acres & Dwl | 360,000 |
| Guilmette | Bradley | 4093 County Rd | 1.50 Acres & Dwl | 199,900 |
| Codling | Marshall | 260 Codling Rd | 10.55 Acres & Dwl | 180,000 |
| Johnson | Johnson | 490 Sanders Circle | 8.10 Acres & Dwl | 157,000 |
| Gray | Smith | 1365 North St. | 0.58 Acres & Dwl | 131,000 |
| Pratt | Vt. Land Trust | Cherry Tree Hill | 480.00 Acres | 350,000 |
| Welch | Jepe | 1480 VT Rte 14S | 3.20 Acres & Dwl | 150,000 |
| Yates | Mascitti | 1689 VT Rte 14S | 10.80 Acres & Dwl | 155,000 |
| Wanson | Byers | 2624 US Rte 2 | 0.44 Acres & Dwl | 150,000 |
| Orch Val Sch | Nadzam | Towne Hill Rd | 10.70 Acres | 73,000 |
| Lane | Plante | 2390 VT Rte 14S | 1.80 Acres | 140,000 |
| Porter | Duprey | 390 Haggett Rd | 4.40 Acres & MH | 57,000 |
| Farnham | Kirby | 375 Fair Rd | 3.38 Acres & Dwl | 222,000 |
| Bigglestone | Singer | 765 Cherry Tree Hill | 1.00 Acres & Dwl | 219,000 |
| Vt. Land Trust | Antonovich | North St. | 2.50 Acres | 62,478 |
| Bragg | Scribner | VT Rte 14N | 8.00 Acres | 67,500 |
| Bragg | Bragg | VT Rte 14N | 1.50 Acres | 10,000 |

LISTERS REPORT

The Town is facing a reappraisal of all properties due to the drop of our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) below the 80% level. In Vermont law, CLA is the ratio of the aggregate value of local education property tax grand list to the aggregate value of the equalized education property tax grand list.

In 1979 the listers, through sales studies, recognized the necessity to reflect current market trends. The listers increased the value of all properties by 40% at that time to accomplish their goal.

In the mid 60's, East Montpelier, under contract with the state, accomplished its first reappraisal utilizing outside assistance.

In 1984, the state advised the town that as of 1983 the town had exceeded its allowed deviation from fair market value by 7%. An appraisal was done by the Vermont Appraisal Co. during 1985-86 with new values used in the 1987 grand list.

In 1994, again the property values fell below 80% and another reappraisal was done. This was done by the local listers using Tom Victory, a professional, as a consultant.

Since then, until 2002, we have been able to maintain a CLA of 98% or over. However, due to the rise in property values since then we have dropped 10% a year for the last two years. We are now at 77.38%. This means that another reappraisal will be mandated by the state soon. We have petitioned the state to reconsider our CLA. That is still pending.

With the enactment of Act 68, the town has been receiving reappraisal moneys, which have been put in a special fund for such a possibility. That fund stands at \$58,221.23. The cost of a reappraisal would probably be \$98,000, 1,150 parcels at \$85 per parcel. There is a bill in the legislature, sponsored by the Listers Association, that would change the CLA to 65%. Even with that change, there should be a change in the way that properties are assessed. On the facing page in this report, you will find what properties sold for during the period from April 1, 2004, to January 5, 2005. Some properties have sold for 100% or more than just a few years ago. Land values have soared in East Montpelier and we will be looking at a new land schedule in this coming year.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience during our inspections. If you ever have any questions, please call the office and we will be glad to answer them. Anything in the office is open for public inspection during office hours.

— ROSENDO CUETO
EARL MONTAGUE
ROSS HAZEL

NOTE: The "Abstract of the Grand List" that usually appears on the facing page can be found on page 78 in this report.

SEWAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

In the year 2004 there were 30 applications for sewage disposal permits and 28 were approved. Two applications are pending, awaiting revised plans and a state permit. In all, 34 lots were involved as one application was for systems on four lots and one replacement system was for two lots.

Twelve applications were for replacement of failed systems and fifteen applications were for construction of new systems. There were no applications to recertify previously approved systems. Three applications were to modify previously approved designs before construction occurred.

| | Number of Applications | Number of Lots | Type of System | | | Constructed in 2004 |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| | | | Mound | In-ground | Other | |
| Replacement | 12 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| New Construction | 15 | 18 | 1 | 17 | | 3 |
| Recertify | 0 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Modify | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| Totals | 30 | 34 | 8 | 23 | 2 * | 6 ** |

* Two replacement systems were at-grade type.

** More than six systems were constructed in 2004, however, I have not received reports of construction and certification from the designer that the systems were built per plan. Applicants and home owners with systems constructed after 1987 should check to see if they have a CERTIFICATION REPORT or letter from the system designer and a system USE PERMIT from the Sewage Officer. Completion of this paperwork makes your system legal. If you have not received a Certification Report, contact your system designer. If you do not have a Use Permit, please contact me.

The town sewage ordinance was not revised in 2004, but is currently in the process of revision. The revision to adopt the 2002 state regulations will allow the approval of so called "performance based" systems which allow development of lands with more marginal soils and other limitations.

On July 1, 2007 a big change will occur in the way towns may handle regulation of on-site sewage disposal. On that date, if towns have not applied for and received delegation from the state to carry out the state regulations governing wastewater and potable water supply systems, the town sewage ordinance will be superceded by the state regulation process. Taking over the state permitting system has big implications. The town would do what is now done by the State Regional Office and more, including wastewater and water supply permits for all individual homes, subdivisions, campgrounds, all public buildings, and mobile home parks. The state would retain permitting of public water supplies and In-direct Discharge Permits.

To do all this, the town would need to hire a designer (professional engineer or certified site technician) to be responsible for the permitting program or enter into an inter-municipal agreement with other towns to do the same. Certainly, permit fees will increase to provide resources to hire personnel, to upgrade computer facilities to interface with the state electronic system, and to handle the increased workload. This decision will need careful consideration.

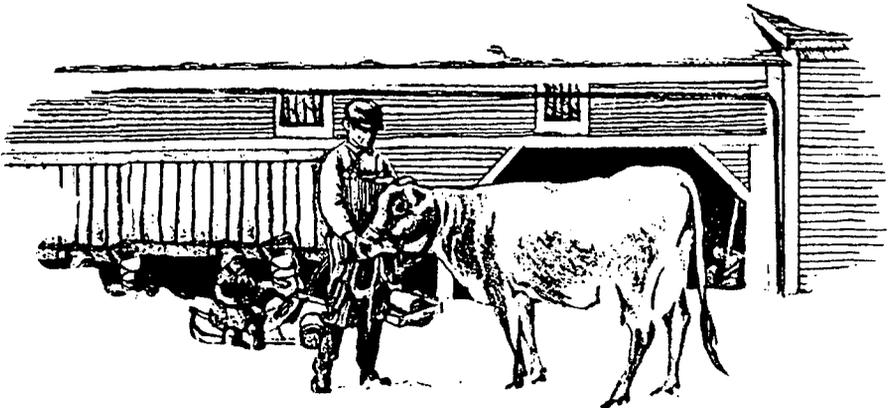
As many of you know, there are sewage system failures in the thickly settled East Montpelier Village area, at least one of which is directly polluting the Winooski River. A Wastewater Advisory Committee set up by the Selectboard is meeting to begin the process of finding and implementing a solution to this problem. Lack of suitable and readily available land may make a community solution necessary. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the town office.

I would like to encourage those of you who have failed systems to be in touch with me and apply for a permit to replace such systems. Those of you who already have permits to replace failed systems, please construct them as soon as possible to prevent health hazards and ground and surface water pollution. Taking care of our sewage is a vital part of being a good neighbor.

Remember that information sheets about how the sewage disposal permit process works in East Montpelier and the “Do’s and Don’t of Septic System Maintenance” are available at the town office. Please feel free to call me at 229-4534 or leave a message at the town office if you have any questions.

On a final note, I will be leaving my position as Town Sewage Officer as soon as a replacement is found. It’s been interesting, at times challenging, but mostly satisfying to serve the community over the last 17 years since the first town sewage ordinance was adopted in 1987.

— RICHARD CZAPLINSKI, *Sewage Officer*



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

As you may have heard, 2004 was a year of changes. Diana Chace finished her one-year term as Zoning Administrator in the spring; Dean Monteith was appointed to replace her but then left in June to take a full-time position; and I was appointed as Interim Zoning Administrator in the middle of a busy building season. In addition, last year's legislative session included a comprehensive rewrite of the statutes that govern local planning and zoning regulations and their administration. The new law (Act 115) has multiple effective dates, with some changes effective last July, others that require our local zoning bylaws be consistent with statute by September 1st of this year, and a third deadline in 2011. As reported by the Planning Commission (see page 52), we are currently in the process of updating our zoning regulations to comply.

For townspeople seeking a residential permit, the changes are not dramatic. Usually, a permit can be issued by the Zoning Administrator, followed by a 15-day waiting period to allow for any appeals. Decisions of the Zoning Administrator can be appealed to the Board of Adjustment. For those seeking a permit that requires a warned hearing before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment, there are new requirements for giving notice to neighbors. The law now states that in order to appeal a decision of the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment to the environmental court, an interested person must have expressed their concerns in writing or in person at the time of the local hearing. To ensure that interested parties are adequately notified of that hearing, applicants are being required to send a notice by certified mail to abutting landowners. This is in addition to notices being posted in public places and published in the newspaper.

Zoning applications submitted in 2004:

| | |
|------------|--|
| 18 | New Dwelling |
| 2 | Replace/Set Up Mobile Home |
| 10 | Subdivision, Land Development, Boundary Adjustment |
| 9 | Access |
| 15 | Addition to Existing House |
| 5 | Free-Standing Garage |
| 23 | Shed, Barn, Accessory Building |
| 6 | Porch, Deck, Pool |
| 3 | Sign |
| 4 | Home Occupation |
| 4 | Commercial Building or Addition |
| 3 | Change of Use |
| 102 | TOTAL |

I've enjoyed being the acting Zoning Administrator for the last seven months, particularly meeting people and helping them through the permitting process.

—DEBORAH FILLION, *Interim Zoning Administrator*

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER PERMIT FEES

Note: Fees include \$7.00 permit recording & cost of publishing warning where applicable.

| | |
|---|--|
| Access Permits | \$35.00 |
| Additions and Alterations, Residential (<i>includes decks and porches</i>) | 35.00 |
| Agricultural Projects, Commercial | <i>No charge but written notification & approved State Permit required</i> |
| Agricultural Projects, Non-commercial | 35.00 |
| Building Construction, Residential (<i>plus septic & access, as needed</i>) | 75.00 |
| Decks and Porches | 35.00 |
| Fill or Excavation, Residential (<i>when State or Federal permit is required</i>) | 35.00 |
| Garage, Utility Shed, Accessory Units | 35.00 |
| Home Occupation (<i>no hearing fee</i>) | 35.00 |
| Pools | 35.00 |
| Signs | 35.00 |
| Subdivision and Land Development | 20.00 per parcel plus 110.00 |
| Subdivision: Boundary Adjustment | 110.00 |
| Warned Hearings (<i>plus app. fee & certified mailing fees</i>) | 75.00 |
| Town Plan — <i>No charge to residents and property owners</i> | 5.00 |
| Zoning & Subdivision Regulations — <i>No charge as per above</i> | 5.00 |

Commercial Facilities

includes hearing fee

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| Commercial Applications (up to 10,000 sq. ft.) | * 170.00 |
| Commercial (more than 10,000 sq. ft.) | * 295.00 |
| Commercial Additions (up to 5,000 sq. ft.) | * 110.00 |
| Commercial Additions (5,000 to 10,000 sq. ft.) | * 130.00 |
| Fill or Excavation (<i>when State and/or Federal permits are required</i>) | 110.00 |
| Change of Use | 110.00 |

Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| Wireless Telecommunications Interim Bylaw | 5.00 |
| Wireless Telecommunications Facility, compound footprint | * .12 per sq. ft. 170.00 minimum |
| Additions/Alterations when footprint is increased | * .12 per sq. ft. 170.00 minimum |
| Additions/Alterations when footprint is not increased | * 135.00 |

* *Additionally, all reasonable fees shall be charged to applicants for independent assessment which the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and/or Board of Adjustment deem necessary. Selectboard shall make final decision if boards and applicant cannot reach agreement on fees.*

Sewage System Permit Fees

New Construction Replacement

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|---|--------|-------|
| Inground: Agricultural/Residential | 85.00 | 45.00 |
| Inground: Commercial | 100.00 | 55.00 |
| Mound, at-grade, sand filter, other | 135.00 | 70.00 |
| System requiring a State Waste Water Permit | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Recertification if not built in two years | 35.00 | 35.00 |

PLANNING COMMISSION

After the completion and approval of the Town Plan in 2003, the Planning Commission has been concentrating its efforts on updating the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations this year. These documents have not been systematically updated since their adoption twenty-three years ago. The aim of this project is to make the regulations consistent with the Town Plan and easier to understand and use for townspeople. The Commission anticipates no major substantive changes to existing rules at this time.

Late in 2003, East Montpelier was awarded an \$11,400 grant by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development to assist in this work. Nearly all this money was allocated to hire a consultant and the Planning Commission chose Burnt Rock Associates of Waitsfield. Burnt Rock has extensive Vermont planning experience, including similar projects in Calais and Middlesex. Our consultant's first task was to review our current regulations for consistency with our Town Plan and state statutes, and to provide the Commission with a suggested outline for the update. Since then we have been discussing and debating Burnt Rock's recommended text, section by section. We meet periodically with the consultant to provide feedback and ask questions. The Planning Commission's goal is to have a full draft of the updated regulations for Select Board consideration in 2005.

In addition to this major undertaking the Commission has also approved several small subdivisions and a few commercial applications and home occupations.

Early in 2004, the town hired Dean Montieth to be our new Zoning Administrator. Dean did a fine job for a few months but decided to accept a full time job elsewhere. Planning Commissioner Deborah Fillion graciously agreed to fill the position on an interim basis. The Commission is seeking a permanent Zoning Administrator at this time.

The Planning Commission meets every first and third Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Town offices and encourages all citizens to attend.

— ROB CHICKERING, *Chair*
RICK HOPKINS, *Vice Chair*
LYN BLACKWELL
TIM CARVER
DEBORAH FILLION
JACK PAULY
TRACY PHILLIPS
KEN SANTOR
CAROL WELCH

**SMALL BUSINESS AND HOME REHAB LOANS
NOW AVAILABLE TO QUALIFYING EAST MONTPELIER
RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES**

COMMUNITY CAPITAL (formerly known as the Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund) and Central Vermont Community Land Trust (CVCLT) are pleased to announce two new loan funds for the benefit of the Town of East Montpelier residents and businesses:

- a small business loan fund for East Montpelier residents and new or existing businesses located in East Montpelier; and
- an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation loan fund for East Montpelier property owners.

The money for these loan funds comes from loan repayments made by Fairmont Farms to East Montpelier. The loan was made in 1995 by East Montpelier to Fairmont Farms in support of local community and economic development and was funded by a grant from the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP Grant #0197/95CA(10)). Thanks to these repayments, approximately \$130,000 is immediately available to relend in the community, half for rehab loans and half for business loans. By 2007, an additional \$105,000 will be available.

COMMUNITY CAPITAL will administer the small business loan fund. This fund will make capital available to eligible and qualified East Montpelier residents (with businesses in other towns) and owners of new or existing businesses located in East Montpelier. Three loan products are available from COMMUNITY CAPITAL: a line of credit of up to \$25,000, an amortizing loan of up to \$50,000, and a micro-business loan of up to \$5,000. COMMUNITY CAPITAL also offers post-loan technical assistance to eligible borrowers, which enables borrowers to work with approved business consultants in areas including marketing and inventory management. In addition to managing the East Montpelier loan fund, COMMUNITY CAPITAL has been lending money and providing technical assistance to borrowers throughout Washington County, as well as to businesses in the towns of Orange, Williamstown and Washington in Orange County since 1997.

CVCLT will administer the home rehabilitation loan fund. These funds will be available to eligible and qualified East Montpelier homeowners who would like to borrow money to help renovate their homes. In addition to this new project, CVCLT has been a leader in affordable housing development and homebuyer education since 1989. CVCLT offers a host of programs designed to improve the quality and quantity of affordable housing throughout our region.

If you are interested in learning more about either of these programs or non-profit organizations, contact either Chris Rottler, Loan Officer with COMMUNITY CAPITAL at (802) 479-1053 regarding the business loan fund, or Rob Leuchs, Loan Specialist with the Community Land Trust at 476-4493 regarding the home rehabilitation loan fund.

EAST MONTPELIER REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

The Selectboard formed the East Montpelier Revolving Loan committee in 2000 to advise them on what the town might do with the repayments from loans made with Vermont Community Development Program grant funds. These loans were to Fairmont Farms and Sandy Pines. When fully repaid, they would net out at just under \$429,000. The Town can use the repayments to support housing rehabilitation, support economic development, pay for infrastructure, or provide some social services.

After a number of meetings to consider the use for the Fairmont Farms repayments, the committee recommended to the Selectboard that they be assigned to Community Capital of Central Vermont. Community Capital will use half of the almost \$235,000 in proceeds from the loan to establish a revolving loan fund to make business loans. The other half was granted to the Central Vermont Land Trust to lend for housing improvements. The Selectboard discussed this proposal with the voters at the 2004 Town Meeting and decided to proceed. The necessary paperwork was done over the next few months and the assignment was made in December.

The particulars of these loan funds are explained on the previous page in the report from Community Capital. Not specifically mentioned in that report is that for three years, these monies will be available only to residents of East Montpelier. At the end of that time, this policy will be reviewed to see if it should continue—that is, if there has been a substantial interest by town residents to use these loans—or should the balance of this fund be used throughout Community Capital's service area. It would still be available to East Montpelier residents, just not exclusively so.

The committee then turned its attention to the repayments of the loan that was made to the Vermont State Housing Authority for repairs to the septic system in Sandy Pines Mobile Home Park. Repayments on this loan began in September. VHSA owns the park and is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance. The water and electrical systems are in need of substantial upgrade and VSHA approached the Selectboard to see if repayment of the loan could be deferred for another period so the money that would go toward paying on the loan could be used for these repairs.

We have had one meeting with representatives from VHSA to find out what the needs were. Estimates at this time run to about \$80,000. Repayments of the loan are \$15,828 a year. So, if repayment was to be deferred until the repairs were paid for, it would have to be for six years.

We have discussed possible uses for the loan repayments. Under the Vermont Community Development Program rules, half of the annual receipts have to be paid back to the State. Thus the net amount to the town would be \$8,375. These funds could be used for any activity that is eligible under the law that governs the federal grant program. One use that has been suggested is to use some of the

repayments for a study of the wastewater disposal issue in East Village.

The committee will meet over the next few months to see what to recommend to the Selectboard. These meetings are usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month and are open to anyone. Also, we would welcome the thoughts of any town resident on what course of action should be taken. Forward them to Marlene Betit at the Town Office (223-3313); by mail to PO Box 157, East Montpelier, 05651; or by email at eastmontpe@adelphia.net.

— DAVID A. COBURN, *Chair*
BRUCE BJORNLUND
PAUL MANGHI
LYNN WINTERS



CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The major venture completed by the Conservation Fund Advisory Committee, with special acknowledgement and appreciation to Nona Estrin for spearheading this endeavor, was the Mallory Brook Conservation Easement Project.

On October 12, 2004, the Trust for Public Land purchased a conservation and public access easement over the 481 acre Mallory Brook property owned by Chris, Peter, and Vera Pratt off Cherry Tree Hill Road, and conveyed that easement to the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) and the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board. The Town of East Montpelier contributed \$15,000 to this effort through the Conservation Fund. East Montpelier Trails, Inc., Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Vermont Northern Forest Fund, Fields Pond Foundation, Oakland foundation, SNC Harvest Foundation, and many private donors also provided assistance to help conserve this property.

The land contains a mix of forests, meadows and wetlands, providing important habitat for many species of wildlife, including moose, black bears, bobolinks and other ground-nesting birds. In addition, the forests of the property protect the drinking water supplied by Crystal Springs Water Company, serving 130 households in East Montpelier village. The conservation easement will ensure that the land remains well-managed for its wildlife and forestry attributes, and will allow East Montpelier Trails, Inc. to add a mile-long stretch to the Town's 17-Mile Recreational Loop Trail.

VLT will be the primary steward of the Conservation Easement, responsible for the day-to-day monitoring and enforcement of the easement, including review of Forest Management Plans. EMTI will take responsibility as the designated recreation trail manager. Landowner Chris Pratt will continue to manage the

property's forests and agricultural resources, subject to the terms of the conservation easement.

Public access to the property is ensured forever by the terms of the easement. The conservation easement provides general pedestrian access to the property, as well as access to multi-use trails to be constructed and maintained by EMTI. The Mallory Brook property will add an important 1-mile missing link to an existing trail system. EMTI has already begun discussions with the landowner about the proposed locations of this trail, and other potential new trails to be constructed. The land is located within a short walk of the East Montpelier Elementary School, offering outstanding opportunities for environmental education.

In addition, the new easement ensures that the property will remain available to the public for hunting. The number of hunters allowed on the property each year will be determined by a management plan approved by VLT and VHCB, and public hunting permits will be distributed through a lottery administered by the Town Clerk.

The Conservation Fund Advisory Committee wants to extend its sincere appreciation to the townspeople of East Montpelier for their ongoing support in the efforts to protect and preserve scenic, recreational, and agricultural resources for all.

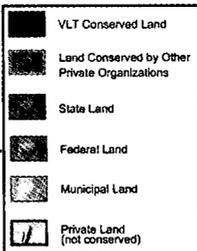
Conservation Fund Summary

| Date | Project | Town Funds | Total Amount | Acres |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 12/7/90 | Cleaves Farm | \$ 32,000 | \$ 301,968 | 285 |
| 5/14/93 | Bair/Chapell | 4,000 | 264,030 | 479 |
| 10/13/94 | Sparrow Farm | 31,000 | 307,975 | 163 |
| 6/28/96 | Frihauff/VLT | 5,000 | 106,470 | 167 |
| 10/24/96 | Sibley Farm | 10,000 | 229,895 | 172 |
| 6/16/99 | Christiansen Farm | 14,795 | 150,000 | 237 |
| 10/12/04 | Mallory Brook/Pratt | 15,000 | 400,000 | 481 |
| Total Completed Projects | | \$ 111,795 | \$ 1,760,338 | 1,984 |

**The Land Conservation Fund balance is currently \$28,688
with several possible projects on the horizon.**

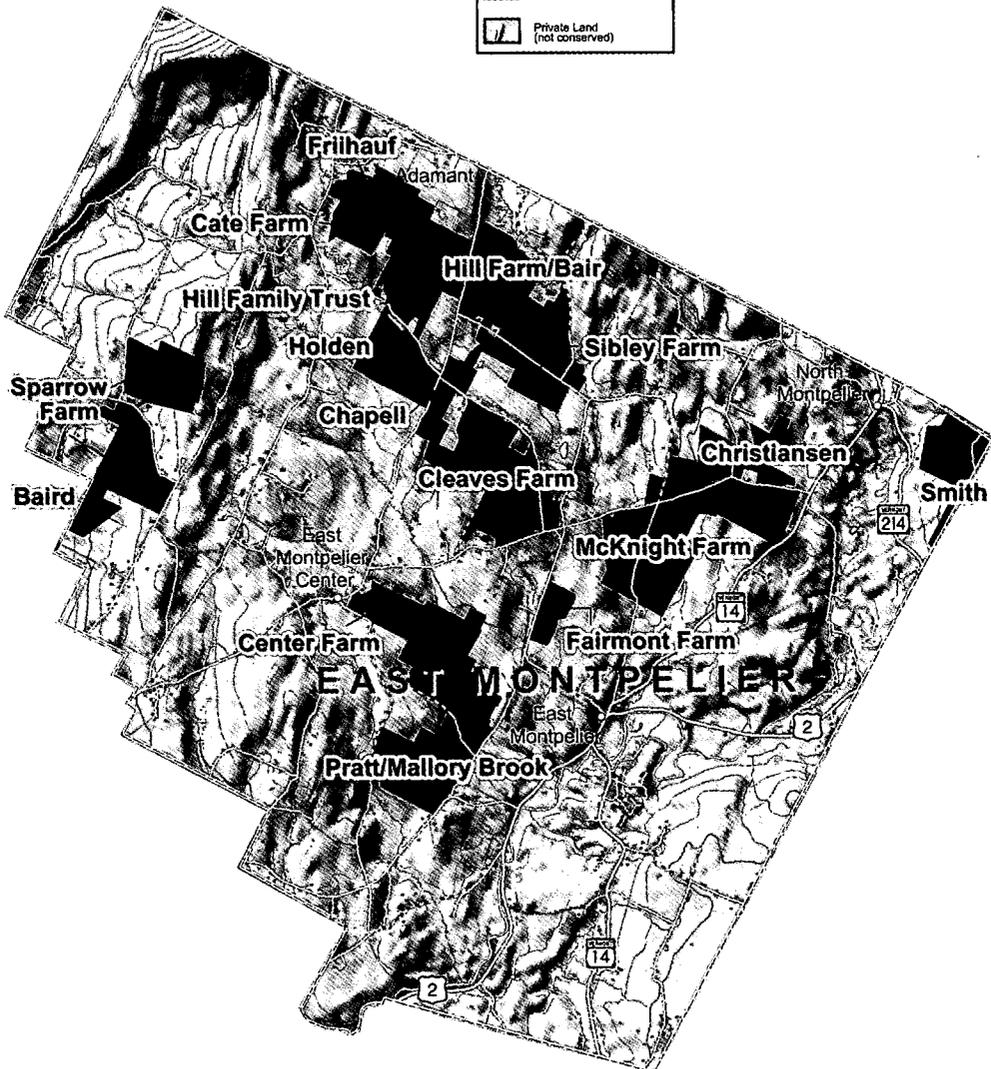
— SUE CHICKERING, *Chair*
DENNIS CARVER
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ARLENE GOODRICH
CHARLES JOHNSON
BRIAN LUSIGNAN

Conserved Lands in East Montpelier



 Vermont Land Trust
CONSERVING LAND FOR THE PEOPLE OF VERMONT

V.L.T. - J. Osborne 1/2005



RECREATION BOARD

The East Montpelier Recreation Board enjoyed another year of Community Participation.

The recreation field continues to be a popular place for sports—both practices and games as well as family and individual activities. We are always glad to see or hear of the outdoors fun enjoyed by everyone, and on occasion—their Frisbee catching companions.

The new sign (thanks to Sign Here, Inc.) stands tall and proud—welcoming all those who enter the field.

The Easter Egg hunt was successful with approximately 150 children seeking out the hidden eggs filled with treasures.

Another year of Swimming Lessons at First in Fitness provided East Montpelier children the important fundamentals of water safety. Many of the children who participate in the program further their water safety and swimming skills.

The prettiest achievement (hopefully) will be the new Perennial Flower garden at the entrance. We hope that the spring brings to life the many plants that have been donated by the community.

The plans for the ensuing year include extensive work on the Softball Field—with plans to construct new bleachers and repair the dugouts.

As always, the Recreation Board tries to maintain a safe and attractive field for the use and enjoyment of the community. Please respect the rights and consideration of others.

We would always welcome new members to join the Board. New ideas and new energy would ensure the integrity of community recreation.

TERRI CONTI, *Co-Chair*
PATRICK MCCOY, *Co-Chair*
JAN ALDRICH
TIM BIGELOW
ED DEEGAN
BRIAN LUSIGNAN
DAVE BURLEY
ELLEN MCGURN

RECREATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003

Checking Account \$ 2,083.13

Income

| | | |
|--|-------------|----------|
| Town Appropriation | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Swim Proceeds | 500.00 | |
| Rally Day T-shirt Sales | 340.00 | |
| Carlton C. Smith Recreation Fund | 3,000.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 30.00 | |
| | | 6,870.00 |

Expenses

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Swim Program | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Easter Egg Event | 139.00 | |
| New Dugout | 500.00 | |
| P & P Septic Service | 540.00 | |
| Recreation Field | 1,422.34 | |
| Recreation Field Sign | 484.00 | |
| T-shirts | 575.00 | |
| | | (4,660.34) |

Ending Balance – December 31, 2004

Checking Account \$ 4,292.79



EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS

For the last few years, the trails group has taken a hiatus from major projects, working instead on long-term planning. During 2004 we have transitioned into a more active phase.

Overview: Our long-range vision is to create a multi-use trail loop around the perimeter of East Montpelier and linking into the City of Montpelier trails to complete the loop around its southern edge. The loop would be greater than 20 miles and is less than half complete at this time. Following is a list of the sections we're actively working on and what we did in 2004.

1. We have been working on completion of the Cross-Vermont Trail segment through East Montpelier to Plainfield. The trail will parallel Rt. 2 and largely follow the route of the old railroad bed from Montpelier (Gallison Hill Rd.) eastward. Last summer the Youth Conservation Corps spent two weeks clearing brush from the section between the river and Rt. 2 upstream of the hydro dam. This spring we will finalize the design and construct this part of the trail over the next few summers.
2. The Mallory Brook conservation easement, finalized in October, specifies construction of about 2 miles of trail roughly parallel to the brook, and is part of the grand loop. We hope to begin construction on this 2-mile section and linking spur trails in Mallory Brook this summer.
3. We cleared and marked the Esther Salmi Trail, which links the County Rd. with the Town Forest segment of the trail. The trail heads east from County Rd. near the White Cemetery (just south of Haggett Rd.) along the edge of a field to the Esther Salmi memorial at the junction with the Town Forest segment. We appreciate the help of Patrick McCoy who brush hogged the trail at a very reasonable rate.
4. With a lot of help from Montpelier Area Mountain Bike Association (MAMBA), as organized by our Board member Rick Hopkins, we fixed up some wet spots and rough areas on the upper part of the existing Sparrow Farm trail.

In addition to these active projects, we are pursuing opportunities on other parts of the loop. If you have interest in joining our Board, being a trail steward, or participating in a work party, please contact Jamie Shanley at 223-4856.

Enjoy the trails, and remember to respect the property owners whose land you are crossing.

— JAMIE SHANLEY, *President*

East Montpelier Trails Board

CHRIS ABRAMS, MARY STONE, CARROLL WITHAM,
SANDY WOODBECK, NONA ESTRIN, ANDI COLNES,
RICK HOPKINS, JAMIE SHANLEY, KIM KENDALL

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

Despite a cool rainy summer (the third wettest on record), the District had a productive summer. Diversified offerings, including expanded boat rentals and improved group picnic facilities, enabled us to meet our revenue goals and the “down time” at the beach allowed Beach Manager Collin O’Neil to build upon the facilities improvements of recent years. Among the projects undertaken:

- Organization and hosting of a benefit concert/picnic/raffle at the Beach for the Compagna farm manure storage project
- Installation of horseshoe pits
- Completion of a 3.75 mile perimeter trail
- Installation of new grilles and a volleyball court
- Bath house improvements
- Further expansion of the canoe and kayak rental program
- Construction of handicapped picnic table

The Wrightsville Beach Day Use Area provides a low cost, high quality, and now diverse recreational experience for residents of our member towns (Montpelier, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester). It is widely used and appreciated by families, community groups, and visitors. The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving the overall recreational experience for all beachgoers. This requires continuing investment in the facility for maintenance, operations and capital improvements even as operating costs continue to rise. The increased users fees resulting from facility improvements have allowed the District to freeze municipal dues assessments at \$.45 per capita for the 2005 season.

The following summarizes financial operations for Jan.1–Dec.31, 2004:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Prior Year’s Balance | | \$ 5,552 |
| <i>Revenues:</i> | Washington Electric | 9,500 |
| | Seasons passes/user fees | 9,784 |
| | Municipal assessments | 5,960 |
| | | 25,244 |
| <i>Expenditures:</i> | Personnel | 17,877 |
| | Maintenance | 2,663 |
| | Operating | 3,910 |
| | Capital Improvement | 780 |
| | | (25,230) |
| Operating Fund Balance | | \$ 5,566 |

The District’s 2005 budget calls for revenues of \$29,820 and expenditures of \$26,442. The increase in expenditures reflects salary raises and more hours for the Beach Manager and staff, as well as planned maintenance projects and capital improvements, including road and parking lot improvements, trail improvements, landscaping, and the installation of an outdoor shower, to name a few.

The Board would like to thank the community for its continued support of Wrightsville Beach.

— RICHARD MILLAR, *Chair, Montpelier*
CHRIS GRIMARD, *E.M. Representative*

FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

Our committee reviews requests for financial support from local non-profit organizations that serve our community and recommends appropriations to the Selectboard. The funding we appropriate at Town Meeting acknowledges and encourages valuable local services and strengthens our community connections.

Last year voters of East Montpelier agreed to spend \$6,850 as recommended by this committee to support 13 organizations that serve our residents. In response to a separately warned item, voters also granted the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCA) \$1,464 for operating expenses, resulting in a total of \$8,314.

This year the Funding Request Committee received requests for a total of \$13,980 from 16 organizations. We are recommending appropriations to 14 organizations, including CVCA, for a total of \$9,789. The increase from last year is largely a result of greater demands for services for the elderly and health care. In reviewing the applications, the committee considered the nature of the services provided, the number of town residents served, the availability of other funding sources, and each organization's unique ability to meet critical community needs.

The following are this year's funding recommendations (in bold) along with the amounts approved in the previous two years. Please feel free to contact these organizations to volunteer your own time and skills or to make additional financial contributions.

Battered Women's Services and Shelter (223-0223; Hotline: 223-0855) serves families of Washington County in cases involving domestic abuse. The Shelter provides safe homes, emotional support, food and clothes, and a 24-hour hotline. (\$675; \$675; **\$675**)

Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. (479-1053 or 800-639-1053) helps low-income people become economically self-sufficient, providing fuel, child care, food, job referrals, adult basic education, and more through the Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development Programs, Emergency Fuel Program, Family/Community Support Services, Farmworkers, Head Start and Early Head Start, Weatherization, Welfare-to-Work, Community Action Motors, and Working Wheels. (\$400; \$400; **\$400**)

Central Vermont Council on Aging (479-0531) provides meal and transportation services, legal advice, case management, and advocacy for Central Vermont elders. (\$900; \$1,464; **\$1,464**)

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (223-1878) provides home health and hospice services. Town funds help those not covered by insurance or whose insurance does not cover needed health care services. (\$2,600; \$2,600; **\$2,800**)

Green Mountain Transit (formerly **Wheels Transportation**) (223-7287) is a community transportation service that matches requests for rides from local residents with available transport, including vans, volunteer drivers, and van/pools. (\$300; \$400; **\$1,000**)

Green Up Vermont (229-4586) uses town funds to provide biodegradable bags, posters, publicity, and information for town chairpersons to promote roadside cleanup and litter control. (\$100; \$100; **\$100**)

Family Center of Washington County (828-8765) provides services for children and families, including preschool, after school activities, playgroups, parent education, home visits, and child care support services. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

Onion River Arts Council (229-9408) conducts arts programs in schools, organizes community arts festivals, and supports local artists. (\$200; **\$200**)

People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc. (479-1229) provides basic primary and preventative care to the uninsured and underinsured by conventional and holistic caregivers who volunteer their services. (\$700; \$950; **\$950**)

Project Independence (479-3630) provides therapeutic rehabilitation, meals, and recreation programs at a nonresidential facility in Barre, in an effort to enable elders and people with disabilities to remain independent. (**\$500**)

Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc. (563-2231) provides meals for seniors at a local site and Meals-on-Wheels for those unable to attend. (\$400; \$400; **\$500**)

U-32 Project Graduation (229-0321) is sponsored by the senior class at Union 32 High School to provide a drug- and alcohol-free graduation celebration for students. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

Washington County Diversion Program (229-0536) offers first-time offenders a one-time opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses by compensating crime victims, volunteering community service hours to local organizations, and saving tax dollars that would have been spent in court. (\$200; \$200; **\$300**)

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

Funding Committee Members

LYN BLACKWELL
WESTON CATE
RHODA CHICKERING
TRACY PHILLIPS
ANNE SHERMAN

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

The Four Corners School House is your community building – a place for East Montpelier residents, young and old. The School House has seen tremendous use by various groups throughout the past year.

The School House is a special place for many young children. We continue to house the Washington Central Supervisory Union Pre-School and Play Group. Our partnership is a happy one that serves many families in East Montpelier. We also serve as the meeting place for the Freeschool Playgroup – a private group which includes five adults and seven children.

Various adult groups used the Four Corners School House including: East Montpelier Historical Society, Mankind, ELF, Success by Six, Gully Jumpers, Strong Living Exercise Program, and the Jean Cate Community Fund committee. Most of these groups meet several weeks per year.

A wedding was held at the School House that was attended by 50 people. There was a New Year's party with 33 people. Celebrations at the Four Corners School House are alcohol-free. A Monteverdi Music School summer camp was held at Four Corners.

The building is in good shape. Although we planned on painting the exterior of the building this past summer, the rainy season eclipsed this effort. The new schedule is for the building to be painted in the Spring of 2005.

The Four Corners School House Association sponsored the following events: a live concert with the Ditsy Chicks, attended by many brave souls in -25 degree weather; Memory Hour at Rally Day: Old Fashioned Fun; and a Holiday Sing-a-Long. More programs are planned for the near future.

If you are interested in using the Four Corners School House please call Elaine Manghi at 229-5811.

If you are interested in serving on the board of directors of this non-profit association please call one of the board members.

Board Members and Officers:

STANLEY CHRISTENSEN 223-5424

BECKY CRANDELL 223-1292

PAULINE COBURN 223-6886, *Treasurer*

BARBARA DALL 229-4870

DIANA FIELDER 223-6548

HOBIE GUION 223-1808, *Vice President*

ELAINE MANGHI 229-5811, *Scheduler*

EDIE MILLER 229-0677, *Selectboard Representative*

ROSE RILEY 223-5772, *Clerk*

RACHEL SENECHAL 223-0539, *President*

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 | | \$ 6,582.72 |
| Income | | |
| Town Appropriation (2004 Article 12) | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| WCSU (preschool use) | 3,315.00 | |
| Rentals | 1,675.00 | |
| Donation | 50.00 | |
| Carlton C. Smith Fund | 3,000.00 | |
| (for painting outside of building) | | |
| | | 9,540.00 |
| Expenses | | |
| Electricity | \$ 689.92 | |
| Fuel Oil | 742.18 | |
| Janitorial Services | 2,347.50 | |
| Insurance | 909.00 | |
| Mowing & Snow Plowing | 210.00 | |
| Supplies & Postage | 147.24 | |
| Miscellaneous | 261.00 | |
| | | (5,306.84) |
| Subtotal | | \$ 10,815.88 |
| Invested in a CD at Chittenden Bank | | \$ 3,000.00 |
| (reserved for painting building) | | |
| Ending Checking Account Balance – Dec. 31, 2004 | | \$ 7,815.88 |



CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. CVRPC provides a forum in which municipalities work together to address regional issues and opportunities. It also offers its member communities professional assistance with local planning efforts through its experienced and knowledgeable staff, including amendments to Chapter 117, Vermont's Planning and Development law, and how to implement those amendments that affect the Town's bylaws.

This past year, the Commission focused on implementing goals contained in the 2003 Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and make recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's five year capital program. The Commission was also involved in the review of regionally significant Act 250 development projects. The Commission continues to work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and review and approval of town plans. CVRPC also began its Brownfields assessment program and had initial assessments done on two sites in the Region. The Commission is looking for additional commercial/industrial sites that may be contaminated and would qualify for a brownfields assessment. In conjunction with the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, CVRPC updated the bike route maps and added several new routes.

CVRPC assisted the Town with the administration of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, pre-disaster plan maps, various zoning issues, and a fluvial geomorphologic study of the upper Winooski River.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, bicycle and pedestrian path suitability maps, and maps of the region's natural resources. CVRPC provides model bylaws, such as the telecommunication facilities bylaws that can be used as a stand-alone ordinance or as an amendment to existing zoning bylaws. CVRPC continues to maintain its web-based planning tools that guide officials in updating town plans and zoning ordinances and finding additional resources related to planning. Additional information about the Commission can be found at www.centralvtplanning.org.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another year of serving our member communities and the Central Vermont Region.

— SUSAN M. SINCLAIR, *Executive Director*
TIM CARVER, *E.M. Representative*

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The CVSWMD provides leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible.

From July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, the District worked to create a Five Year Workplan to help the region reach toward the goal of Zero Waste that we set out in our new Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) in FY 2003.

The Five Year Workplan is a practical, working guide, identifying the activities and programs the District will undertake in the first five years of our SWIP to set a foundation from which the Zero Waste goal can be achieved. The outcome of our Workplan will be a region-wide infrastructure of facilities and services through which municipalities, residents and businesses can drastically eliminate waste.

With Zero Waste, the goal is to no longer produce “trash” which needs to be disposed of, but to instead be able to utilize it as resources for the production of something new and needed. For example, the District’s Commercial Composting Project that got underway in April 2004 diverted 6.8 tons of food “waste” from April through June to a local composting company for use as chicken feed and the production of compost for area farmers. The number of participants began with four and grew to seven by the end of June 2004; 13 restaurants and schools are currently participating.

We are excited about the possibilities this new plan provides, and we encourage you to review our new Solid Waste Implementation Plan and accompanying Five Year Plan documents for yourself. Please contact the District for copies—802-229-9383 or email us at comments@cvswmd.com.

Here are some of the highlights of the District’s FY 2004 program work.

Illegal Dumping Prevention—Five new sites were cleaned and adopted in the District in FY 2004. Between newly adopted sites and the monitoring of existing sites throughout the District, 86 volunteers logged 123 volunteer hours in FY 2004.

Illegal Burning Prevention—Educational program to explain the dangers of burning for human and environmental health. Materials were distributed throughout member communities via point-of-purchase displays, radio and print ads, and fliers.

Hazardous Waste—543 households (151 *more* households than the previous year) and 21 businesses utilized the nine collections held May through October 2004. Educational materials were distributed at the events to help residents reduce the quantity of hazardous materials used, and to reduce disposal fees and quantities.

Non-Toxics Education—Seven elementary schools throughout the District took part in the 10-week DeTox Family Program for parents and school staff. The program aims to help reduce the use of toxic products in the home and in schools. Four schools have also taken the *DeTox Pledge* to reduce the use of toxic

cleaning products in their schools. Education staff also developed a video version of our DeTox workshop titled, *Look What's Lurking Under Your Sink!* Copies will be sent to all schools that have participated in the program and it will be used in place of the workshop in schools where evening programs are not well attended.

Speakers Bureau—Led 24 Art & the 3Rs Workshops, ranging from our own Cabin Fever Craft Day in January to programs via community centers, alternative education programs, after-school programs throughout the District, the Barre Recreation Department, and daycare centers.

Recycling—During FY 2004, more than 820 tons of recyclables were collected at District run and/or underwritten recycling depots, in addition to 66 tons of tires; 351 tons of metal; 7,330 yards of cardboard; 254 appliance freon units; 50 lbs. of PCBs; 2,980 gallons of oil; and 1,047 tons of trash.

Reuse—The Clothing Drop 'N Swap diverts tons of clothing from disposal; about 1,000 District residents take part in each event. The District held two events in FY 2004, one in September and one in May.

Junk Car Assistance—The District offers assistance with the free removal of junk cars from member towns. The data for FY 2004 shows we helped 58 residents recycle 68 vehicles.

Green Up Day Grants—19 member communities requested and received reimbursement for Green Up Day activities in FY 2004. The average reimbursement per town was \$279.97.

Electronics Collections—The District collected 47,395 pounds (23.6 tons) of electronics for recycling through an on-going collection at the Barre Town Recycling Depot and three special collections held in conjunction with satellite household hazardous waste collections.



KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

Founded 110 years ago, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library offers audio books, videos, Internet access, our library catalog on the Web, public meeting space, and online access to periodical articles, as well as old-fashioned, friendly service and a wonderful collection of books. All East Montpelier residents are entitled to a free library card. If you don't yet have one, stop in and register!

Materials borrowed in 2004: 275,340 (260,389 in 2003)

Internet use: 28,973 (26,045 in 2003)

Meeting room reservations: 1,356 (1,270 in 2003)

Children coming to the library after school: 135 per day

Reference questions answered: 33,381

Attendance at library-sponsored programs: 13,145

Library cards issued: Almost 12,000

Library Funding: At its 2003 strategic planning meeting, the Board of Trustees developed a new funding formula, which addressed concerns that were expressed in Community Advisory Committee meetings headed by trustee Charlie Phillips. Our fiscal request to each municipality in our service area is now based upon that town's library use. On Town Meeting day in 2004, all six towns in our service area voted to grant the Kellogg-Hubbard its full request. While libraries in VT get an average of 70.6% of operating income from tax support, the Kellogg-Hubbard requests only 26% of operating income from our towns.

To help relieve the tax burden on the towns in our legal service area (Montpelier, E. Montpelier, Calais, Berlin, Middlesex, and Worcester), we charge all patrons who do not live in the legal service an annual fee to use the library. In accordance with Vt. Department of Libraries regulations, that fee is based upon the per-capita tax support we receive from Montpelier. This anticipated income is deducted from our municipal requests. With the end of Freeman grant funding, we have some challenging years ahead of us. The Board is seeking new funding sources. Your generosity to our fundraising appeals has been heartening!

Van Go Bookmobile: We partnered with U-32, Community Connections, and other agencies to offer this mobile library service to people who find it difficult to come to the library. The use of this service has almost doubled over last year. In East Montpelier, we focus services on home daycare providers, the Four Corners School, Orchard Valley School, and Dudley's Store. It also serves E. Montpelier residents in Berlin Health and Rehabilitation Center and Westview Meadows. The bookmobile is the only library access for over 30% of Van Go patrons. **Van Go items checked out in 2004:** 6,327 (2003: 3,888)

Thank you! Heartfelt thanks to the residents of East Montpelier for their enthusiastic support, to the "East Montpelier Signpost" for publishing library information, to the Capitol Community Justice Center for helping us to retrieve overdue books, to our many volunteers from East Montpelier, and to your East Montpelier Library Trustee, Charlie Catlin.

— HILARI FARRINGTON, *Director*

MID-COUNTY ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A break-in at one of the houses along our section of County Road prompted us to organize a Neighborhood Watch. We believed that increased communication and cooperation among neighbors would help us to feel more secure.

In July, 2004, members of several households in our neighborhood held a preliminary meeting. Representatives of Marshfield's new Neighborhood Watch group met with us. They generously shared their experiences and offered us advice on how to get started. We completed that initial meeting with a consensus: By becoming familiar with our neighbors and setting up formal avenues of communication we could take a hand in our own security. For one thing, we would feel invited to ask each other to watch our houses when we are away. Also, driving through our neighborhood, we would be more alert for irregularities.

That meeting led to the formation of a small steering committee. On September 20, we held an organizing meeting for the entire neighborhood at the East Montpelier Elementary School. Our neighborhood—the mid-section of County Road, roughly from Mapledale Farm to the settlement just south of Bennett Brook, including Powderhorn Glen and Casavant Road—comprises 36 homes. Approximately 40 residents attended the meeting.

Our principal speaker, Lt. David Harrington, of the Vermont State Police, explained that the limited number of troopers at the Middlesex Barracks must police a large swath of central Vermont. Because the police are stretched so thin, he said, a Neighborhood Watch would increase our security. And he offered suggestions. For instance, in addition to watching over our own neighborhood, the Neighborhood Watch might become a resource in other ways, too, for the entire East Montpelier community.

On October 28, several members of the new Mid-County Road Neighborhood Watch, and Lt. Harrington, met with the town Selectboard to request support from the town. In particular, we sought help in ordering and installing Neighborhood Watch signs along our stretch of road.

Since then, we have been working on where and how to post signs, and how to pay for them. Also, we will set up a "telephone tree" so that we can quickly spread information throughout the neighborhood. Eventually, we may also arrange for potluck suppers and other get-togethers.

A separate Neighborhood Watch has organized in Calais. And there is interest in forming a Neighborhood Watch covering the section of County Road starting just north of ours and extending to the Calais line.

We are thankful for the generous donation of time and effort from all who have joined the steering committee, or helped in other ways. We also thank the Marshfield Neighborhood Watch group for their support. We are grateful to Lt. David Harrington for working with us. And we are grateful, as well, for the support of town employees and town officials.

Steering Committee:

JOYCE ROGERS WOLKOMIR

PAM BOCKES

JIM HANNA

GAIL ANDERSON

ELLA MAY SPEER

CENTRAL VERMONT STATE POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

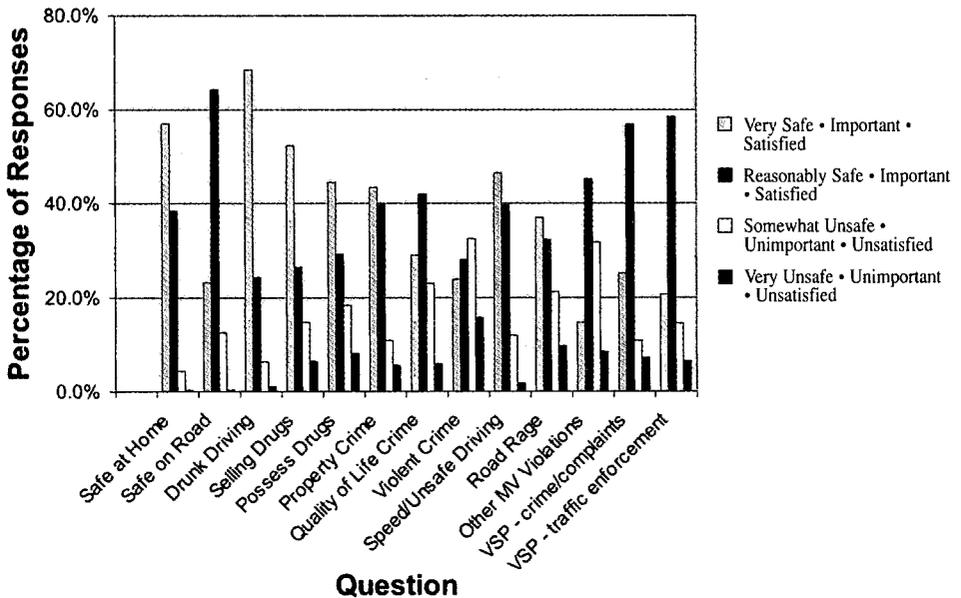
CVSPCAB completed its first full year in October. The highlight of this last year was the preparation of the 2004 Public Safety Survey that was distributed to the citizens of the 18 towns of the Middlesex State Police Barracks coverage area. The results of this survey were presented to the public and many of the Senators and Representatives from Washington and Orange counties in December. The specific results for East Montpelier are shown below. More than 65% of the town's residents who participated in the survey responded "no" to the questions about setting up a Town Police Department and raising taxes to pay for it. More information can be found at http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vtsp/middlesex_survey.htm, or contact your Board representatives. The Board plans to use the results of the survey to develop its programs for the coming year.

The 2004 update of the Crime Statistics for East Montpelier comparable to the 2003 statistics contained in last year's report were not available in time for the printing of this report. As soon as they are available, we will put copies in the Town Office and have copies available at Town Meeting.

If you have any questions or comments about public safety in East Montpelier, please contact your representatives by e-mail at donald.welch5@verizon.net, or by phone at 223-6208.

East Montpelier Representatives: DON WELCH
CAROL WELCH

EAST MONTPELIER RESULTS OF 2004 SURVEY



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

In 2004 many significant tasks were initiated in emergency planning for the Town of East Montpelier. A Homeland Security grant was applied for to underwrite the cost of installing emergency electrical generators at the East Montpelier Elementary School and municipal office building. We were denied. However, a new proposal is being readied and will be submitted for 2005.

A generator for the school was asked for, as the school presently has no backup system in case of electrical interruption. The school building is designated as an "emergency shelter" but since it has no back up power supply would not be able to function in this capacity if there was not electrical power.

The municipal building needs backup electrical power as it is designated as the "Emergency Operations Center" if such a need was warranted. In the event of a "signifigent event," emergency response would be coordinated there.

A Hazard Mitigation plan was submitted to the State of Vermont. This plan highlights potential hazards within the town and will be used to eliminate or minimize the impact on the town. Approval of this plan is expected soon.

I was appointed to the Facility Steering Committee to assess the need for a new fire station in the town. My role within this committee is to ensure that if a new facility were to be built, it would have the capabilities of operating as a "true" emergency operations center.

In 2005, I will be working on the Facility Steering Committee, updating the town's rapid response and emergency operations plans.

—WILLIAM H. GEORGE, JR., *Emergency Coordinator*



EAST MONTPELIER BROADBAND PROJECT

The Town of East Montpelier continues to work with the towns of Plainfield, Marshfield, and Calais to obtain broadband capabilities in all four communities. Additionally, Al and Laura Duey of the Rural Development Council continue to work with all four communities to obtain "broadband for everyone." The Plainfield and Marshfield Broadband Committee has been working for more than a year towards broadband availability in their communities. East Montpelier joined with Plainfield and Marshfield in September and Calais in November. The East Montpelier broadband survey results of 296 responses was one of the highest seen by the Rural Development Council.

A wireless broadband vendor had begun installation in Plainfield; however due to delays, the Plainfield and Marshfield Committee determined a new provider was necessary. At this time three wireless broadband vendors have submitted proposals and a provider will be selected soon. Town Administrator Marlene Betit is coordinating East Montpelier's broadband project and any questions may be directed to her at 223-3313 or by email at eastmontpe@adelphia.net.

ENHANCED 9-1-1 BOARD

East Montpelier 9-1-1 Call Volume for 2004 = 349



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Call volume increased this year to 3,379 calls, compared to 2,970 calls for service in 2002/2003. Barre Town EMS is continuing to grow in other areas of calls-for-service, especially in the area of long-distance transfers with 416 cfs. Local transfers increased to 1,348 from 1,012; emergency calls increased from 1,960 to 2,031. Mutual aid responses decreased slightly this year from 204 to 181 calls; this is indicative of difficulties that smaller volunteer services continue to have in recruiting daytime coverage.

EMS responded to 141 calls in East Montpelier this year. There were 48 patients not transported, usually from minor motor vehicle accidents. There were 24 motor vehicle accidents. Importantly, 31 serious/critical medical patients were transported, nearly one-third of the total patients transported.

24-hour Paramedic coverage began in August of 2004. Three full-time medics are currently working; one in Berlin and two in the East Barre station. A fourth medic is scheduled to complete preception in January, 2005, and will be assigned to the Berlin station. The goal is to have six medics; one in each station each of the three shifts

The critical care transport service continues to evolve into a much needed service to the Central Vermont area. The MICU began service to CVMC in April, 2003. MICU run volume is down in it's first full year of operation while the scheduling of service continues to be adjusted according to need. This comprehensive service utilizes advanced life support equipment and specially trained personnel. The unit is staffed by a critical care nurse, critical care paramedic, and an EMT driver. The ambulance is staffed part-time 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The increase in transfer run volume prompted a revamping of the daytime operations two years ago. The third crew was established to handle the increased volume occurring during the weekdays. This crew handles most of the local transfers during the hours of 8am to 6pm Monday through Friday, and has become invaluable in the delivery of care for the service.

The addition of this crew also increased the availability of the two regular duty crews for emergency calls, while immediately providing a back-up crew for multiple calls or injuries. While local non-emergency run volume has increased, emergencies also increased and the Auxiliary Crew has been able to provide the necessary back-up to the regular duty crews.

The Explorer Post established two years ago has ten teenagers working hard

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

The EMFD thanks the residents of East Montpelier and Calais for their continued support. We had another busy year in 2004, with 275 calls. Once again, the majority of these were medical calls or motor vehicle accidents.

| Type of Call | East Montpelier | Calais | Mutual Aid | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Fire | 12 | 6 | 8 | 26 |
| Medical | 94 | 36 | 1 | 131 |
| Motor Vehicle Accident | 47 | 13 | 1 | 61 |
| Other | 34 | 20 | 3 | 57 |
| Total | 187 | 75 | 13 | 275 |

We received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security which enabled us to buy new radios and upgrade our breathing apparatus.

The East Montpelier Fire Department is led on emergency scenes by Chief John Audy, Deputy Chief Tom Brazier, Assistant Chief Todd Parker, Assistant Chief Ty Rolland, Captain Mike Garand, Captain Earl Smith, Captain Jon Boucher, Lieutenant Karl Huoppi, Lieutenant Bill Amell, Lieutenant Paul Guare, Safety Officer Elliot Morse, and Safety Officer Bill George.

The corporation of the East Montpelier Fire Department is led by President Diana Chace, Vice President Greg Pelchuck, and board members Rick Barstow, Jon Boucher, Bill Amell, Jay Copping, and John Audy.

New members help to keep our department strong. In the last year, Erica Pearson, Tom Swenson, and Mark Earle have joined as full members, and Andy Ballentine and Chris Koledo have joined as junior members. Anyone who might be interested in joining or who has any questions about the department, please stop by the Templeton Road fire station any Tuesday night.

This year we ask the voters of East Montpelier and Calais to raise money for a new heating system for our Templeton Road station. The existing heating system uses forced hot air. It blows air from the apparatus bays, which is often contaminated with diesel fumes and other toxins, throughout the building, including the office and meeting spaces. We would like to replace it with a hot water system, which would improve the air quality and also allow us to install different heating zones in the building, saving money on heating fuel.

We also ask the voters to raise money for body work on our Engine #3, which is developing serious rust problems. We believe that this will save money in the long run by extending the life of Engine #3.

The East Montpelier Fire Department was deeply grieved by the sudden death in August of Assistant Chief Michael Bliss. Mike was a 12-year veteran of the department, and his intelligence, initiative, and passion for firefighting were an inspiration to all of us. We will miss Mike as a leader and teacher, as a firefighter and emergency medical technician, and as a friend.

— DIANA CHACE, *President*
JOHN AUDY, *Fire Chief*

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

| Category | 2004 Budgeted | 2004 Actual | 2005 Proposed | Budget Inc (Dec) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Admin | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | 0.00 |
| Audit | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Building 1 | 3,000.00 | 5,511.67 | 1,500.00 | (\$1,500.00) |
| Building 2 | 2,000.00 | 998.35 | 1,500.00 | (\$500.00) |
| Annual fee Sta 2 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 0.00 |
| Bookkeeping | 2,700.00 | 2,800.00 | 2,700.00 | 0.00 |
| Treasurer | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Cell Phone | 750.00 | 964.16 | 850.00 | 100.00 |
| Diesel | 1,500.00 | 1,745.78 | 2,000.00 | 500.00 |
| Dispatch | 8,000.00 | 6,778.92 | 8,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Dues | 500.00 | 502.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Elec Sta 1 | 1,500.00 | 1,371.08 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Elec Sta 2 | 550.00 | 731.51 | 650.00 | 100.00 |
| Snow plowing | 750.00 | 360.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS supplies | 3,000.00 | 3,676.09 | 3,500.00 | 500.00 |
| Equip repair | 5,000.00 | 3,153.23 | 5,500.00 | 500.00 |
| Firefight supplies | 5,000.00 | 7,092.10 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Gasoline | 1,000.00 | 592.92 | 500.00 | (\$500.00) |
| Heating oil Sta 1 | 2,500.00 | 2,251.13 | 3,000.00 | 500.00 |
| Heating LP Sta 2 | 2,500.00 | 2,624.34 | 3,000.00 | 500.00 |
| Insurance | 35,000.00 | 28,879.20 | 35,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Legal | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 |
| Bank charges | 150.00 | 188.42 | 150.00 | 0.00 |
| Chaplain fund | 500.00 | 438.23 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Office supplies | 1,700.00 | 2,335.06 | 1,700.00 | 0.00 |
| Personal gear | 6,000.00 | 6,009.29 | 5,000.00 | (\$1,000.00) |
| Postage | 150.00 | 377.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 |
| Radio repair | 1,300.00 | 2,466.40 | 1,300.00 | 0.00 |
| Radio replace | 3,500.00 | 4,771.00 | 3,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Refreshments | 2,000.00 | 2,047.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Stipend, matching | 9,400.00 | 9,400.00 | 9,400.00 | 0.00 |
| Telephone | 650.00 | 580.77 | 650.00 | 0.00 |
| Truck repairs | 9,000.00 | 14,182.06 | 10,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Training | 2,000.00 | 2,648.40 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Transfer Truck replace | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 |
| AED Lease pay | 2,950.00 | 2,949.87 | 2,950.00 | 0.00 |
| Physicals | 5,500.00 | 1,444.23 | 5,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Turnout maint | : | : | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total | \$135,250.00 | \$134,820.21 | \$136,450.00** | \$1,200.00 |

* \$10,000 transferred annually to Truck Replacement Account in Restricted Assets (Capital Reserve). See also Town's Capital Reserve on pp. 38-39.

** East Montpelier contribution @75% = \$102,337.50; Calais @25% = \$34,112.50

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS CASH BASIS

| | 12/31/03 | 12/31/04 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Unrestricted Assets | | |
| Checking Account | \$ 19,783.06 | \$24,178.44 |
| Donations Account | 12,786.05 | 3,095.47 |
| Contingency Account | <u>34,975.70</u> | <u>20,010.05*</u> |
| Ending Balance | 67,544.81 | 47,283.96 |
| Restricted Assets** | | |
| Capital Account for Physicals | 12,044.15 | 7,933.67 |
| Capital Account for Hep B Shots | 10,229.00 | 5,030.96 |
| Training Account | 2,290.80 | 825.01 |
| Truck Replacement Account | 22,591.14 | 18,781.15 |
| Homeland Security Grant | <u>150.26</u> | <u>150.74</u> |
| | 47,305.35 | 32,721.53 |
| Total Assets | <u><u>\$114,850.16</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 80,005.49</u></u> |

* Note: \$16,750.00 will be returned to Contingency Account when Homeland Grant is repaid.

** See also: Town's Capital Reserve contributions to Fire Dept. projects on pp.38-39.

EMFD BUDGET SUMMARY

| | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance (December 31, 2003) | | \$ 114,850.16 |
| Revenues | | |
| East Montpelier (75% of budget)..... | 101,437.50 | |
| Calais (25% of budget)..... | 33,812.50 | |
| Donations..... | 7,405.14 | |
| Interest | 376.90 | |
| Homeland Grants | 35,920.83 | |
| Insurance Reimbursements..... | 1,637.00 | |
| Misc Income | 533.22 | |
| Dry Hydrant Grant..... | <u>2,500.00</u> | |
| | | 183,623.09 |
| Expenses | | |
| Operating budget | 134,820.21 | |
| Thermal Image Camera..... | 3,961.99 | |
| Truck Replacement..... | 3,910.00 | |
| Donation expense | 14,070.22 | |
| Other | 1,593.82 | |
| Homeland Security | 23,530.72 | |
| Repayment of Grant Anticipation Note..... | 25,255.15 | |
| Capital Phys..... | 4,923.12 | |
| Capital Hep..... | 274.92 | |
| Cap. Dry Hydrant | 3,247.97 | |
| Cap SCBA | <u>2,879.64</u> | |
| | | <u>(218,467.76)</u> |
| Ending Balance (December 31, 2004) | | <u><u>\$ 80,005.49</u></u> |

NOTE: EMFD accounts are not audited by the Town Auditors.

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST — 2004 EQUALIZATION STUDY

School Dist. 65

| Category | Property Count | ED Form 411 Listed Value | CUSE Value | Education Listed Value Excl. CUSE | Municipal Listed Value Excl. CUSE | Applied Ratio | Education Equalized Value | Municipal Equalized Value | COD | Average List Value Incl. State Exemption |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Residential I | 441 | 51,043,700 | 0 | 51,043,700 | 51,043,700 | 79.45 | 64,246,318 | 64,246,318 | 12.12 | 115,745 |
| Residential II | 363 | 63,517,823 | 461,518 | 63,056,305 | 63,056,305 | 73.45 | 86,375,700 | 86,375,700 | 16.16 | 183,165 |
| Mobile Homes - U | 62 | 1,325,200 | 0 | 1,325,200 | 1,325,200 | 101.66 | 1,303,561 | 1,303,561 | 12.76 | 21,374 |
| Mobile Homes - L | 50 | 3,014,900 | 0 | 3,014,900 | 3,014,900 | 82.19 | 3,668,208 | 3,668,208 | 10.34 | 60,298 |
| Vacation I | 5 | 493,500 | 0 | 493,500 | 493,500 | 79.34 | 622,007 | 622,007 | — | 98,700 |
| Vacation II | 2 | 225,000 | 0 | 225,000 | 225,000 | 79.34 | 283,590 | 283,590 | — | 112,500 |
| Commercial | 49 | 9,451,300 | 0 | 9,451,300 | 9,451,300 | 79.81 | 11,842,250 | 11,842,250 | 20.02 | 192,884 |
| Commercial Apts. | 3 | 1,992,000 | 0 | 1,992,000 | 1,992,000 | 79.81 | 2,495,928 | 2,495,928 | 0.00 | 664,000 |
| Industrial Plants | 3 | 2,670,500 | 0 | 2,670,500 | 2,670,500 | 79.81 | 3,346,072 | 3,346,072 | 0.00 | 890,167 |
| Utilities - E | 5 | 3,821,800 | 0 | 3,821,800 | 3,821,800 | 95.35 | 4,008,180 | 4,008,180 | 0.00 | 764,360 |
| Utilities - O | 2 | 53,000 | 0 | 53,000 | 53,000 | 79.81 | 66,408 | 66,408 | 0.00 | 26,500 |
| Farms | 15 | 2,526,648 | 324,442 | 2,202,206 | 2,202,206 | 79.81 | 3,129,370 | 3,129,370 | 0.00 | 376,327 |
| Miscellaneous | 135 | 5,297,153 | 173,594 | 5,123,559 | 5,123,559 | 79.81 | 6,617,697 | 6,617,697 | 18.47 | 47,204 |
| Total | 1,135 | 145,432,524 | 959,554 | 144,472,970 | 144,472,970 | 77.38 | 188,005,289 | 188,005,289 | 16.85 | Townwide COD |
| Personal Property (Cable) | | | | 198,400 | 0 | 100.00 | 198,400 | 0 | | |
| Personal Property (Inventory) | | | | Exempt | 0 | 100.00 | Exempt | 0 | | |
| Personal Property (Machinery & Equipment) | | | | Exempt | 0 | 100.00 | Exempt | 0 | | |
| Total Personal Property | | | | 198,400 | 0 | | 198,400 | 0 | | |
| GRAND TOTALS Real and Personal Property | | | | \$144,671,370 | \$144,472,970 | 77.38 | \$188,203,689 | \$188,005,289 | 16.85 | COD |

Listed Value of Contracts and Exemptions

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|-----------|---------------------|---------------|
| Total Approved VEPC: | 0 | Total Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed. Tax): | 0 | Certified to County | \$188,204,000 |
| Total Approved TIF District: | 0 | Total Special Exemptions Value: | 0 | Certified to State | \$188,204,000 |
| Total Non-Approved Exemptions: | 0 | Total Land Use Reduction Value: | 7,112,176 | | |
| Total Grandfathered Exemptions: | 430,400 | Total Veterans Exemptions: | 80,000 | | |

— VITAL STATISTICS —

BIRTHS

| Name of Child | Sex | Date of Birth | Parents |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Kolby Scott LaPerle | M | February 11, 2004 | Nicole Marie LaPerle |
| Madison Maire Deyo | F | February 24, 2004 | Luellen Marie McDonagh |
| Maeve McFadden Hoffert | F | April 2, 2004 | Michelle Risse McFadden |
| Joshua Leigh Dunkling | M | April 4, 2004 | Jill Marie Tanner |
| Anika Rowan McKenna Thiemann | F | April 10, 2004 | Carol Ann McKenna |
| John Allan Mekkelsen | M | April 19, 2004 | Laurie T. Mekkelsen |
| Jackson Richard Scribner | M | April 29, 2004 | Tracy Alyn Cano-Scribner |
| Collin Joseph Audy | M | May 8, 2004 | Kathleen Celia Audy |
| Obediah Quaid Delorey | M | May 8, 2004 | Katlyn Susan Delorey |
| Tia Rose Leno | F | May 12, 2004 | Michele Leno |
| Charles William Haynes | M | May 30, 2004 | Julia Longhi Haynes |
| William Michael Sancibrian | M | June 10, 2004 | Nicole Sue Sancibrian |
| Katrina Irene Cheney | F | July 6, 2004 | Shannon Elaine Simpson |
| Wylder Azul Gluck | M | July 14, 2004 | Elyse A.C.H. Gluck |
| Kolby Mahlon Hamel | M | July 16, 2004 | Kirsten Hamel |
| Riley May Reed | F | July 21, 2004 | Michele Angela Reed |
| Ross Michael Lowery | M | August 19, 2004 | Crystal Lynn Doe |
| Arianna Marie Lee | F | September 10, 2004 | Danielle Marie Lee |
| Jesse Jameson Cooper-Dubois | M | October 15, 2004 | AmyLorraine Cooper |
| Joshua Ty Rolland | M | October 22, 2004 | Nancy Lynn Rolland |
| Caroline Jeanine Flynn | F | November 5, 2004 | Kristi Anne Flynn |
| Emily Jean Dion | F | December 2, 2004 | Amanda Jean Dion |
| | | | Steve Craig Deyo |
| | | | Charles Edward Hoffert IV |
| | | | Mark Todd Dunkling |
| | | | Michael John Thiemann |
| | | | Bruce Allan Mekkelsen |
| | | | Joshua Richard Scribner |
| | | | John Joseph Audy Jr. |
| | | | Matthew John Delorey |
| | | | Sterry P. Leno II |
| | | | Paul Wesley Haynes |
| | | | Marc William Sancibrian |
| | | | Dan Lyn Cheney |
| | | | Rita Rene Gluck |
| | | | Warren James Hamel |
| | | | Douglas Alan Reed |
| | | | Keith Lyle Ross Lowery |
| | | | Dana Scott Dubois |
| | | | Ty Christopher Rolland |
| | | | Christopher John Flynn |
| | | | Seth Adam Dion |

MARRIAGES

| Name of Groom | Residence | Name of Bride | Residence | Date of Marriage |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Matthew John Delorey | EM | Katlyn Susan Laggner | EM | February 29, 2004 |
| Erik Canfield Esselstyn | Plainfield | Celina Robbins Moore | Plainfield | March 13, 2004 |
| David Roger Laflower | EM | Linda Marie Laflower | EM | April 3, 2004 |
| Jacob Edward Hadden | EM | Alyson Monaghan | EM | April 8, 2004 |
| Scot Patrick Sawyer | EM | Christine Mary Rotondo | EM | April 17, 2004 |
| Randolph Scott Donald | EM | Melissa Ann Stanley | EM | April 17, 2004 |
| Seth Adam Dion | EM | Amanda Jean Gay | EM | June 19, 2004 |
| Marcus Allen Sweetser | EM | Marie Leonora Teresa Edson | EM | June 26, 2004 |
| Derek H. Wheeler | EM | Lona Marie Maxwell | EM | July 17, 2004 |
| Frank Everett Campbell II | EM | Amanda Lynn Powers | EM | July 31, 2004 |
| Bruce Wayne Blow | EM | Katherine Elizabeth Langer | EM | July 31, 2004 |
| Esteban Guevara-Rojas | EM | Tregea Lucas Bevan | EM | August 4, 2004 |
| Michael Stuart | EM | Denise Marie Mercier | EM | August 7, 2004 |
| Matthew Saul Gould | EM | Dana Lynne Vander Els | EM | August 7, 2004 |
| Joseph Harold Thomas | EM | Jennifer Ann Arlene Rand | EM | August 13, 2004 |
| Timothy Paul Cane | EM | Teena Lorraine Hickory | EM | August 14, 2004 |
| Shane Brothers | EM | Wendy Velander | EM | August 28, 2004 |
| Howard Norman Hill | EM | Kimberly Ann Swasey | EM | September 4., 2004 |
| Ken Libertoff | EM | Patricia O'Regan | EM | September 18, 2004 |
| Stanley Lee Christiansen | EM | Marion T. Guazzoni | Barre | October 9, 2004 |
| Randall Allen Ploof | Colorado Springs, CO | Margaret Evelyn Stewart | Col.Spr., CO | October 11, 2004 |
| Richard Mark Czaplinski | EM | Kincaid Perot Connell | Warren | October 16, 2004 |
| Bruce Dwaine Marshall | EM | Pauline Rita Marshall | EM | December 17, 2004 |

DEATHS

| Name | Age | Date of Death |
|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Franklin York | 91 | January 24, 2004 |
| Alice Marie Wright | 57 | February 19, 2004 |
| Robert Richard Cutler | 78 | February 20, 2004 |
| Eula Brown | 94 | March 7, 2004 |
| Paul William Crossan | 58 | April 7, 2004 |
| Irene C. Clark | 91 | April 18, 2004 |
| Ernest Winthrop Dodge | 85 | May 13, 2004 |
| Elizabeth L. Hudson | 81 | July 26, 2004 |
| Gerald A. Ibey | 88 | September 26, 2004 |
| Terry J. Trono | 56 | September 29, 2004 |
| Elaine M. Wagner | 70 | September 30, 2004 |
| Genevieve Chapell | 74 | October 15, 2004 |
| Judith Jones | 62 | November 20, 2004 |
| Ruth A. Burbach | 9 | November 22, 2004 |
| Esther D. Bresnahan | 94 | December 2, 2004 |
| Lois C. Hanna | 69 | December 9, 2004 |
| Susan S. Clayton | 93 | December 16, 2004 |

POPULATION AND VOTING RECORDS
 2000 Census: East Montpelier Residents — 2,578

| Year | Total Registered | AB Australian Ballot | FV AB/FV Percentage | Floor Vote |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Town Meeting: | | | | |
| 2004 | 1,984 | 807 | 41% / 8% | 164 |
| 2003 | 2,011 | 525 | 26% / 8% | 167 |
| 2002 | 1,973 | 587 | 30% / 0% | 0 |
| 2001 | 1,993 | 513 | 26% / 8% | 156 |
| 2000 | 1,832 | 727 | 40% / 0% | 0 |
| 1999 | 1,805 | 511 | 28% / 0% | 0 |
| 1998 | 1,777 | 671 | 38% / 0% | 0 |
| 1997 | 1,768 | 511 | 29% / 10% | 173 |
| 1996 | 1,622 | 521 | 33% / 16% | 263 |
| 1995 | 1,691 | 588 | 35% / 10% | 170 |
| 1994 | 1,608 | 495 | 31% / 17% | 265 |
| 1993 | 1,672 | 609 | 37% / 14% | 228 |
| 1992 | 1,664 | 619 | 39% / 16% | 256 |
| 1991 | 1,580 | 594 | 38% / 16% | 250 |
| 1990 | 1,480 | 538 | 36% / 20% | 300 |
| 1989 | 1,550 | 571 | 37% / 13% | 199 |
| 1988 | 1,402 | 473 | 34% / 7% | 105 |
| Primary Election: | | | | |
| 2004 | 2,053 | 224 | 11% | |
| 2002 | 1,995 | 394 | 20% | |
| 2000 | 1,892 | 724 | 38% | |
| 1998 | 1,777 | 432 | 23% | |
| 1996 | 1,689 | 145 | 9% | |
| 1994 | 1,628 | 469 | 29% | |
| 1992 | 1,537 | 345 | 23% | |
| 1990 | 1,513 | 418 | 28% | |
| 1988 | 1,456 | 711 | 49% | |
| General Election: | | | | |
| 2004 | 2,116 | 1,569 | 74% | |
| 2002 | 2,029 | 1,300 | 64% | |
| 2000 | 2,020 | 1,530 | 76% | |
| 1998 | 1,806 | 1,299 | 72% | |
| 1996 | 1,777 | 1,323 | 75% | |
| 1994 | 1,682 | 1,190 | 71% | |
| 1992 | 1,671 | 1,428 | 86% | |
| 1990 | 1,572 | 1,152 | 73% | |
| 1988 | 1,557 | 1,255 | 81% | |

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration is being done in several ways under the "Motor Voter Bill" which came into effect as a requirement under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Renewal of your Driver's License or obtaining a new driver's license will give you the opportunity to register to vote by filling out the appropriate section on the Motor Vehicle License application used by the Department of Motor Vehicles. You can also register at the Department of Social Welfare, Department of Aging and Disability and the Department of Health, as well as at the Town Clerk's Office.

You must be 18 years of age or older and take the Voter's Oath if you have not taken it before. If you register by means of any of the State Departments listed above, that part of the form is sent to our office by the Secretary of State's Office, and the Town Clerk then processes it with others received of recent date. Voter approval to allow the Town Clerk to add names to the checklist was approved at Town Meeting in 2004. After approval, the voter will receive a copy of his/her original application with the acceptance section completed.

The cut-off date for registering to vote in the State of Vermont is no later than the second Monday preceding the day of election. The Town Clerk's Office is open from 10:00 a.m. until noon for Voter Registration on the second Monday before any election.

VOTER'S OATH: Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person.

If you have any further questions,
you may contact the Town Clerk at 802-223-3313.

TOWN AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

The Town Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the indicated period and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, find they represent fairly the financial condition of the Town as reported herein. In addition, an independent review was made Jane Burroughs, C.P.A., of Fothergill, Segale, and Valley in Montpelier (see letter on facing page).

The Town School District records and accounts were examined by David H. Angolano, C.P.A., P.C., of Shelburne, Vermont. A copy of the Opinion Letter is included in this Town Report. The full independent audit report is available at the East Montpelier Elementary School and at the Town Clerk's Office.

The James P. Taylor Memorial Town Report Contest, sponsored by the University of Vermont Extension Service, evaluated annual reports from towns throughout the state for the year 2003. Final results were announced in 2004 — East Montpelier received the award shown below. The original certificate is on display at the Town Office.

The Town Auditors would like to thank Sylvia Tosi, Marlene Betit, Terri Conti, Rosie Cueto, and Jane Burroughs for their help as we put together this book.

Respectfully submitted,
DEBORAH FILLION
PAULINE COBURN
SHIRLEY KING



FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

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January 24, 2005

To The Selectboard
Town of East Montpelier
East Montpelier, Vermont

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of East Montpelier, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004.

The audited financial statements will be available for public inspection at the Town of East Montpelier offices located at 70 Kelton Road, East Montpelier, Vermont, when they are completed. We expect that the audit will be completed by the date of the Town meeting.

Sincerely,

Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs

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EAST MONTPELIER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Community Connections is a bridge between schools and communities in Central Vermont. Funded initially by a federal 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, Community Connections has provided high quality out-of-school time programs for youth and adults at school-sited learning centers in Montpelier, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester for the past 3½ years. Each learning center offers a balance of educational, enrichment, and life-skill building programming. Last year, Community Connections served over 1650 school children (62% of students from the Washington Central and Montpelier school systems). Programs included reading and homework help, theater, computers, cooking, snowboarding, canoeing, rock climbing, Spanish, guitar, Lego league, knitting, painting, field trips, summer camp and more.

In addition to out-of-school time programming, Community Connections spearheads key youth-mentoring initiatives. Community Connections collaborates with the Central Vermont New Directions Coalition to run the Girls First/Boyz First! Mentoring Program. Last year, 31 youth between the ages of ten and fourteen were matched with community volunteers and met regularly once each week. Community Connections' Youth Outreach Coordinator works with out-of-school youth, and those who are at risk of dropping out of school, exploring alternative education options and employment opportunities, and guiding them in making healthy life choices.

The East Montpelier Community Connections program continues to be an integral part of the school community with more than 55% of all East Montpelier Elementary School students participating in programs this year to date (July 2004-January 2005). Summer programs ran for four weeks and served more than 40 students. Homework Club – where students receive academic support three days a week – continues to be a valuable offering with an average of 8 students attending daily. Community education programs are equally popular, with more than 80 adults participating in activities so far this school year including First Aid & CPR, Computer Basics, and Wreath Making. It's the goal of Community Connections to ensure that programs are accessible to all families. More than \$7,000 in scholarship funds were awarded last year ('03-04 school year and summer '04). In addition EMCC has become a licensed after-school care provider by the State of Vermont which means that eligible families can receive subsidies for their children to attend.

We appreciate East Montpelier's commitment to the provision of quality out-of-school time programming. For more information, please contact Guy Viens, East Montpelier Community Connections Coordinator, at 229-0553 ext. 318, or via email at gviens@u32.org.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 1, 2003 – JUNE 30, 2004**



**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE REPORT**

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the educational and financial status of Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU). WCSU is comprised of Berlin, Calais, Doty, East Montpelier, Rumney Elementary Schools and U-32 Middle and High School. As a supervisory union, our goal is to provide the highest quality educational opportunities for the 1,700 students we serve Pre-K through Grade 12.

To meet this goal, over the past few years we have focused on improving curriculum, instruction and assessments; enhancing school climate and safety; recruiting and retaining high caliber staff; integrating and increasing technology; expanding early education and providing educational and financial leadership to enhance educational opportunities and maximize cost efficiencies. Below I will highlight some of our work and accomplishments over the past year.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

WCSU teachers and administrators have continued to work on enhancing our curriculum and aligning instruction and assessments with the Vermont Standards. Work has continued on literacy and math, as well as expanding the focus to science and social studies. Tim Flynn, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, moved to U-32 this year to focus primarily on grades 7-12, and we have welcomed back Peg Meyer as a curriculum consultant K-6.

WCSU has a comprehensive Pre K-12 assessment system, which includes local, state, and national assessments. We have continued to use the data from all of these assessments to review how well the students in WCSU are doing, and to identify areas we need to address. I am pleased to report we have steadily made progress in all assessment areas, particularly literacy, and are continuing to improve in mathematics. Annually each school prepares a School Report to provide parents and community members with all school assessment results. These reports are mailed to all residents in February. You may view all WCSU student assessment results on the State website <http://maps.vcgi.org/schlrrpt/>. Further, under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) each school must meet adequate yearly progress (AYP) and disaggregate student performance data by all major demographic groups. For the second year, we are pleased to report that all schools in WCSU met AYP based on the state assessment criteria.

Professional Development and Professional Learning Communities

WCSU recognizes the importance of providing on-going quality professional de-

velopment as a means to improve student learning. Over the past year, teachers, support staff, administrators, and board members have participated in numerous professional development trainings, workshops and courses related to literacy, school climate, bullying and harassment, responsive classrooms, leadership and differentiated instruction, to name a few.

In addition, staff in all of our schools have been engaged in work related to professional learning communities as a means to enhance student learning. This work has involved establishing high expectations for student learning and then addressing ways in which our schools will assist all students in meeting these expectations. Further, this work has begun to involve how schools challenge students who exceed these expectations.

Early Education Programs

WCSU provides several comprehensive Early Childhood Education Programs. These programs include a Family, Infant and Toddler Program (FIT), an Early Education Initiative Program (EEI), an Essential Early Education Program (EEE), and Preschool Programs located at Berlin, East Montpelier, Doty and Calais Elementary schools. This year these programs serve approximately 90 children.

Plans are currently underway to expand the preschool program next year to include Middlesex and to have all five elementary schools integrate preschool programs more closely with their kindergarten instructional programs. Each elementary school receives revenues for these programs and the WCSU budget will continue to provide for supervisory union-wide and special needs costs and services. Much credit for the quality of the early education services and programs WCSU provides goes to Kate Rogers, Director of the Early Education Programs, and the entire preschool staff.

Elementary Programs

I am pleased to report that four of the elementary schools in WCSU (Berlin, Doty, East Montpelier and Rumney) now offer full day kindergarten programs. Calais provides a full day program two days a week. By extending our kindergarten programs to full day, teachers have been more able to focus on both the academic needs of young students and their social needs.

All of our elementary schools have continued to focus on school climate and safety by incorporating Responsive Classroom instruction into their program. This year, additional emphasis has been placed on anti-bullying and anti-harassment at both the elementary and middle/ high school level as a result of recent legislation.

U-32

A major amount of work and accomplishment for U-32 over the past two years was preparing for and receiving their 10-year accreditation through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This process included both an extensive self study of all aspects of the school and programs and a week

long site visit by NEASC representatives. Congratulations to the entire U-32 school community for the outstanding ratings and accolades they received from this rigorous accreditation!

Special Services

WCSU provides a continuum of services to meet the needs of the approximately 188 students receiving special education services. Over the past year we have seen a rise in our state placed students and students with intensive needs. We strive to accommodate instruction within the classroom by working in collaboration with classroom teachers. In accordance with Act 117, each school has developed an Educational Support System and Educational Support Teams to provide early intervention and ensure each student has the necessary support for academic success.

WCSU is fortunate to have Nancy Thomas as our Director of Special Services. Nancy is currently president of the state organization for special education administrators and extremely knowledgeable about special education funding sources, law and requirements, and programming for students. Under Nancy's leadership we have been more closely examining our special education staffing needs and costs.

Medicaid Reimbursement and Grant Funds

WCSU continues to actively pursue obtaining Medicaid reimbursement and other grants. These funds allow us to provide additional learning opportunities for students and provide staff development opportunities for staff. Some of the most significant grants we have received in the past year include Consolidated Federal Grants, IDEA B Preschool Grant, technology and assessment grants. Medicaid funds and Consolidated Federal Grant funds have allowed us to support literacy instruction, social skills training and summer school programs.

In conjunction with Washington Central Friends of Education, we have received grants to support School-To-Work initiatives, Kidsnet (Service Learning), and a New Directions Grant to reduce drug and alcohol use among our youth.

Community Connections

Community Connections, now in its fourth year, continues to operate this year on carry over funds from the initial 21st century grant, as well as collected user service fees. This initiative is an integral part of our before school, after school and summer school programs, as well as opening up our schools to parents and community members in the evening. Last year approximately 1,600 students attended Community Connections programs offered in all six WCSU schools.

Fiscal Services

The financial status for all our schools and central office continues to be in excellent condition. We have continued to look for ways to maintain costs, while at the same time maintaining or enhancing programs. Much credit for this goes

to Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator for WCSU, who manages and oversees all fiscal and business operations. Lori works closely with central office and school administrators, school directors and town officials to develop and monitor school and central office budgets and grant funds.

Last year was the first year of developing budgets under Act 68, the new school funding law. The equalized block grant per student increased for FY05 from \$5,800 to \$6,800, which translated into reduced tax rates in all of our towns. This year, we have continued to make an effort to look at our costs per student and ways that we can reduce school spending in an effort to contain local taxes. To further reduce costs, we continue to participate in joint bidding and purchasing for fuel, supplies and technology, which has resulted in a significant cost savings.

Technology

Recognizing the importance of technology as both an instructional and administrative tool, WCSU has continued to focus on technology planning, integration and expansion. We currently have 835 computers; 467 that are at the high school. In addition, all of the schools have purchased mobile labs as a means to better integrate technology into classroom instruction. Under the direction of Dennis Beloin, Director of Technology at U-32 and WCSU, we developed technology plans for each of our schools and the central office and have instituted a team approach to more efficiently staff the schools and the central office. Our technology plans include establishing technology standards for both students and staff. All staff have continued to work towards proficiency on Level 1 Standards required by June 2005. And this year, our technology committee has begun aligning student standards and expectations with the State's grade level expectations.

All WCSU schools and the central office are linked through a wide-area network (WAN). This network allows all our schools to share and track student and personnel information and it has improved our financial and accounting systems. This year, we have brought on a new special education student tracking system and are working with NEMRC to link our fiscal and human resource systems. Lastly, we have updated the WCSU web site (www.wcsuonline.org), which links to each of our school web sites.

Central Office Facilities

Over the past year, WCSU has continued to explore several options for relocating the central office administrative and fiscal staff. These include renovating or constructing a building on the U-32 campus, purchasing a facility, seeking out other potential lease properties and joining with a neighboring district. Although there continues to be strong support in having the central office relocate to the U-32 campus, at this time we are still exploring all options and related costs, and the Executive Committee has made the decision to continue our current lease for another year.

Quality Staff and Administrators

Recruiting and maintaining quality staff and administrators continue to be a top priority. WCSU currently employs 196 certified staff and 159 support staff — 99 of which hold a Master's degree. WCSU is fortunate to have such outstanding, committed and caring educators serving our youth. One hundred thirty-nine members of our staff have served in Washington Central Supervisory Union for 10 years or more. Credit for the many accomplishments of our supervisory union goes to the efforts and commitment of our outstanding professional and support staff, as well as to our administrative leadership team.

Parent and Community Involvement

Parent and community involvement is vital to quality schools and school improvement. WCSU is fortunate to have parents, community and board members who provide on-going commitment, involvement and support to our children and schools. It takes our combined efforts to meet the diverse and growing needs of all our students and provide them with the educational opportunities to become life-long learners and caring and responsible citizens.

We are truly fortunate to have such wonderful parents and community members supporting our schools and children. Thank you all.

— ROBBE BROOK, *Superintendent of Schools*



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

Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) offers Special Education services to eligible children age birth through twenty-one.

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

WCSU may be unaware of all resident children and youths with a disability. If you know of a child who has a disability and is not in school or otherwise being educated at public expense, please notify us by contacting your local school principal or by calling or writing:

Nancy Thomas
Director of Special Services
WCSU
2446 Airport Road
Barre, VT 05641
802-229-0553 ext.303

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

Submitted to the Town Auditors for the Towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester.

Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 261(a)(10) on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Washington Central Supervisory Union, I hereby submit the following summary report of the financial operations of the supervisory union.

For the year ending June 30, 2004, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$1,003,666. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2004 with a \$337,998 general fund balance and a \$50,000 special education fund balance.

For fiscal year 2005, the supervisory union budgets total \$1,045,315 and it is expected that the year will end in balance.

At this time, it is expected that the supervisory union general fund and special education budgets for fiscal year 2006 will total \$1,171,290.

The supervisory union does not receive state aid for special education or early education programs. Block grant, intensive reimbursement and extraordinary reimbursements are received by the town school districts based on their specific allocation formulas.

— ROBBE BROOK, *Superintendent of Schools*

WCSU FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET SUMMARY: ASSESSMENTS

| School | Average Daily Membership | ADM % | (See Note **) Admin. Assessment | Curriculum Assessment | Technology Assessment |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Berlin | 249 | 15.0% | \$42,253 | \$15,273 | 8,065 |
| Calais | 111 | 6.7% | 18,833 | 6,807 | 3,595 |
| East Montpelier | 222 | 13.4% | 37,607 | 13,593 | 7,178 |
| Middlesex | 139 | 8.4% | 23,559 | 8,516 | 4,497 |
| Worcester | 72 | 4.3% | 12,209 | 4,413 | 2,331 |
| Union 32 | 866 | 52.2% | 146,781 | 53,055 | 28,018 |
| Totals | 1,659 | 100.0% | \$281,242 | \$101,657 | \$ 53,684 |

** Allocation based on purchased services.

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006
BUDGET SUMMARY**

| | Budget 2005 | Proposed Budget 2006 |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Anticipated Revenues: | | |
| Assessments (<i>see box below</i>) | \$ 795,206 | \$ 830,790 |
| Earnings on Investments | 20,000 | 11,500 |
| State Placed Reimbursements | 120,000 | 329,000 |
| Early Education Program | 70,109 | 0 |
| Total Anticipated Revenues | 1,005,315 | 1,171,290 |
| Fund Balance Usage | 40,000 | 0 |
| Total Sources of Funds | \$ 1,045,315 | \$1,171,290 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| Instructional Svcs – State Placed Students | \$ 120,000 | \$ 329,000 |
| Early Education Program | 177,213 | 38,372 |
| Special Area Admin. Services | 140,847 | 149,141 |
| Instruction Develop. Services | 96,213 | 101,657 |
| Technology | 34,728 | 53,684 |
| Superintendent’s Office & Admin. Costs | 223,539 | 236,327 |
| Fiscal Services | 206,541 | 218,195 |
| Operation & Maintenance of Bldg. | 46,234 | 44,914 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 1,045,315 | \$1,171,290 |
| Total Use of Funds | \$ 1,045,315 | \$ 1,171,290 |
| Increase (Decrease): \$125,975 | | |

** Special Services and Early Educ. Programs generate revenues which offset these costs. The revenues are in the respective school’s budget.*

| Fiscal Services Assessment | Special* Services Assessment | Early* Education Assessment | Total Assessment | Comparison to FY02-03 Total |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$ 31,486 | \$ 22,406 | \$ 11,448 | \$130,931 | (887) |
| 14,034 | 9,987 | 7,746 | 61,002 | (7,499) |
| 28,024 | 19,943 | 9,748 | 116,093 | (8,530) |
| 14,675 | 12,493 | 3,595 | 67,335 | 419 |
| 9,098 | 6,475 | 5,834 | 40,360 | (6,993) |
| 109,378 | 77,837 | 0 | 415,069 | 59,074 |
| \$206,695 | \$149,141 | \$ 38,371 | \$ 830,790 | \$35,584 |

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
SALARY & BENEFIT PROJECTION
AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2004**

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

| | WSCU Projected Salaries | Total Salaries & Benefits |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Beloin, Dennis | \$ 22,058 | \$ 29,502 |
| Bibeau, Lori | 77,761 | 99,486 |
| Brook, Roberta | 95,087 | 107,500 |
| Carr, Ann | 32,051 | 41,132 |
| Coletti, Larry | 18,360 | 20,747 |
| Crowningshield, Karyn | 26,618 | 32,430 |
| Cykon, Cynthia | 30,231 | 41,166 |
| Deres Rebecca | 26,556 | 28,870 |
| Forbes, Lisa | 10,830 | 11,774 |
| Flynn, Timothy | 72,714 | 89,148 |
| Hull, Joanne | 39,776 | 53,970 |
| Laquerre, Rosalie | 33,263 | 49,402 |
| Larrow, Benton | 10,012 | 11,629 |
| Leonard Christopher | 34,911 | 42,755 |
| McDermet Doug | 24,437 | 31,868 |
| Mier, Louise | 49,238 | 53,564 |
| Nichols-Fleming, Diane | 30,673 | 35,377 |
| Ormsby, Mary | 33,387 | 46,672 |
| Parker, Bethany | 26,582 | 30,582 |
| Peterson, Cheryl | 9,819 | 10,675 |
| Powers, Bess | 33,283 | 46,618 |
| Robertson Scott | 6,528 | 7,377 |
| Rogers, Kathy | 42,873 | 49,759 |
| Roya, Patricia | 38,336 | 52,326 |
| Thomas, Nancy | 72,795 | 82,445 |
| Wilson Susan | 15,973 | 23,969 |
| TOTALS | <u>\$ 914,152</u> | <u>\$1,130,743</u> |

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| inc(dec) from last year | \$124,853 | \$185,842 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY

| Description | Actual 2003-2004 | Budget 2004-2005 | Projected 2004-2005 | Budget 2005-2006 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Tuition | \$ 139,436 | \$ 140,773 | \$ 140,773 | \$140,618 |
| Investment Income | 22,582 | 38,000 | 23,797 | 20,000 |
| Assessments | 8,633,266 | 9,196,849 | 9,196,849 | 9,721,062 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 104,945 | 53,640 | 53,640 | 58,413 |
| Transfer from Construction Fund .. | 253,090 | 0 | 106,512 | 81,049 |
| Special Education Income | 829,081 | 567,029 | 943,262 | 900,699 |
| Subtotal Revenues | \$9,982,400 | \$9,996,291 | \$10,464,833 | \$10,921,841 |
| Fund Balance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$9,982,400 | \$9,996,291 | \$ 10,464,833 | \$10,921,841 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Business Educ. | \$ 122,246 | \$ 127,876 | \$ 126,765 | \$133,898 |
| Driver Educ. | 72,614 | 76,831 | 75,382 | 78,761 |
| English | 647,893 | 686,281 | 633,925 | 676,218 |
| Acting, Dance, Visual Arts..... | 198,754 | 219,576 | 222,250 | 236,916 |
| Foreign Language | 219,389 | 231,830 | 239,216 | 256,139 |
| Technology Ed. | 125,717 | 131,532 | 132,899 | 145,406 |
| Living Arts | 91,526 | 94,791 | 88,842 | 98,364 |
| Music | 177,066 | 182,019 | 181,964 | 190,031 |
| Physical Ed. | 253,921 | 267,734 | 263,000 | 288,700 |
| Mathematics | 524,443 | 551,363 | 559,302 | 613,459 |
| Science | 589,367 | 620,473 | 642,858 | 679,337 |
| Social Studies | 488,430 | 500,222 | 444,431 | 470,399 |
| Instructional – Schoolwide | 187,507 | 288,111 | 282,673 | 297,753 |
| Other Instruction – 504..... | 10,320 | 33,798 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Middle School Programs | 24,954 | 27,075 | 27,075 | 28,790 |
| Co-Curricular Activities..... | 425,697 | 483,137 | 483,868 | 539,055 |
| Guidance Services..... | 341,266 | 364,560 | 364,214 | 383,374 |
| Health Services | 84,045 | 88,544 | 87,452 | 91,677 |
| Media Service | 77,083 | 81,807 | 77,777 | 88,912 |
| School Library Services..... | 188,767 | 202,839 | 204,177 | 215,703 |
| Technology Services | 162,943 | 164,189 | 163,701 | 203,153 |
| Board of Education | 35,136 | 35,126 | 36,826 | 40,726 |
| Office of Superintendent..... | 151,425 | 171,030 | 171,030 | 199,836 |
| Office of Principal | 730,529 | 698,792 | 763,133 | 808,917 |
| Fiscal Services | 83,284 | 94,513 | 94,513 | 109,378 |
| Auditing Services..... | 2,600 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 850,327 | 918,698 | 912,645 | 943,891 |
| Student Transportation Svcs | 396,030 | 407,191 | 400,064 | 390,265 |
| Transfers to Other Funds | 1,109,766 | 978,738 | 1,085,250 | 1,059,787 |
| Special Education | 1,453,814 | 1,263,915 | 1,623,262 | 1,644,796 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$9,826,859 | \$9,996,291 | \$10,396,694 | \$10,921,841 |

U32 Cost per Equalized Pupils

| Historical Trends | Budget FY03 | Budget FY04 | Budget FY05 | Budget FY06 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Local Ed. Spending Per State Formula | \$8,106,567 | \$8,403,724 | \$9,016,259 | \$9,537,343 |
| U32 Equalized Pupils: Ave. Daily Membership | 879.91 | 883.71 | 922.04 | 943.44 |
| Local Ed. Spending Per Equalized Pupil | \$9,213 | \$9,510 | \$9,779 | \$10,109 |
| % Increase In Spending Per Equalized Pupil | | 3.22% | 2.83% | 3.38% |

U-32 HIGH SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projection As of December 1, 2004

Benefits include costs of: Health Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan, Social Security, Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance, and Unemployment Insurance.

| | U-32 Projected Salaries | Total Salaries & Benefits | | U-32 Projected Salaries | Total Salaries & Benefits |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Angell, Paul | \$ 51,899 | \$ 61,255 | Ditmeyer Christine | 48,176 | 56,920 |
| Ball Kathleen | 32,583 | 38,047 | Dolan Paula | 43,212 | 58,200 |
| Barrows Stephen | 45,267 | 60,454 | Dunn Janice | 21,606 | 23,900 |
| Bartlett Derek | 23,086 | 30,167 | Dunn William | 55,921 | 69,490 |
| Barton Cindy | 10,319 | 11,320 | Durgin H. Hebert Jr. | 22,420 | 29,148 |
| Bazis David | 34,524 | 45,985 | Eaton Margaret | 52,900 | 68,827 |
| Beebe Larry | 50,658 | 66,368 | Emery Paula | 38,247 | 46,278 |
| Beloin Dennis | 33,088 | 44,429 | Fair Patricia | 23,792 | 35,948 |
| Blake Dorothy | 83,475 | 100,042 | Fisher W. Dean | 10,000 | 19,571 |
| Boomhower Dan | 49,417 | 58,532 | Fitch Leslie | 35,412 | 52,026 |
| Boulanger Chantal | 21,776 | 35,296 | Fletcher David | 10,000 | 19,571 |
| Brown Ronald, Jr | 43,212 | 50,329 | Fowler Cathy | 22,420 | 29,485 |
| Bruno Barbarann | 16,762 | 23,779 | French Adam | 34,524 | 42,194 |
| Cahill Roy | 27,766 | 39,061 | French William | 15,188 | 21,974 |
| Cahill Theresa | 14,796 | 16,462 | Fried Gaia | 15,695 | 25,818 |
| Cameron Nathalie | 13,134 | 18,961 | Gaffney Sandra | 17,794 | 24,963 |
| Carey Bodo | 45,203 | 60,384 | Gandin Dan | 45,694 | 60,923 |
| Caron James | 34,524 | 48,453 | Gandin Tracy | 43,212 | 47,764 |
| Cate Thomas | 45,694 | 60,923 | Garand Laura | 15,797 | 20,254 |
| Cate Weston III | 20,520 | 28,090 | Garand Travis | 13,204 | 17,410 |
| Chaloux Sandra | 38,247 | 44,882 | Garcia Joan | 22,846 | 34,805 |
| Chaplin Mark | 56,134 | 72,375 | Garrity Leigh | 45,694 | 60,923 |
| Chase Betty | 14,011 | 18,995 | Gora Peter | 17,794 | 24,073 |
| Cioffi Barbara | 40,729 | 52,824 | Grace Caroline | 37,006 | 43,521 |
| Colangeli Steven | 33,283 | 39,101 | Grantz Christopher | 17,762 | 23,806 |
| Cook Vicki | 15,466 | 20,664 | Greenberg Joanne | 40,526 | 47,921 |
| Cooke Ellen | 46,178 | 61,453 | Greene Daniel | 49,574 | 65,179 |
| Crossett Paula | 40,729 | 55,476 | Guilbault Timothy | 16,918 | 29,967 |
| Cueto Linda | 15,188 | 19,966 | Hall Diane | 27,534 | 40,182 |
| Dailey Cynthia | 31,383 | 40,550 | Hannigan David | 31,842 | 47,597 |
| Dalmasse Denise | 53,954 | 62,113 | Heintz Benjamin | 37,756 | 52,214 |
| David Beatrice | 40,815 | 52,882 | Herrick Amy | 28,161 | 32,516 |
| Dean Fletcher | 16,114 | 26,278 | Hilferty John | 33,283 | 44,656 |
| DeCicco Sally | 19,432 | 26,498 | Hill MaryEllen | 21,617 | 29,349 |
| Decker Anne | 32,583 | 37,626 | Houston Glenn | 40,565 | 48,821 |
| DeForge Joyce | 49,417 | 58,532 | Hungerford Richard | 36,600 | 46,301 |
| Dentith Susan | 51,899 | 61,255 | Hurley Kevin | 23,499 | 35,432 |
| Desch Marguerite | 48,176 | 57,170 | Jenkins Jamie | 35,764 | 49,623 |
| Disenhaus Nancy | 51,899 | 57,294 | Johnson Emily | 23,308 | 28,176 |

| | U-32 Projected Salaries | Total Salaries & Benefits | | U-32 Projected Salaries | Total Salaries & Benefits |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Johnson-Aten Bonnie | 63,000 | 79,907 | Poplawski Virginia | 17,106 | 24,174 |
| Keitel Stephanie | 31,139 | 40,652 | Post Deborah | 10,934 | 11,938 |
| Keyes Margaret | 27,619 | 36,856 | Rackliff Marilyn | 31,383 | 40,550 |
| Kiefer Julie | 41,971 | 54,187 | Randall Nanci | 19,263 | 26,648 |
| Kipnes Jessica | 30,000 | 37,509 | Reardon Michael | 45,694 | 53,052 |
| Klima Judith | 39,488 | 47,640 | Rexford Alan | 51,899 | 65,078 |
| Kohn-Saxe Barbara | 40,729 | 55,440 | Rexford Piper | 51,899 | 57,294 |
| Kopecky Barry | 24,057 | 30,965 | Riby-Williams | | |
| Korecki-Moll Barbara | 44,927 | 57,429 | Emmanuel | 15,492 | 28,403 |
| Ksepka Michelle | 15,188 | 28,829 | Rice David | 15,188 | 26,021 |
| Law Michael | 50,658 | 63,585 | Roberts Laura | 18,879 | 24,202 |
| Leonard Ralph | 19,830 | 33,162 | Saxe Kenneth | 51,178 | 56,503 |
| Levine Judd | 41,971 | 48,711 | Segar James | 51,899 | 57,294 |
| Lugo Michael | 9,864 | 10,821 | Segar Kathleen | 18,509 | 32,638 |
| Lunn Jeneane | 37,006 | 51,230 | Simmons Mary Ellen | 39,488 | 45,909 |
| Mac Martin Roxana | 19,831 | 22,746 | Slopey Brian | 51,899 | 65,078 |
| Magoon Heather | 18,225 | 31,068 | Snell Lizabeth | 54,202 | 70,170 |
| Malloy Janilyn | 54,628 | 68,071 | Snyder Ross | 31,590 | 38,118 |
| Mayette Sue Anne | 20,263 | 26,569 | Spannbauer Christy | 17,303 | 21,906 |
| McCord Denise | 43,358 | 50,233 | Stevens Debra | 15,188 | 19,586 |
| McKone Thomas | 50,658 | 66,369 | St. Peter Hollis | 35,274 | 46,656 |
| McNaulty William | 22,279 | 27,644 | Tolassi Jane | 51,899 | 65,078 |
| Mehuron Mary | 45,694 | 59,323 | Trombly-Holcomb | | |
| Mercer John | 55,998 | 69,575 | Arlene | 27,642 | 40,307 |
| Mercer Nancy | 51,899 | 57,294 | Truman Diane | 15,628 | 29,334 |
| Michaud Heather | 32,489 | 47,049 | Vandal Norman | 43,212 | 58,200 |
| Mitchell Spencer | 29,326 | 36,713 | VanDeren Lauren | 29,316 | 42,226 |
| Mohlman Bonnevieue | 49,418 | 56,776 | Verchereau-Staab | | |
| Mohlman Joseph | 50,658 | 63,716 | Suzanne | 22,464 | 27,568 |
| Molina Amanda | 42,254 | 50,737 | Violette Daniel | 45,694 | 58,271 |
| Mooney Mark | 63,000 | 80,232 | Volinsky Sarah | 38,247 | 45,719 |
| Newcomb Sharon | 35,461 | 46,469 | Volpini Carolyn | 13,468 | 19,328 |
| Noone Karen | 51,899 | 67,730 | Walker Katherine | 7,655 | 8,358 |
| Oakes Dawn | 17,450 | 23,696 | Wheelock Ann | 19,858 | 27,227 |
| Olson George | 20,760 | 22,666 | Whitlock Amy | 40,729 | 49,001 |
| Opuszynski Walter | 15,611 | 21,679 | Wiese Kathy Topping | 51,899 | 67,729 |
| Palmer Victoria | 39,488 | 54,115 | Williams Christopher | 37,006 | 48,740 |
| Parrott-Safford Diane | 27,497 | 36,093 | Wilmott Margaret | 49,417 | 57,136 |
| Parry Arthur | 30,000 | 37,464 | Wilson Lori | 4,706 | 5,138 |
| Peck Douglas | 8,006 | 9,183 | Woodfield Eleanor | 36,555 | 48,745 |
| Pelletier Kathleen | 57,915 | 67,854 | | | |
| Petrella Albert | 37,000 | 45,836 | TOTALS | \$ 5,328,904 | 6,848,485 |
| Phillips Charles | 19,830 | 24,678 | | | |
| Pierce Nicole | 15,443 | 25,542 | | | |
| Pitchette Mark | 38,854 | 45,122 | inc(dec) from 2003 | \$345,572 | \$602,091 |

MESSAGE FROM THE EMES SCHOOL BOARD

Your school board continues to be an active board. We had many events and committees this past year including some new initiatives at the local as well as the district level. For the past year, our board, with the help of Dr. Ray Proulx, a renowned Vermont educator, has been exploring the roles and responsibilities of our board, school, and supervisory union level administrators, and some EMES staff. A document to guide our work, stating who is responsible for each task in several categories, has been created. The categories include fiscal, communication, planning, transportation, culture and climate, curriculum and assessment, professional development, technology, support services, law and policy, food service, and human resources. We have determined the expectations for each category and the group or individual responsible. For most tasks, we found there would be many layers of responsibility. There are so many moving parts in the life of the school and this exercise helped us determine the best route to move forward in long range planning in a positive way.

Our next big initiative is zero based/student centered budgeting in all areas of our school. We are looking for creative ways to meet the challenge of the ever-rising costs of public education, shrinking revenues, and unfunded mandates, while still maintaining a sound instructional program and well maintained facility, in a fiscally responsible way. We would like to start with the food service program and our facility & operations, giving these two areas the needed attention they deserve. Meanwhile, our certified staff is doing important work incorporating the recently released *Vermont Grade Level Expectations* into the curriculum. This work will form the long range planning process in the near future. The intended outcome of this budget process is an annual budget that is based on both a long range plan and input from the staff, community, and board.

District initiatives include a committee on a system of learning opportunities that supports students that exceed the standards, a policy development/revision committee, and a committee on the coordination of a study for collaborative opportunities between the Montpelier School District and Washington Central Supervisory Union. I want to stress that this is not a study on how to combine the two school districts, but to see if there are ways the two districts can combine forces in any ways that would be beneficial to both MSD and WCSU. Examples may include oil or fuel bids, collective buying of some products, or combining some functions of the MSD and WCSU offices. It is the intent of the committee to have the study completed and a final report done by May 31, 2005.

The board would like to welcome the following new employees to our school: Carol Anderson, half-time job share as a 2/3 teacher and half-time Title I teacher; Elizabeth (Betty) Jaworski, paraeducator; Jennifer Morrone, Spanish teacher; and Carrie Sisson, paraeducator.

We would also like to take this time to thank the long term substitutes who filled in for our teachers while they were out on extended leave: Michelle Gardner, David Hoppe, Jillian Zeilenga and Jessica Moseley. They did a wonder-

ful job! Our regular staff is now back and we have new additions to our school community. Steve Towne had a little girl, Lauren; Maureen McDermet had a little girl, Marlie; Mike Berry had a little girl, Grace; Jen McHarg had a little girl, Aileen; and Lisa Gariboldi had a little boy, Crosse. Also, I would like to congratulate our board member Julia Longhi-Haynes who had a little boy, Charles, better known as Charley. Julia missed only two meetings in June and then was back to board meetings and committee work. Congratulations to all!

We are pleased to have in our midst, Kathy Christy, our second/third grade teacher, who was honored as the WCSU Elementary Teacher of the Year at a reception at UVM last fall. Kathy is known for her effective teaching practices, as well as her work on our certified staff supervision/evaluation process, our mentoring program for new teachers, and our technology initiatives.

Budget development continues to be a difficult job for the board. It is very hard to satisfy the needs of the students, the state requirements, and the taxpayers. Community members offered advice and opinions at our regular meetings. We had a separate meeting with the staff where we had an open, honest, and heartfelt dialog on the needs of the school. The board appreciates all of the input provided by our community and staff. Our budget is up over 6% this year which again includes a 12% health care increase and full funding at the local level of our full-day kindergarten. The kindergarten program, an important program for young children, is going extremely well. We know it was a rough year financially for some people, and we also know that a quality school is an important investment. With the help of the administration's recommendation of reductions in salary and non-salary items, our final budget proposal is \$56,350 less than the one we were faced with at the beginning of our budget process. Again, many items that were considered but not added to the FY06 proposed budget will need to be addressed in the future, in order to provide our students the opportunity to reach the high academic standards in *Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities*. There are still many challenges facing us in the next few years.

This past year, the board of school directors has accepted with deep regret, our principal, Carol Randall's, resignation effective at the end of June. I just want to take this opportunity to thank Carol for her six years of service to our school. She will be greatly missed and I have enjoyed working with her during this time. Again, the board would like to take this time to thank Carol for her dedication to our school and wish her well on her future endeavors. A search for a new principal is now in progress.

The board would like to thank all the parent and community volunteers who help make our school so great. We urge community members to visit your school during the day and meet and greet the staff.

Respectfully submitted,

JANICE ALDRICH, *Chair*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Reflecting on the life of the East Montpelier Elementary School brings thoughts of many people contributing in a variety of ways toward our vision and mission:

*Our school is place where everyone is valued.
Through shared responsibility, we will create a meaningful educational
foundation for students to become lifelong learners.
We will provide an environment that fosters creativity
where individual growth and uniqueness are encouraged.
Our goal is for students to become contributing members of the community
and to gain respect for themselves and others.*

The purpose of our school is to teach all children to become competent, caring citizens and lifelong learners through a challenging and relevant curriculum.

This year, our staff is using the *Vermont Grade Expectations* to refine our continuum of studies in science, social studies, math, literacy, physical education, the arts, foreign language, technology and health. Our work is conducted within our school as well as with colleagues in all of the Washington Central Supervisory Union schools. Our goal is to provide all of our students with excellent and equitable learning opportunities throughout the supervisory union while maintaining the unique character of our local schools.

Our current school-wide wellness theme includes visiting artists Gould & Stearns and Marko the Magician, schoolyard gardening, nutrition studies, and recess walking and running programs. Anti-bullying strategies for students and staff, service learning, "Positive Pirates Week," and programs such as *Reading to End Racism*, *Beyond Difference* and *Reading Is Fundamental* are components of our work for a healthy, safe, and respectful school environment.

Several initiatives continue to bring vitality to our school. Professional development utilizing the expertise of our staff through workshops, mentoring and planning sessions is ongoing. Our paraeducators are coaching each other in completion of online coursework to meet new requirements. *Environmental Learning for the Future*, the *Parent/Teacher/Neighbor Organization*, and *Reading Is Fundamental* are volunteer efforts that support and enhance our school. The *Community Connections Program* of after school, vacation, and summer programs for elementary students and adults provides diverse opportunities to learners of all ages.

Developing and supporting a school community in which all students succeed as learners is our shared responsibility. I thank each contributor to our continuous improvement of the East Montpelier Elementary School as a center for learning.

—CAROL RANDALL, *Principal*

EMES ENROLLMENT

| Year | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 1989-90 | 31 | 34 | 40 | 36 | 31 | 44 | 38 | 254 |
| 1990-91 | 26 | 34 | 37 | 40 | 35 | 34 | 43 | 249 |
| 1991-92 | 21 | 28 | 33 | 36 | 40 | 35 | 32 | 225 |
| 1992-93 | 36 | 23 | 29 | 38 | 37 | 43 | 40 | 246 |
| 1993-94 | 32 | 32 | 24 | 28 | 37 | 38 | 42 | 233 |
| 1994-95 | 22 | 33 | 30 | 24 | 30 | 38 | 39 | 216 |
| 1995-96 | 39 | 26 | 32 | 33 | 23 | 33 | 41 | 227 |
| 1996-97 | 37 | 41 | 31 | 33 | 37 | 24 | 33 | 236 |
| 1997-98 | 20 | 41 | 41 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 24 | 229 |
| 1998-99 | 32 | 24 | 41 | 40 | 35 | 32 | 37 | 241 |
| 1999-00 | 23 | 34 | 26 | 38 | 40 | 34 | 32 | 227 |
| 2000-01 | 21 | 26 | 37 | 30 | 45 | 41 | 34 | 234 |
| 2001-02 | 21 | 27 | 28 | 37 | 32 | 46 | 43 | 234 |
| 2002-03 | 26 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 36 | 34 | 47 | 224 |
| 2003-04 | 28 | 30 | 23 | 26 | 28 | 23 | 36 | 204 |
| 2004-05 * | 33 | 29 | 32 | 25 | 29 | 29 | 35 | 212 |

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
East Montpelier School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of East Montpelier School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of East Montpelier School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of East Montpelier School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary fund of East Montpelier School District, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the

United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the School District has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of June 30, 2004.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 22, 2004 on our consideration of East Montpelier School District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 and 30 through 35 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise East Montpelier School District’s basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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July 22, 2004

TOWN AUDITORS’ NOTE:

The East Montpelier School District accounts are independently audited by Angolano & Company. This cover letter accompanied their detailed report, copies of which are available for review at the School and Town Offices.

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Salary & Benefit Projections As of December 1, 2004

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

| | Projected Salaries | Total Salaries and Benefits |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| INSTRUCTIONAL | | |
| Anderson, Carol..... | \$ 17,262 | \$ 20,308 |
| Barrett, Maria | 51,899 | 67,366 |
| Berry, Michael | 33,283 | 46,298 |
| Christy, Kathryn | 52,899 | 65,842 |
| Cote, Gladys | 15,794 | 20,652 |
| Dunkling, Pamela | 36,422 | 43,219 |
| Finch, Christine | 33,283 | 40,635 |
| Gannon, Robin..... | 51,899 | 67,366 |
| Gariboldi, Lisa..... | 33,669 | 47,446 |
| Giammusso, Laura..... | 18,503 | 27,870 |
| Holmes-Heiss, Heidemarie..... | 24,414 | 33,215 |
| MacHarg, Jennifer | 29,096 | 42,449 |
| Morrone, Jennifer | 17,883 | 21,692 |
| Moran, Steven | 13,822 | 15,031 |
| O'Hare, Jamie | 51,899 | 67,366 |
| Pastore, Carolyn | 51,899 | 64,749 |
| Pomerantz, Sara..... | 33,283 | 44,408 |
| Quackenbush, Gary | 38,247 | 52,448 |
| Shedd, Ellen..... | 37,006 | 51,092 |
| Towne, Stephen | 38,247 | 52,448 |
| Weiss, Benjamin | 37,006 | 44,703 |
| Subtotal Teachers..... | 717,715 | 936,603 |
| Hall, Linda..... | 11,390 | 12,481 |
| Subtotal Technical | 11,390 | 12,481 |
| TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL..... | 729,105 | 949,084 |
| GUIDANCE | | |
| Mcdermet, Maureen | 15,802 | 21,978 |
| TOTAL GUIDANCE..... | 15,802 | 21,978 |
| HEALTH SERVICES | | |
| Foster, Laurie..... | 32,583 | 44,135 |
| TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES..... | 32,583 | 44,135 |
| LIBRARY | | |
| Knoelder, Ellen..... | 44,453 | 51,501 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY | 44,453 | 51,501 |

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Randall, Carol..... | 69,756 | 81,675 |
| Badger, Jane..... | 21,996 | 28,021 |
| Royce, Linda | 29,540 | 38,475 |
| TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN..... | 121,292 | 148,171 |

OPER. & MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fletcher, David | 26,559 | 36,840 |
| Storey, Tracy..... | 34,911 | 49,965 |
| TOTAL OPER. & MAINT | 61,470 | 86,805 |

SPECIAL EDUC.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Carter, Anne..... | 51,899 | 67,366 |
| Mason, Kathleen..... | 43,160 | 50,023 |
| Wilcox, Joy..... | 23,507 | 26,626 |
| Subtotal Teachers..... | 118,566 | 144,015 |
| Deforge, Susan | 15,275 | 16,727 |
| Farnham, Ruth..... | 20,194 | 28,873 |
| Gregoire, Charlene | 13,760 | 16,121 |
| Hall, Linda..... | 7,593 | 8,333 |
| Humphries, Carol | 17,446 | 19,108 |
| Jaworski, Elizabeth..... | 16,524 | 18,006 |
| Phillips, Doris..... | 20,194 | 26,052 |
| Sisson, Carrie..... | 7,485 | 10,154 |
| Stone, Katherine | 17,200 | 22,781 |
| Wirth, Elizabeth..... | 13,420 | 14,630 |
| Subtotal Technical | 149,091 | 180,785 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL EDU..... | 267,657 | 324,800 |

SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND..... 1,272,362 1,626,474

FOOD SERVICES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Lynde, Robert | 19,939 | 25,774 |
| TOTAL FOOD SERV..... | 19,939 | 25,774 |

TITLE I POSITIONS

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Anderson, Carol..... | 17,262 | 20,344 |
| Gregoire, Charlene | 3,440 | 4,022 |
| Sisson, Carrie..... | 7,485 | 10,154 |
| TOTAL TITLE I..... | 28,187 | 34,520 |

TOTAL SALARIES

& BENEFITS..... \$1,320,488 \$1,686,768

inc(dec) from 2003

\$24,494

\$51,984

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BUDGET 2005-2006

| Description | Budget 2004 | Actual 2004 | Budget 2005 | Projected 2005 | Budget 2006 | Budget 05- Budget 06 Incr (Decr) | % |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|--------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | | |
| Property Tax - Elementary | \$ 589,131 | 559,637 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Earnings on Investments | 50,000 | 23,359 | 24,400 | 24,400 | 24,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest Exp. on Investments | (40,000) | (23,982) | (24,400) | (24,400) | (24,400) | 0 | 0 |
| Misc. Income - Purch. Disc. | 2,284 | 2,013 | 2,053 | 2,053 | 2,053 | 0 | 0 |
| Misc. Income - ERATE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,010 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| General State Aid - Block Grant | 1,144,780 | 1,149,762 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| State Aid Sharing Pool | 91,358 | 88,642 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Educ. Spending Revenues from State | 0 | 0 | 1,868,973 | 1,868,973 | 1,952,328 | 83,355 | 4.5% |
| State Transportation Aid | 35,729 | 38,720 | 31,478 | 33,294 | 32,072 | 594 | 1.9% |
| Capital Debt Aid | 3,517 | 3,517 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mainstream Block Grant | 120,812 | 120,812 | 125,723 | 125,723 | 128,622 | 2,899 | 2.3% |
| Intensive Reimbursement - Current Year | 67,822 | 68,352 | 89,535 | 106,367 | 131,897 | 42,362 | 47.3% |
| Intensive Reimbursement - Prior Year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,443 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edu. Spending Rev. from State - Preschool | 27,228 | 31,868 | 31,868 | 40,697 | 8,829 | 27.7% | 27.7% |
| EEE (Early Essential Education) Grant | 18,234 | 18,271 | 18,271 | 17,191 | 17,382 | (889) | -4.9% |
| Subtotal Revenues | \$2,110,895 | 2,076,331 | 2,167,901 | 2,191,922 | 2,308,051 | 140,150 | 6.5% |
| Fund Balance Usage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$2,110,895 | 2,076,331 | 2,167,901 | 2,191,922 | 2,308,051 | 140,150 | 6.46% |

NOTE: Fund Balance Summary
Audited Fund Balance as of July 1, 2003
Use - FY03-04 (Fiscal Year 2003-2004)
Projected Fund Balance July 1, 2004

| |
|-------------|
| \$ 85,733 |
| (\$ 32,607) |
| \$ 53,126 |

| Description | Budget 2004 | Actual 2004 | Budget 2005 | Projected 2005 | Budget 2006 | Increase (Decrease) | % |
|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
| INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS..... | 677,321 | 681,190 | 680,771 | 667,088 | 712,761 | 31,990 | 4.7% |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH..... | 51,076 | 42,208 | 20,200 | 11,390 | 13,045 | -7,155 | -35.4% |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-RETIRE..... | 28,126 | 28,126 | 29,616 | 29,776 | 15,794 | -13,822 | -46.7% |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY..... | 11,700 | 25,618 | 11,700 | 38,644 | 15,700 | 4,000 | 34.2% |
| HEALTH BENEFITS..... | 120,709 | 115,301 | 136,327 | 147,420 | 145,983 | 9,656 | 7.1% |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE..... | 53,737 | 53,779 | 55,637 | 56,060 | 54,787 | -850 | -1.5% |
| RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS..... | 1,914 | 1,914 | 632 | 0 | 0 | -632 | -100.0% |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT..... | 714 | 748 | 720 | 720 | 648 | -72 | -10.0% |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION..... | 6,034 | 6,899 | 6,903 | 7,906 | 7,570 | 667 | 9.7% |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION..... | 287 | 297 | 287 | 377 | 365 | 78 | 27.2% |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT..... | 11,000 | 9,420 | 10,000 | 7,500 | 8,000 | -2,000 | -20.0% |
| DENTAL BENEFITS..... | 5,501 | 5,707 | 5,605 | 5,605 | 6,764 | 1,159 | 20.7% |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS..... | 3,775 | 3,430 | 3,751 | 3,758 | 3,657 | -94 | -2.5% |
| PROFESSL-EDUC SVC-Inserv.Speakers..... | 1,500 | 709 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0.0% |
| PROF EDU SVC-ADM FEE..... | 4,865 | 3,830 | 4,710 | 4,710 | 4,820 | 110 | 2.3% |
| OTHER PROF SVCS-ESL..... | 0 | 595 | 0 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE..... | 31,133 | 31,440 | 29,266 | 28,219 | 27,650 | -1,616 | -5.5% |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS..... | 6,762 | 4,891 | 5,026 | 5,026 | 5,462 | 436 | 8.7% |
| TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES | \$ 1,016,154 | 1,016,102 | 1,001,651 | 1,017,699 | 1,026,506 | 24,855 | 2.5% |
| INSTRUCTIONAL SVCS-ENRICHMENT | | | | | | | |
| PROFESSIONAL SVCS-ELF..... | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0 | 0.0% |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES..... | 1,000 | 482 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 500 | -500 | -50.0% |
| TOTAL INSTRUNCT. SVCS-ENRICH. | \$ 2,600 | 2,082 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,100 | -500 | -19.2% |

| Description | Budget 2004 | Actual 2004 | Budget 2005 | Projected 2005 | Budget 2006 | Increase (Decrease) | % |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| GUIDANCE SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS..... | 29,729 | 28,673 | 29,963 | 33,637 | 31,822 | 1,859 | 6.2% |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | 0 | 5,820 | 6,368 | 4,476 | 9,350 | 2,982 | 46.8% |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | 2,274 | 1,962 | 2,206 | 2,514 | 2,310 | 104 | 4.7% |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | 34 | 34 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 0 | 0.0% |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | 219 | 252 | 271 | 318 | 319 | 48 | 17.7% |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | 11 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 16 | 5 | 45.5% |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | 254 | 259 | 259 | 259 | 324 | 65 | 25.1% |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | 146 | 132 | 156 | 159 | 165 | 9 | 5.8% |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | 380 | 669 | 850 | 850 | 400 | -450 | -52.9% |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | 700 | 385 | 500 | 500 | 250 | -250 | -50.0% |
| TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES | \$ 33,747 | 38,197 | 40,620 | 42,764 | 44,992 | 4,372 | 10.8% |
| HEALTH SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROF.OTH..... | 31,925 | 31,588 | 32,978 | 32,583 | 33,886 | 908 | 2.8% |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | 7,678 | 7,802 | 8,538 | 8,348 | 9,350 | 812 | 9.5% |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | 2,347 | 2,116 | 2,408 | 2,380 | 2,468 | 60 | 2.5% |
| SECTION125 BENEFIT | 34 | 34 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 0 | 0.0% |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | 250 | 287 | 298 | 339 | 340 | 42 | 14.1% |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | 12 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 5 | 41.7% |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | 254 | 259 | 259 | 259 | 324 | 65 | 25.1% |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | 166 | 144 | 171 | 169 | 176 | 5 | 2.9% |
| TRAVEL | 25 | 0 | 25 | 25 | 0 | -25 | -100.0% |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | 900 | 637 | 900 | 900 | 990 | 90 | 10.0% |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | 190 | 43 | 190 | 190 | 0 | -190 | -100.0% |
| TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES | \$ 43,781 | 42,922 | 45,815 | 45,245 | 47,587 | 1,772 | 3.9% |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| CURRICULUM SERVICES | | | | | | | | | |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRICULUM | 13,163 | 13,163 | 12,692 | 12,692 | 13,593 | 901 | 7.1% | | |
| TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES | \$ 13,163 | 13,163 | 12,692 | 12,692 | 13,593 | 901 | 7.1% | | |
| SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES | | | | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS..... | 43,241 | 44,025 | 46,180 | 46,839 | 48,903 | 2,723 | 5.9% | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH | 2,703 | 2,709 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | 3,515 | 3,367 | 3,533 | 3,583 | 3,741 | 208 | 5.9% | | |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | 34 | 34 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 0 | 0.0% | | |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | 343 | 395 | 395 | 463 | 464 | 69 | 17.5% | | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION..... | 16 | 17 | 16 | 22 | 23 | 7 | 43.8% | | |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | 318 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 405 | 81 | 25.0% | | |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | 228 | 204 | 227 | 231 | 240 | 13 | 5.7% | | |
| REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 2,000 | 811 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,000 | -1,000 | -50.0% | | |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | 1,400 | 1,176 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,200 | -200 | -14.3% | | |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | 6,200 | 6,324 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 0 | 0.0% | | |
| AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS | 1,000 | 1,137 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0.0% | | |
| COMPUTER SOFTWARE | 1,000 | 511 | 500 | 500 | 250 | -250 | -50.0% | | |
| TOTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES | \$ 61,998 | 61,034 | 61,211 | 61,998 | 62,862 | 1,651 | 2.7% | | |
| TECHNOLOGY SERVICES | | | | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH & SUMMER..... | 6,559 | 6,816 | 8,603 | 8,603 | 11,203 | 2,600 | 30.2% | | |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | 0 | 915 | 810 | 810 | 3,406 | 2,596 | 320.5% | | |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | 502 | 521 | 647 | 647 | 857 | 210 | 32.5% | | |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 2 | 18.2% | | |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | 48 | 97 | 78 | 86 | 123 | 45 | 57.7% | | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 21 | 700.0% | | |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT | 300 | 0 | 300 | 300 | 100 | -200 | -66.7% | | |

| Description | Budget 2004 | Actual 2004 | Budget 2005 | Projected 2005 | Budget 2006 | Increase (Decrease) | % |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| DENTAL BENEFITS | 64 | 77 | 65 | 65 | 113 | 48 | 73.8% |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | 32 | 34 | 45 | 45 | 60 | 15 | 33.3% |
| SUPERV UNION SERVICES | 4,069 | 4,069 | 4,581 | 4,581 | 7,178 | 2,597 | 56.7% |
| REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 6,200 | 570 | 2,950 | 2,950 | 4,060 | 1,110 | 37.6% |
| COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE | 10,906 | 10,466 | 7,906 | 7,906 | 9,970 | 2,064 | 26.1% |
| TRAVEL | 240 | 0 | 240 | 40 | 50 | -190 | -79.2% |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | 3,500 | 6,097 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,500 | -500 | -12.5% |
| COMPUTER SOFTWARE | 3,100 | 2,107 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,500 | -500 | -16.7% |
| EQUIPMENT - REPLACEMENT | 3,000 | \$7,161 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0.0% |
| EQUIPMENT - TELEPHONE | 0 | \$0 | 0 | 4,010 | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES | \$ 38,532 | 38,947 | 36,239 | 40,058 | 46,157 | 9,918 | 27.4% |
| BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS. | | | | | | | |
| TECHNICAL SVC.SCHOOL BD..... | 750 | 727 | 750 | 458 | 750 | 0 | 0.0% |
| OFFICIAL SVC TAX COLLECT..... | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 0 | 0.0% |
| PROFESSIONAL EDUC SVCS | 1,000 | 1,638 | 500 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 500 | 100.0% |
| LEGAL SERVICES | 2,000 | 175 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 1,000 | 0 | 0.0% |
| FIDELITY BOND PREMIUMS | 100 | 100 | 100 | 195 | 200 | 100 | 100.0% |
| DUES & FEES | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,300 | 0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL BOARD OF EDU. SVCS. | \$ 13,650 | 12,340 | 12,150 | 13,853 | 12,750 | 600 | 4.9% |
| OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT | | | | | | | |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT..... | 31,481 | 31,481 | 31,102 | 31,102 | 37,607 | 6,505 | 20.9% |
| TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT | \$ 31,481 | 31,481 | 31,102 | 31,102 | 37,607 | 6,505 | 20.9% |

| Description | Budget 2004 | Actual 2004 | Budget 2005 | Projected 2005 | Budget 2006 | Increase (Decrease) | % |
|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT | | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE | 57,009 | 59,360 | 60,876 | 62,170 | 63,929 | 3,053 | 5.0% |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY | 1,600 | 3,526 | 4,000 | 3,300 | 4,000 | 0 | 0.0% |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | 10,602 | 12,758 | 18,632 | 18,195 | 20,378 | 1,746 | 9.4% |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | 4,484 | 4,645 | 4,963 | 5,008 | 5,197 | 234 | 4.7% |
| RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION | 961 | 1,002 | 1,047 | 1,047 | 1,089 | 42 | 4.0% |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | 68 | 68 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 0 | 0.0% |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | 459 | 528 | 586 | 681 | 681 | 95 | 16.2% |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | 22 | 23 | 24 | 32 | 33 | 9 | 37.5% |
| DENTAL BENEFITS | 0 | 324 | 324 | 324 | 405 | 81 | -25.0% |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | 296 | 200 | 317 | 320 | 332 | 15 | 4.7% |
| WATER TESTING AND SEWER | 2,500 | 2,368 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 | 0.0% |
| DISPOSAL SERVICES | 3,000 | 2,262 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0.0% |
| SNOW PLOWING | 2,500 | 2,150 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 | 0.0% |
| LAWN CARE SERVICES | 900 | 1,005 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 0 | 0.0% |
| REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 3,500 | 14,694 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 0.0% |
| REPAIRS AND MAINT-FLOORING | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | |
| REPAIRS AND MNT-TRACTOR | 500 | 511 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0.0% |
| OTH PURCHASED SVC-EARLY EDUC. | 3,315 | 3,000 | 3,315 | 3,315 | 3,815 | 500 | 15.1% |
| INSURANCE | 3,900 | 5,665 | 6,053 | 6,451 | 6,645 | 592 | 9.8% |
| TRAVEL | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 450 | -50 | -10.0% |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES | 12,644 | 13,491 | 12,644 | 12,644 | 12,000 | -644 | -5.1% |
| ELECTRICITY | 30,973 | 26,794 | 29,473 | 24,473 | 26,973 | -2,500 | -8.5% |
| OIL | 3,000 | 3,040 | 1,500 | 4,347 | 4,000 | 2,500 | 166.7% |
| OTHER ENERGY-WOOD CHIPS | 4,500 | 3,488 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 0 | 0.0% |
| EQUIP.-FLOOR MACHINE-LEASE PURCH.... | 0 | 7,015 | 0 | 0 | 1,600 | 1,600 | |
| TOTAL OPERATION & MAINT.PLANT | \$ 147,233 | 168,417 | 164,626 | 163,179 | 173,899 | 9,273 | 5.6% |

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|---|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV | | | | | | | | | |
| STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV | 67,089 | 70,799 | 70,799 | 70,799 | 70,799 | 70,799 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| STUDENT TRANSP SV-FIELD TRIPS | 2,015 | 2,376 | 2,376 | 2,376 | 2,376 | 2,376 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| TOTAL STUDENT TRANS. SV | \$ 69,104 | 73,175 | 73,175 | 73,175 | 73,175 | 73,175 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | | | |
| INTEREST-Building | 16,560 | 13,680 | 13,680 | 13,680 | 10,800 | 10,800 | -2,880 | -21.1% | |
| PRINCIPAL-Building | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| INTEREST-Wood Chip & Health & Safety | 1,525 | 1,622 | 1,622 | 1,622 | 1,107 | 1,107 | -515 | -31.8% | |
| PRINCIPAL-Wood Chip & Health & Safety | 15,813 | 15,813 | 15,813 | 15,813 | 15,813 | 15,813 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| INTEREST-COMPUTER LAB | 0 | 1,393 | 1,025 | 1,025 | 1,025 | 1,025 | -368 | -26.4% | |
| PRINCIPAL-COMPUTER LAB | 0 | 11,610 | 11,610 | 11,610 | 11,610 | 11,610 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE | \$ 73,898 | 84,118 | 83,750 | 83,750 | 80,355 | 80,355 | -3,763 | -4.5% | |
| FUND TRANSFERS | | | | | | | | | |
| FUND TRANSFER-FOOD SVC | 1,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 7,212 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS | \$ 1,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 7,212 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| INSTR.SVC-STUDENT SUP SVC | | | | | | | | | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS. | 114,785 | 117,526 | 121,905 | 121,905 | 146,048 | 146,048 | 28,522 | 24.3% | |
| SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH | 88,847 | 134,140 | 146,736 | 146,736 | 155,157 | 155,157 | 21,017 | 15.7% | |
| SALARIES-TEMPORARY | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | 0.0% | |
| HEALTH BENEFITS | 27,763 | 38,884 | 28,136 | 28,136 | 38,028 | 38,028 | -856 | -2.2% | |
| SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE | 15,587 | 16,306 | 20,653 | 20,653 | 23,047 | 23,047 | 3,817 | 19.8% | |
| SECTION 125 BENEFIT | 306 | 396 | 396 | 396 | 468 | 468 | 72 | 18.2% | |
| WORKMENS COMPENSATION | 1,618 | 2,301 | 2,725 | 2,725 | 3,014 | 3,014 | 713 | 31.0% | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION | 77 | 96 | 129 | 129 | 148 | 148 | 52 | 54.2% | |
| TUITION REIMBURSEMENT | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 0 | 0.0% | |

| Description | Budget 2004 | Actual 2004 | Budget 2005 | Projected 2005 | Budget 2006 | Increase (Decrease) | % |
|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| DENTAL BENEFITS | 604 | 615 | 583 | 583 | 972 | 389 | 66.7% |
| DISABILITY BENEFITS | 889 | 804 | 1,061 | 1,093 | 1,273 | 212 | 20.0% |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS..... | 31,200 | 11,975 | 15,000 | 26,047 | 37,000 | 22,000 | 146.7% |
| TRAVEL | 0 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 | |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED | 17,477 | 17,477 | 18,580 | 18,580 | 19,943 | 1,363 | 7.3% |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES..... | 2,980 | 3,751 | 3,375 | 3,375 | 4,300 | 925 | 27.4% |
| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS | 323 | 189 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL INSTR.SVC-STUDENT SUP SVC | \$ 307,156 | 299,452 | 355,922 | 375,108 | 434,198 | 78,276 | 22.0% |
| EEE & PRESCHOOL | | | | | | | |
| OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVIC..... | 18,234 | 18,271 | 18,271 | 17,191 | 0 | -18,271 | -100.0% |
| SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED..... | 30,468 | 30,468 | 33,467 | 33,467 | 9,748 | -23,719 | -70.9% |
| LOCAL STAFFING-SALARY&BENEFITS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41,009 | 41,009 | |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| TOTAL EEE | \$ 48,702 | 48,739 | 51,738 | 50,658 | 51,757 | 19 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 2,083,667 | 2,108,938 | 2,167,901 | 2,212,551 | 2,308,051 | 140,149 | 6.46% |
| PROFIT(LOSS) | \$ 27,228 | -32,607 | -1 | -20,629 | 0 | 0 | |

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 9:30* A.M. to act on the following:

The polls for articles to be voted on by Australian ballot will open at 7 A.M. and close at 7 P.M. (17 VSA § 2561).

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing [16 VSA § 562(2)].

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following School Directors by Australian ballot (16 VSA § 423):

One (1) School Director Two (2)-year Term
One (1) School Director Three (3)-year Term
One (1) U-32 Director Three (3)-year Term

ARTICLE 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors [16 VSA § 563(10) and (11)].

ARTICLE 4. Will the School District adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,308,051.00 for the operation of the school for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 5. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2005 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school? [24 VSA § 2804]

ARTICLE 6. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the school year? [16 VSA § 562(9)]

ARTICLE 7. Shall the East Montpelier School District create a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005.

ARTICLE 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

A meeting will be held on February 26, 2005, 9:30 A.M. to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting [as

required by 17 V.S.A. § 2680(g)] will be held at the East Montpelier Elementary School Cafeteria at 9:30 A.M.

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

School Directors

JANICE ALDRICH, *Chair*

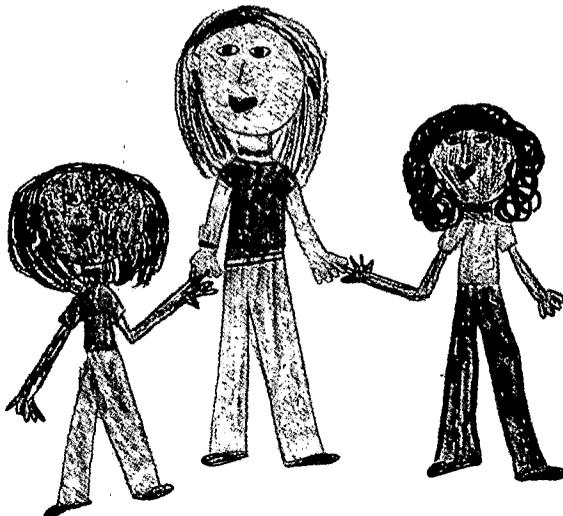
JOE BULEY, *Vice Chair*

JULIA LONGHI-HAYNES, *Clerk*

MATHEW CURTIS

BRIAN BISHOP

* Please note time: The Town and School Meetings are now both being warned at 9:30 A.M. Both will convene and then one will be recessed until the completion of the other meeting. This will allow a quicker transition between meetings. This year, both the Town and School Meetings will be convened. The School Directors' Meeting portion will be recessed until the conclusion of the Town Meeting. At the conclusion of the Town Meeting, the School Directors' Meeting will be started immediately or after a short break.



U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

Annual Meeting Union High School District No. 32, a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont.

The eligible voters of the Union High School District No. 32 are hereby notified and warned to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

The legal voters of the Berlin Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 2005 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Calais Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Town Hall in Gospel Hollow on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 2005 from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 2005 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middlesex Town Hall in Middlesex on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 2005 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Worcester Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Doty Memorial School on Tuesday, the 1st of March 2005 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

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

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

ARTICLE 3. To elect an Auditor for a term of two (2) years.

ARTICLE 4. To elect an Auditor for a term of three (3) years.

(continued)

ARTICLE 5. To fix the annual compensation of district officers.

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| Auditors | \$200.00 each |
| Clerk | \$200.00 |
| Directors | \$850.00 each |
| Chair | \$875.00 |
| Treasurer | \$1,000.00 |

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$10,921,841 for the 2005 – 2006 school year?

ARTICLE 7. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2005 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school? [24 VSA § 2804]

ARTICLE 8. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds and notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year? [16 VSA § 562(9)]

A meeting will be held on February 22, 2005 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting [as required by 17 VSA § 2680(g)] will be held at U-32 in room 131 and will begin at 6:00 P.M.

The legal voters of Union High School District No. 32 are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

— Deborah Wolf, *Clerk*

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

VIRGINIA BURLEY, *Chair (East Montpelier)*

ROB LACLAIR, *Vice Chair (Middlesex)*

ALLEN GILBERT, *Clerk (Worcester)*

MARK BERRY (*Berlin*)

STUART SAVAGE (*Calais*)

SUSAN H. CHICKERING (*East Montpelier*)

THOMAS WILLIAMS (*Berlin*)

**ABSTRACT OF MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2004 TOWN MEETING**

TOWN

Selectboard presented an award to Rosie Cueto for his years of service to the Town.

Meeting called to order 9:40 a.m. Town meeting recessed to after School meeting.

Art. 1. Voted and elected the following by Australian Ballot:

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Moderator – 1 Year | Martin K. Miller |
| Town Clerk, 3 year term | Sylvia M. Tosi |
| Treasurer, 3 year term | Sylvia M. Tosi |
| Selectboard, 3 year term | Edie Miller |
| Lister, 3 year term | Earl Montague |
| Auditor, 3 year term | Deborah Fillion |
| Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term | Sylvia M. Tosi |
| Town Law Agent, 1 year term | Dennis Carver |
| Town Grand Juror, 1 year term | Tim Carver |
| First Constable, 1 year term | Dennis Carver |
| Second Constable, 1 year term | Timothy Meehan |
| Planning Commissioner, 3 year term | Tim Carver |
| Planning Commissioner, 3 year term | Rob Chickering |
| Planning Commissioner, 3 year term | Carol Welch |
| Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term | Gary Hudson |
| School Director, 3 year term | Matthew Curtis |
| School Director, 2 year term | Brian Bishop |
| U-32 School Director, 3 year term | Virginia “Ginny” Burley |
| U-32 School Director, 1 year term | Sue Chickering |

Art. 2. Voted to hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 3. Voted to have taxes paid to Treasurer on or before 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2004. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 4. Voted to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 5. Voted to have Town raise the sum of \$911,354.38, as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses. Passed by Australian Ballot 626 – 133.

Art. 6. Voted to have Town raise \$112,000 for Capital Reserve Fund. Passed by Australian Ballot 577 – 157.

Art. 7. Voted to have Town expend \$54,000 out of its Capital Reserve Fund for the reclamation and paving of a portion of County Road. Passed by Australian Ballot 582 – 164.

Art. 8: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to purchase a new 16-yard dump truck and equipment at a cost not to exceed \$116,500, and to expend \$98,509

from the Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. Passed by Australian Ballot 575 – 174.

- Art. 9: Voted to raise \$11,438 for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for general operating expenses during 2004. Passed by Australian Ballot 514 – 245.
- Art. 10: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to sell the 1996 dump truck chassis valued at \$8,500 to the East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD) Inc. for \$1.00 and raise an additional \$8,500 to offset the purchase of 2004 dump truck. The EMFD will sell the 1988 Ford chassis to the Town of East Montpelier for \$1.00 for the use of spreading chloride. The 1988 Ford chassis is valued at \$2,000. (Contingent on Art. 8.) Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 11: Voted to raise a sum not to exceed \$5,000 to be expended by the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of town cemeteries during 2004. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 12: Voted to raise a sum not to exceed \$1,500 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Association 2004 operating expenses. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 13: Voted to raise \$6,850 recommended by Funding Request Study Committee for various service organizations. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 14: Voted to raise \$1,464.00 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging. (Petitioned Article.) Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 15: Shall the Town voters authorize expenditures of \$1,500.00 for student scholarships to the East Montpelier Community Connections Program. (Petitioned Article.) Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 16: Shall the Town expend grant funds it may receive for the repair of Cate Farm bridge and Coburn Road to offset the cost of the associated expense as budgeted and scheduled to occur in 2004. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 17: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to accept and to spend grant funding received during 2004 without a vote of the Town. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 18: Voted to extend tax exempt status to the Nature Conservancy, a non-profit organization, for its 24.5 acre Chickering Bog Natural Area for an additional five years (2009). Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 19: Voted to prohibit the Town's constables from exercising any law enforcement authority. This limitation is authorized by Title 24 Section 1936a. Passed by vote cards: 51 – 23.
- Art. 20: For discussion only: The use of Fairmont Farms loan repayments to the Town of East Montpelier. For more information, see Community Capital report on page 53 and the East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund report on pages 54–55.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**ABSTRACT OF MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2004 TOWN MEETING**

SCHOOL

Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Art . 1: Voted by Australian Ballot and elected Martin K. Miller, Moderator.

Art . 2: Voted and elected School Directors for EMES (by Australian Ballot):
School Director – 3 Years Matthew Curtis
School Director – 2 Years Brian Bishop
U-32 Director – 3 Years..... Virginia “Ginny” Burley
U-32 Director – 1 Year Sue Chickering

Art. 3: Voted to hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors under Article 4. Passed by voice vote.

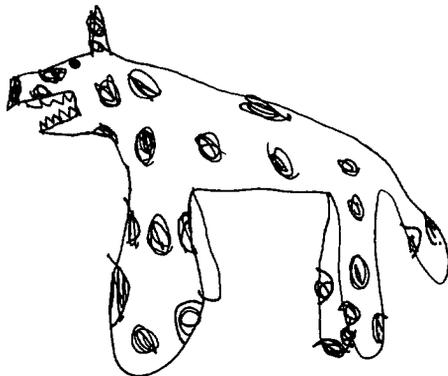
Art. 4: Voted to adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,167,901 for the operation of the school for the ensuing year? Passed by voice vote.

Art. 5: Voted that the audited fund balance as of June 30, 2004 be held in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of funding operations and/or capital improvements. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 6: Voted to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds and notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 7: Other business: Discussed having school budget voted on in May.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



ANIMAL LICENSES

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

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

| | |
|--|---------|
| 1. Neutered or spayed dogs or wolf-hybrids | \$4.00 |
| Plus a \$1 fee for State Rabies Program | 1.00 |
| Plus a \$2 fee for State Spay/Neuter Program | 2.00 |
| Total | \$7.00 |
| 2. All unneutered dogs or wolf-hybrids | \$8.00 |
| Plus a \$1 fee for State Rabies Program | 1.00 |
| Plus a \$2 fee for State Spay/Neuter Program | 2.00 |
| Total | \$11.00 |

Spaying or neutering certificates from veterinarian must be exhibited.
A current rabies vaccination certificate must be filed with the Town Clerk.

A current rabies vaccination means that:

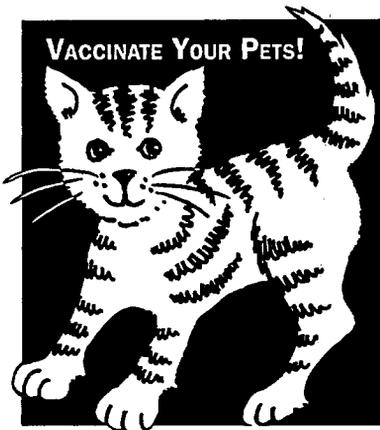
- (1) a dog/wolf hybrid over 3 months of age or less than a year of age has been vaccinated.
- (2) a dog/wolf hybrid within 9 to 12 months of initial vaccination, animal must receive a booster shot.
- (3) a dog/wolf hybrid subsequent vaccination following initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.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

RABIES CLINIC
Wed., March 16, 2005
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at
Fire Station 2 on Rt.14 N
across from Town Offices

2004: Town Issued 515 Dog Tags

These licenses generated \$3,260.

The Town realized \$2,691 as \$515 was sent to the VT Rabies Program and \$54 went to the VT Dog Spay/Neuter Program.



RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.

- Vermont law requires rabies shots for all cats and dogs.
 - Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance.
- Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.

Questions?
Call 1-800-4-RABIES

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

Please notify the Town Clerk's Office,
P.O. Box 157, East Montpelier, VT 05651
regarding any change of name or address.

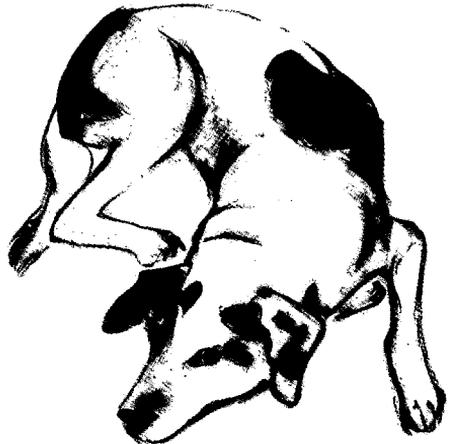
*Change of Name From: _____

To: _____

Change of Address to: _____

Signature of Property Owner/Voter

*Regarding a Change of Name on a Deed, we will
send you an official document to be signed by you.
If it is in regard to a change of name on the checklist,
you may use this form.



EDUCATION SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL

January 17, 2005 Estimates

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES ONLY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE
 District: **East Montpelier** LEA: **065** Washington Central
 County: **Washington** S.U.: **Washington Central**

| Line Item | Act 68 | | Act 68 | | Act 68 | |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | FY2005 | FY2006 | FY2003 | FY2004 | FY2005 | FY2006 |
| 1. Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, but such expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures) | \$4,707,139 | \$5,246,392 | \$4,152,750 | \$4,372,640 | \$4,152,750 | \$4,372,640 |
| 2. Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 80 | - | - | \$26,884 | \$25,506 | \$26,884 | \$25,506 |
| 3. Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.) | \$4,707,139 | \$5,246,392 | \$4,179,634 | \$4,398,146 | \$4,179,634 | \$4,398,146 |
| 4. Locally adopted or warmed budget | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5-7. Separately warmed article passed at town meeting | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8. Act 68 locally adopted or warmed budget | \$4,707,139 | \$5,246,392 | \$4,179,634 | \$4,398,146 | \$4,179,634 | \$4,398,146 |
| 9. Union school or joint school district assessment | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10. Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets | \$4,707,139 | \$5,246,392 | \$4,179,634 | \$4,398,146 | \$4,179,634 | \$4,398,146 |
| 11. S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12. Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues) | \$481,085 | \$604,679 | \$410,859 | \$482,757 | \$410,859 | \$482,757 |
| 14. Capital debt aid | - | - | \$7,987 | \$3,517 | \$7,987 | \$3,517 |
| 15. Special program revenues (if not included in local budget, included in FY2006) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16. Prior deficit reduction (if included in revenues) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17. Fund raising (if any) | \$461,085 | \$604,679 | \$418,856 | \$486,274 | \$418,856 | \$486,274 |
| 18. Total revenues | \$461,085 | \$604,679 | \$418,856 | \$486,274 | \$418,856 | \$486,274 |
| 19. Adjusted local revenues | \$461,085 | \$604,679 | \$418,856 | \$486,274 | \$418,856 | \$486,274 |
| 20. Education Spending (Act 68 definition) | \$4,246,054 | \$4,641,713 | \$3,760,778 | \$3,931,872 | \$3,760,778 | \$3,931,872 |
| 21. Equalized Pupils | 430,466 | 449,356 | 423,110 | 428,033 | 423,110 | 428,033 |
| 22. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | \$9,864 | \$10,330 | \$8,889 | \$9,229 | \$8,889 | \$9,229 |
| 23. Less eligible construction costs (or PA) per equalized pupil | 756.52 | 804.256 | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable |
| 24. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any) | \$9,107 | \$9,525 | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable |
| 25. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment | \$9,864 | \$10,330 | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable |
| 26. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100% (\$10,330 / \$4,975)) | 145.059% | 148.100% | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable | not applicable |
| 27. Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (148.100% x \$1.02) | \$1,523 | \$1,511 | \$1,970 | \$1,932 | \$1,970 | \$1,932 |
| 28. Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) | 87.67% | 77.38% | 88.69% | 92.27% | 88.69% | 92.27% |
| 29. Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1,511 / 77.38%) | \$1,737 | \$1,953 | \$1,960 | \$2,060 | \$1,960 | \$2,060 |
| 30. Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity (148.10% x 1.85%) | 2.76% | 2.74% | 3.58% | 3.51% | 3.58% | 3.51% |

The projected base education spending amount of \$6,975 is subject to legislative approval.

The base education homestead tax rate of \$1.02 and the income percentage cap of 1.85% are based on the recommendation of the Governor's Office and are subject to legislative approval.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| Selectboard | 1st & 3rd Mon. | 7:00 p.m. |
| Board of Adjustment | 2nd & 4th Mon. as needed | 7:30 p.m. |
| Planning Commission | 1st & 3rd Thurs. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Elementary School Board | 2nd Tues. | 6:30 p.m. |
| U-32 School Board | 1st & 3rd Wed. | 6:00 p.m. |

NO PARKING NOTICE — SNOW REMOVAL

Residents of the Town of East Montpelier are reminded that in accordance with Vermont State Statute (23 VSA Sections 1101–1102), vehicles left standing or parked in the public right-of-way that interfere with the flow of traffic or with snowplowing operations may be towed without warning.

Private snow plow operators are also reminded that in accordance with Vermont State Statute (19 VSA Section 1111b), it is illegal to plow snow from private property on or across public highways.

— EAST MONTPELIER SELECTBOARD

PROPERTY TAXES

Full or partial payments of Property Taxes are accepted on or before the tax due date. Payments received after 5:00 p.m. on the tax due date are late, regardless of postmark. A one time penalty of 8% plus interest will be charged on the unpaid balance after tax due date as voted at Town Meeting 2005. Property Tax notices are sent out only once (in August) to the owner of record as of April 1st.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

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

Requirement: 62 years of age or older.

CASELLA TRANSFER STATION, formerly C.V. Landfill

Phone: 479-2450, 229-9383

Open to all residents of the Town of East Montpelier, and located on Route 2.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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For holiday schedule, call C.V. Landfill

30 gallon bag \$3.00

Central VT Solid Waste Management District sponsors, at C.V. Landfill,

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