

Town of East Montpelier, Vermont *169th Annual Report*



**Reports of Town Officers and Town School District
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

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OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

~ FRONT COVER ~

Horn of the Moon, November 13, 2018.

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In Appreciation

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

Frederick C. Strong Cemetery Commissioner
 Casey Northrup Solid Waste District Representative
 Ken Santor Development Review Board
 Cristin O'Donnell Recreation Board
 Susan "Charlie" Catlin Funding Request Study Committee
 Tim Carver Justice of the Peace
 Lindy Johnson Justice of the Peace
 Tony Klein Justice of the Peace

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Town Meeting 2018

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

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 5, 2019, Town and School Meetings**. Candidates for Town and School Offices will be introduced. The Elementary School District will be first on the Agenda at the Forum, as well as at Town Meeting, followed by the Town.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

East Montpelier Town/School Meetings — Tuesday, March 5, 2019

at the East Montpelier Elementary School, 665 Vincent Flats Road

Australian Ballot Voting

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

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

OFFICE FILED FOR

CANDIDATE(S)

TOWN MODERATOR for 1 year MICHAEL DUANE

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR for 1 year NO CANDIDATE

SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 3 years CARL ETNIER

SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 2 years KIMBERLY A. SWASEY

LISTER for 3 years..... CHRIS J. RACANELLI

AUDITOR for 3 years DEBORAH FILLION

FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year..... SANDY F. CONTI

SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year NO CANDIDATE

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 5 years..... NO CANDIDATE

PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years JULIE POTTER

(Vote for not more than THREE) ZACHARY SULLIVAN

..... KIM WATSON

EMES SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years..... STEPHEN LOOKE

EMES SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years DARCI COLEMAN-GRAVES

U32 SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years KARI BRADLEY

TOWN OFFICERS, ELECTED

Town Moderator: 1-year term; Expires 2019 Michael Duane

School District Moderator: 1-year term; Expires 2019 Michael Duane

Selectboard:

3-year term; Expires 2019 Carl Etnier

2-year term; Expires 2019 Kim Swasey

3-year term; Expires 2020 Amy Willis

2-year term; Expires 2020 Gene Troia

3-year term; Expires 2021 Seth B. Gardner

Listers: 3-year term

Expires 2019 Chris Racanelli

Expires 2020 Rob Chickering

Expires 2021 Ross Hazel

Auditors: 3-year term

Expires 2019 Deborah Fillion

Expires 2020 Carla Occaso

Expires 2021 Ed Deegan

First Constable: 1-year term; Expires 2019 Sandy F. Conti

Second Constable: 1-year term; Expires 2019 Vacant

Planning Commission: 3-year term

Expires 2019 Norman Hill

Expires 2019 Julie Potter

Expires 2019 Kim B. Watson

Expires 2020 Scott Hess

Expires 2020 Jay Stewart

Expires 2020 Ray Stout

Expires 2021 Mark Lane

Expires 2021 John "Jack" Pauly

Expires 2021 Jean Vissering

Cemetery Commissioners: 5-year term

Expires 2019 Gary E. Hudson

Expires 2020 Elliott Morse

Expires 2021 Jonathan Boucher

Expires 2022 Tim Lamson

Expires 2023 Emily Goyette



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Town Meeting 2018, left to right: Town Clerk Rosie Laquerre; Sound Engineer Colin McCaffrey; Selectboard members Amy Willis, Carl Etnier, Kim Swasey, Gene Troia, and Seth Gardner, chair; Moderator Michael Duane.

Elementary School Directors:

Expires 2019; 3-year term Stephen Looke
 Expires 2019; 2-year term Darci Coleman-Graves
 Expires 2020; 3-year term Rubin Bennett
 Expires 2020; 2-year term Malinda “Lindy” Johnson
 Expires 2021; 3-year term Flor Diaz Smith

U-32 School Directors: 3-year term

Expires 2019 Kari Bradley
 Expires 2020 Karen Bradley

Justices of the Peace: 2-year term; 2/1/2019–1/31/2021 (*elected in Nov. 2018*)

Janice Aldrich (I)	Virginia Burley (D)	Robert Chickering (D)
Edward Deegan (D)	Michael Duane (I)	Edith “Edie” Miller (I)
Florence Morse (I)	Rebecca Reed (D)	Jennifer Zollner (D)
Deborah Glottman (D) <i>resigned; Vacancy to be filled by the Governor</i>		

Board of Civil Authority:

Town Clerk, Selectboard, and Justices of the Peace

Town Board for the Abatement of Taxes:

Board of Civil Authority, Listers, and Town Treasurer

TOWN OFFICERS, APPOINTED

Town Administrator	Bruce Johnson
Municipal Assistant	Denise Sparrow
Town Clerk (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Rosie Laquerre
Assistant Town Clerk (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Denise Sparrow
Town Treasurer (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Don Welch
Assistant Town Treasurer (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Denise Sparrow
Collector of Current Taxes (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Don Welch
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Bruce Johnson
Zoning Administrator & E-911 Coord. (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Bruce Johnson
Acting Zoning Administrator (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Gene Troia
Sewage Officer	Bruce Johnson
Road Commissioner (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Seth Gardner
Road Commissioner (1 year; exp. June 2019)	Bruce Johnson
Road Foreman	Guthrie Perry
Town Attorney	Bruce Bjornlund
Town Health Officer (3 years; exp. Dec. 31, 2020)	Ginny Burley
Town Service Officer (1 year; exp. 2019)	Rachael Grossman
Animal Control Officer (1 year; exp. 2019)	Sandy Conti
Assistant Animal Control Officer (1 year; exp. 2019)	Elliott Morse
Town Fire Warden (5 years; exp. 2023)	Ty Rolland
Emergency Management Co-Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2019)	Bill George
Emergency Management Co-Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2019)	Toby Talbot
Town Tree Warden (1 year; exp. 2019)	Paul Cate
Regional Planning, Town Representative (1 year; exp. 2019)	Julie Potter
Alternate (1 year; exp. 2019)	Jack Pauly
Transportation Advisory Committee Rep. (1 year; exp. 2019)	Frank Pratt
Solid Waste District Representative (1 year; exp. 2019)	Gabrielle Malina
Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Rep. (3 years; exp. 2019)	Kim Kendall
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc. Rep. (1 year; exp. 2019)	Carolyn Shapiro
State Police Community Advisory Board (1 year; exp. 2019)	Carol Welch
State Police Community Advisory Board (1 year; exp. 2019)	Don Welch
Green Up Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2019)	Chris Racanelli
CVFiber Governing Board, Town Rep. (1 year; exp. 2019)	Bob Klein
Alternate (1 year; exp. 2019)	Tom Fisher

Development Review Board: 3 years

Rich Curtis, <i>Chair</i> (2021)	Mark Lane (2021)	Ben Lange (2021)
Jeff Cueto (2019)	Norman Hill (2019)	Carol Welch (2019)
Alice Starr Dworkin (2020)	Steve Kappel (2020)	Kim Watson (2020)

Forest Committee: 3 years

Paul Cate, <i>Chair</i> (2019)	Mark Lane (2020)	Colin Blackwell (2019)
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Recreation Board: 3 years

Jack Zeilenga, <i>Chair</i> (2020)	Jan Aldrich (2020)	Alex Rob (2020)
Mike Blanchard (2020)	Bob Fitch (2020)	Paul Winters (2020)
Phillip Heinz, <i>Chair</i> (2019)	Kate Bean (2021)	Jason DeForge (2021)

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: 3 years

Charles Johnson, <i>Chair</i> (2021)	Brian Lusignan (2020)	Art Chickering (2019)
Bruce Howlett (2019)	Ginny Callan (2020)	Natalie Chapell (2020)

Funding Request Study Committee: 1 year; Exp. 2019

Lindy Johnson, <i>Chair</i>	Sandal Cate	Jeanne Malachowski
Paul Erlbaum	Sue Racanelli	Kate Rader
		Ann Stanton

East Montpelier Village Committee: No term set

Michelle McFadden, <i>Chair</i>	Bob Morey	Casey Northrup
Frank Pratt	Alice Smith	Bob Smith
		Jean Vissering

Energy Committee: No term set

Lindy Biggs, <i>Chair</i>	Carl Etnier	Bob Morey
Cort Richardson	Steve Knowlton	Rob Chickering
		Tom Fisher

Revolving Loan Advisory Committee: No term set

Gabrielle Malina, <i>Chair</i>	Bruce Bjornlund	Renée Carpenter
Ed Deegan	Ross Hazel	Becca Schrader

Capital Improvement Committee: 1 year; Exp. 2019

Gene Troia, <i>Chair</i>	Kim Watson	Casey Northrup
Don Welch	Ed Deegan	

Town Charter Committee: No term set

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

Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee: No term set

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

Rural Road Vegetation Assessments PAC: No term set

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

Emergency Management Committee: No term set

Selectboard Members

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

Emergency Management Coordinator(s)

EMFD Chief	Town Administrator	Town Road Foreman
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Town Garage Facility Improvements Committee: No term set

Guthrie Perry	Seth Gardner	Gene Troia
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TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 5, 2019

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 **fifth (5th)** day of **March, 2019** at **9:30 AM** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on those Articles so noted:

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

Town Moderator, 1-year term
 Selectboard Member, 3-year term
 Selectboard Member, 2-year term
 Lister, 3-year term
 Auditor, 3-year term
 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

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,749,764** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

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

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2020 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received by the Town Treasurer at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Friday, November 15, 2019 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Friday, May 15, 2020.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town, as authorized by 18 V.S.A. §5381, place the care and management of public burial grounds back under the charge of the Selectboard and eliminate the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$17,250** for the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during fiscal year 2020. If the Town approves Article 6 to eliminate the Cemetery Commission, this appropriation, if approved, will be shifted to the Town's general fund for the same purpose, but now under the control of the Selectboard.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$5,000** for the Land Conservation Fund.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,000** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2020.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** for the East Montpelier Signpost to provide for the production and mailing of six issues of the East Montpelier Signpost for each East Montpelier resident household and non-resident property owner during fiscal year 2020.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2020.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2020.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2020.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,333** as its fiscal year 2020 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the Green Mountain Transit Agency commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations for fiscal year 2020.

1) American Red Cross	\$ 250
2) Big Heavy World.....	\$ 250
3) Capstone Community Action.....	\$ 500
4) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 750
5) Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 1,875
6) Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity	\$ 250
7) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$ 1,000
8) Circle	\$ 675
9) Community Harvest of Central VT	\$ 250
10) Downstreet Housing & Community Development	\$ 150
11) East Montpelier Community Connections	\$ 2,500
12) Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
13) Friends of the Winooski River.....	\$ 200
14) Girls/Boyz First Mentoring.....	\$ 300
15) Good Beginnings of Central VT.....	\$ 300
16) Good Samaritan Haven	\$ 750
17) Green Mountain Transit	\$ 1,366
18) Green Up Vermont	\$ 150
19) Home Share Now	\$ 800
20) North Branch Nature Center	\$ 750
21) Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
22) OUR House of Central VT	\$ 250
23) People's Health and Wellness Clinic	\$ 1,250
24) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$ 300
25) Project Independence	\$ 125
26) Sexual Assault Crisis Team.....	\$ 250
27) Twin Valley Senior Center.....	\$ 4,000
28) T. W. Wood Gallery.....	\$ 500
29) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
30) Vermont CARES	\$ 150
31) Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 250
32) Vermont Family Network	\$ 100
33) Washington County Diversion Program.....	\$ 600
34) Washington County Mental Health Services	\$ 800
35) Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400

Total: \$23,691

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

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Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 21st day of January, 2019.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

SETH GARDNER

GENE TROIA

CARL ETNIER

KIM SWASEY

AMY WILLIS

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, 22nd day of January A.D.
 2019 at 11:50 AM received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual
 Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk



SELECTBOARD REPORT

2018 was a year of progress. For example, after years of discussion with little to show for it except boxes of unnecessary records, the town has adopted a records retention policy developed by Town Clerk Rosie Laquerre. It may be hard to appreciate when you wander around the town office, noting boxes in nearly every nook and cranny, but that's more a symptom of an undersized town office, a concern for another year.

The town website continues to be a vital component of our community outreach, giving notice of upcoming events, information about the town, and links to associated organizations, while also serving as a documents repository for as

many online needs as we currently have the capacity (and understanding) to meet. New this year is an interactive map that allows property owners, researchers and other interested parties to view a variety of aspects relevant to individual parcels, including assessment information.

East Montpelier Village remains a focal point of board and committee activity. The Planning Commission, hot on the heels of its masterful crafting of a new town plan, is in the midst of a zoning update project designed, in part, to implement the vision set out in the PC's 2017 EM Village Master Plan, and has received a second state Municipal Planning Grant to facilitate that work. The Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee continues to evaluate options for the large, undeveloped eastern portion of the LaPerle property, but you can expect to see major changes at the farmhouse site in 2019, starting with the removal of the farmhouse itself. The Hodgeman family generously donated to the town a 3-acre lot abutting the farmhouse site, doubling the size of that parcel, and by the time snow flies in late 2019, you may see the first elements of a landscaped public space instead of construction vehicles. The Selectboard, in conjunction with the Revolving Loan Advisory Committee, is weighing the use of the Revolving Loan Fund to facilitate a possible Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity project in the village.

Work on EM Village infrastructure projects continues unabated. As we proclaimed last year, the Park 'n Ride facility is open—and this time we expect it to stay that way, as the reconstruction effort to improve overall drainage appears to have been effective. Norm and Claire LaPerle kindly agreed to a land swap at the back of the parcel to resolve another lingering issue with the project's construction. The facility's Level II electric vehicle charging station is in constant use and the bus stop is a huge improvement over our prior offerings. The VTtrans Village Bridge replacement and US Rte. 2/VT Rte. 14 intersection project is nearing completion. The new bridge is in place, the traffic lights are in operation, and the final elements of the project, which now include a replacement of a major cross-US Rte. 2 culvert near the Village Cemetery drive, should be completed by mid-2019. Our sidewalk and shoulder enhancement project planned for the US Rte. 2/VT Rte. 14 corridor is on target for construction in mid-to-late summer, assuming all the pieces to the puzzle come together as planned.

Road Foreman Guthrie Perry and crew, Ken Lorden, Frank Campbell, and Craig Seadeek, along with part-timer Peter Hill, are becoming old hands at meeting the mandates of the new state local roads permit program designed to minimize stormwater-related erosion into the road drainage system. Grant-funded drainage infrastructure improvements were made to segments of Snow Hill and Towne Hill Roads in 2018. Locations in 2019 are still being determined, with Towne Hill and Horn of the Moon Roads likely locations of work. The addition of a trailered hydroseeder will make the erosion control effort even more effective. Early in 2019 the town expects to receive two grant-funded documents: an updated roads inventory and the highly-anticipated stormwater master plan, both of which will help guide the selection of future road projects. The town is doing

its best to take advantage of the increased availability of grant funding to augment the town budget for road work.

In other highway news, in July we took delivery of a 2018 John Deere tractor with boom mower, the most concrete step yet taken in our still-evolving shift in roadside vegetation management. Expect to see the mower out in late spring as part of the effort to battle noxious roadside weeds like chervil. Last summer we finally replaced/up-sized the notorious culvert on Quaker Road that precipitated the creation, twice, of Quaker Lake in 2011. The VTrans Structures Grant Program-funded project also allowed us to widen the road shoulders for better pedestrian safety through the area.

There's an important highway operations issue on the horizon: the need to rehabilitate the town garage area, including upsizing the main garage structure, potentially adding a sand shed to alleviate erosion issues, better integrating the fire station building as part of the overall facility, and replacing the dilapidated storage units behind the garage. The new Town Garage Facility Improvements Committee intends to begin a needs assessment in the near future, followed by the development of a draft action plan for presentation to the community for feedback. You'll be hearing much more about this as the committee's work progresses.

The FY2020 budget is essentially level-funded, with only a few small, mostly unavoidable increases, mainly in personnel costs, both for town employees and emergency services staffing. The town has shifted employees to a BlueCross/BlueShield association plan with an HRA component that is expected to provide employees with excellent coverage while allowing the town to hold the line on healthcare costs. The general fund budget is up 1.4%, and overall expenditures, including projected appropriations for all voted articles, are up 1.6%. Despite the expectation for another year of slow grand list growth, our stable revenue stream, including use of \$100,000 of our available fund balance, results in a projected municipal tax increase of 1.3%. Again this year the capital planning process led by the Capital Improvement Committee provided the town the financial flexibility necessary to purchase the hydroseeder and tractor, upgrade a major culvert, manage a number of erosion control projects, and continue the EM Village upgrades without loans, deficit spending, or upward pressure on the tax rate. The Capital Reserve Fund budget line is up 1.0% for FY2020.

As always, we offer heartfelt thanks to the town employees, school employees, elected officials, and volunteers whose work makes East Montpelier such a vibrant and caring community. This year we'd especially like to give a call-out to the school boards and EMES & WCSU personnel for holding things together during this period of confusion and change as the merger of the U-32 towns into one unified school district moves forward in fits and starts. Working together, we can make this new district work for the benefit of all in the community, especially the school children.

SETH GARDNER, *Chair*

GENE TROIA, *Vice Chair*

CARL ETNIER

KIM SWASEY

AMY WILLIS

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

REVENUES

CASH & RECEIPTS

AVAILABLE CASH ON HAND:

NON-TAX RECEIPTS:

Dog licenses	2,300	2,255.00	(45.00)	2,300	100,000	0	0%
Excess Weight Fees	400	520.00	120.00	400	400	0	0%
Liquor licenses	100	210.00	110.00	100	100	0	0%
Recording/copy fees	20,000	18,325.40	(1,674.60)	20,000	20,000	0	0%
School Share town expenses	9,000	9,000.00	0.00	9,000	9,000	0	0%
Vault fees	4,000	3,757.09	(242.91)	4,000	4,000	0	0%
Zoning fees	4,000	4,545.00	545.00	4,000	4,000	0	0%
Total Licenses & Fees	39,800	38,612.49	(1,187.51)	39,800	39,800	0	0%
Erosion Control ANR Grant	0	9,700.00	9,700.00	0	0	0	0%
FEMA Grant 2017	0	13,060.77	13,060.77	0	0	0	0%
Total Grants	0	22,760.77	22,760.77	0	0	0	0%
Current use hold harmless	92,000	98,770.00	6,770.00	95,000	99,000	4,000	4.2%
Green Up	225	367.00	142.00	225	225	0	0%
ESF Bond Reimbursement - Calais	52,847	52,847.09	0.09	51,491	53,461	1,970	3.8%
State aid highways	144,000	144,041.84	41.84	144,000	144,000	0	0%
ANR Pilot Program	1,000	964.59	(35.41)	1,000	800	(200)	-20.0%
General State Building Pilot Program ..	3,000	3,330.00	330.00	3,000	3,200	200	6.7%
State Equalization Reimbursement	0	1,222.00	1,222.00	0	0	0	0%

Traffic fines	9,000	10,577.01	1,577.01	9,000	9,000	0	0%
Total Reimbursements	302,072	312,119.53	10,047.53	303,716	309,686	5,970	2.0%
Interest / Money Market	500	6,069.25	5,569.25	500	3,000	2,500	500.0%
Miscellaneous income	100	1,608.51	1,508.51	100	100	0	0%
Tax Sale Expense - Reimbursement	0	2,645.39	2,645.39	0	0	0	0%
Total Other	600	10,323.15	9,723.15	600	3,100	2,500	416.7%
Interest on delinquent taxes	9,000	14,629.25	5,629.25	9,000	9,000	0	0%
Penalty on delinquent taxes	10,000	18,274.87	8,274.87	10,000	10,000	0	0%
Principal on delinquent taxes		(1,758.09)	(1,758.09)				
Interest on late taxes	6,000	5,236.73	(763.27)	6,000	6,000	0	0%
Education retention fees	9,000	10,006.27	1,006.27	9,000	9,000	0	0%
Total Tax Related Charges	34,000	46,389.03	12,389.03	34,000	34,000	0	0%
TOTAL NON-TAX RECEIPTS	376,472	430,204.97	53,732.97	378,116	386,586	8,470	2.2%
TAXES:							
Select board Budget	1,681,597		1,726,496	1,749,764	23,268		1.3%
Other Money Articles	117,383		119,896	124,296	4,400		3.7%
Total Current Taxes	1,798,980	1,813,305.15	1,846,392	1,874,060	27,668		1.5%
TOTAL TAXES	1,798,980	1,813,305.15	100.80%	1,846,392	1,874,060	27,668	1.5%
GRAND TOTAL CASH & RECEIPTS	2,250,452	2,243,510.12	99.69%	2,324,508	2,360,646	36,138	1.6%
Grand List (estimated for FY20)	\$2,999,000		\$3,034,000	\$3,040,000			
Local Tax Rate (estimated for FY20)	0.5999		0.6086	0.6165			

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Town Officers:

	FY18 Budget (7/1/17- 6/30/18)	FY18 Actual (7/1/17- 6/30/18)	Under (Over) FY18	FY19 Budget (7/1/18- 6/30/19)	FY20 Proposed Budget (7/19-6/20)	Change from FY19 Budget Increase (Decrease)	Change fr. FY19 Budget (+/-) %
Municipal Employees	194,000	189,334.51	4,665.49	213,000	217,000	4,000	1.9%
Health Officer	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Selectboard	5,500	5,500.00	0.00	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%
PC Stipend	4,750	4,750.00	0.00	4,750	4,750	0	0.0%
Internal Audit (Town Auditors)	6,900	6,047.26	852.74	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
Listers Payroll	20,000	17,537.05	2,462.95	21,000	22,000	1,000	4.8%
Animal Control Officers Stipend	1,500	1,500.00	0.00	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
Constables Stipend	1,500	1,500.00	0.00	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	0.00	10,000.00	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Town Officers	245,150	227,168.82	17,981.18	255,250	260,250	5,000	2.0%

Employee Benefits/Insurances

Social Security/Medicare	37,500	33,170.55	4,329.45	38,000	39,000	1,000	2.6%
Municipal Retirement	21,000	20,804.52	195.48	24,000	26,000	2,000	8.3%
Unemployment	2,600	1,822.00	778.00	1,600	3,200	1,600	100.0%
Health Insurance	98,000	101,273.09	(3,273.09)	118,000	115,000	(3,000)	-2.5%
Dental Insurance	3,000	2,936.70	63.30	3,100	3,200	100	3.2%
Life & Disability Insurance	3,600	3,653.88	(53.88)	3,800	3,900	100	2.6%
Town Liability Insurance	8,000	7,628.00	372.00	8,000	6,000	(2,000)	-25.0%
Workers Compensation	23,000	17,620.50	5,379.50	19,000	18,000	(1,000)	-5.3%
Total Employee Benefits/Insurances	196,700	188,909.24	7,790.76	215,500	214,300	(1,200)	-0.6%

Law Enforcement Expenses:

Community Advisory Board	100	100.00	0.00	100	100	0	0.0%
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Vermont State Police	33,000	24,612.87	8,387.13	33,000	33,000	0	0.0%
Total Law Enforcement Expenses	33,100	24,712.87	8,387.13	33,100	33,100	0	0.0%
Professional Fees							
Contracted Payroll Services	1,000	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
External Audit	14,500	14,690.00	(190.00)	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%
Legal Fees	8,000	3,407.84	4,592.16	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
Total Professional Fees	23,500	18,097.84	5,402.16	24,000	24,000	0	0.0%
Municipal Building							
Custodial	2,700	2,580.00	120.00	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%
Electricity	1,800	1,524.37	275.63	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%
General Expenses	1,000	379.72	620.28	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Heating Fuel	2,000	1,115.97	884.03	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Repairs/Maintenance	3,000	0.00	3,000.00	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
Telephone	2,400	2,251.80	148.20	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%
Water (Crystal Springs)	900	1,017.10	(117.10)	900	1,000	100	11.1%
Total Municipal Building	13,800	8,868.96	4,931.04	13,800	13,900	100	0.7%
Municipal Operations							
Advertising	2,000	1,112.67	887.33	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Copier Lease	2,900	3,068.80	(168.80)	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
Education/Seminars	2,000	2,075.14	(75.14)	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Equipment Purchases (over \$200)	1,000	474.99	525.01	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Gifts/Special Occasions	300	790.16	(490.16)	500	700	200	40.0%
Mileage/Travel Expense	1,500	1,437.50	62.50	1,500	1,800	300	20.0%
Fees	350	326.38	23.62	350	350	0	0.0%
Grounds Maintenance	11,500	10,713.00	787.00	11,500	11,500	0	0.0%
Off Premise Record Storage	1,100	1,080.00	20.00	1,100	0	(1,100)	-100.0%

EXPENDITURES *(continued)*

	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Under (Over)	FY19 Budget	Proposed FY20 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Change (+/-) %
Office Supplies	5,000	3,959.02	1,040.98	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Postage	3,700	2,679.13	1,020.87	3,700	3,700	0	0.0%
Printing	1,200	1,188.30	11.70	1,200	1,300	100	8.3%
Town Report Printing and Mailing	6,300	5,709.51	590.49	6,300	6,300	0	0.0%
Property and Casualty Insurance	20,000	17,672.80	2,327.20	16,000	15,000	(1,000)	-6.3%
Public Records Management	8,500	8,384.95	115.05	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
Street Lights	4,700	5,042.04	(342.04)	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
Subscriptions/Memberships	450	346.48	103.52	450	450	0	0.0%
Town Document Updates	5,000	3,482.55	1,517.45	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Total Municipal Operations	77,500	69,543.42	7,956.58	77,100	75,600	(1,500)	-1.9%
Loans and Interest							
Bond Interest for ESF (20-year)	53,542	53,541.26	0.74	49,472	55,383	5,911	11.9%
Bond Principal for ESF	105,000	105,000.00	0.00	105,000	105,000	0	0.0%
Tax Anticipation Interest	1,000	43.75	956.25	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total Loans and Interest	159,542	158,585.01	956.99	155,472	161,383	5,911	3.8%
Computers							
Equipment/Hardware Purchases	3,500	2,284.93	1,215.07	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
General Services/Maintenance	8,000	7,479.86	520.14	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
GIS Mapping Services	2,100	1,830.00	270.00	2,100	4,500	2,400	114.3%
Software	2,700	2,982.12	(282.12)	2,700	1,500	(1,200)	-44.4%
Total Computers	16,300	14,576.91	1,723.09	16,300	17,500	1,200	7.4%
Town Clerk Budget							
Ballot Clerks/Election Workers	1,000	950.00	50.00	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
Dog Licensing - tags and licenses	200	197.27	2.73	300	300	0	0.0%

Election Equipment	2,000	1,712.90	287.10	3,000	2,000	(1,000)	-33.3%
Record Restoration/Preservation	3,000	0.00	3,000.00	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
Vault Expenses/Town Records	1,000	10.00	990.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total Town Clerk Budget	7,200	2,870.17	4,329.83	9,300	7,300	(2,000)	-21.5%
Dues and Fees							
CV Economic Development	900	900.00	0.00	900	900	0	0.0%
CV Regional Planning Commission	2,834	2,833.60	0.40	2,911	3,092	181	6.2%
CV Solid Waste Mgt. Dist.	2,650	2,626.00	24.00	2,650	2,650	0	0.0%
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts	100	100.00	0.00	100	100	0	0.0%
VT. League Cities & Towns	3,917	3,917.00	0.00	4,001	4,111	110	2.7%
Washington County Court Expense	24,936	24,936.00	0.00	24,838	25,074	236	1.0%
Wrightsville Beach Dist.	2,923	3,188.40	-265.40	3,188	3,986	798	25.0%
Total Dues & Fees	38,260	38,501.00	-241.00	38,588	39,913	1,325	3.4%
Budget Requests							
Fire Department	106,693	106,693.33	(0.33)	113,570	124,437	10,867	9.6%
Ambulance Service	145,337	145,336.86	0.14	152,798	149,783	(3,015)	-2.0%
Recreation Board	3,000	3,000.00	0.00	3,000	3,500	500	16.7%
Total Budget Requests	255,030	255,030.19	(0.19)	269,368	277,720	8,352	3.1%
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,066,082	1,006,864.43	59,217.57	1,107,778	1,124,966	17,188	1.6%
GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS							
Invasive Species Control	500	48.00	452.00	500	300	(200)	-40.0%
Front Porch Forum	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%
Capital Reserve Fund	414,817	414,817.00	0.00	431,484	435,234	3,750	0.9%
TOTAL GRANTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS	415,817	415,365.00	452.00	432,484	436,034	3,550	0.8%

EXPENDITURES *(continued)***HIGHWAY EXPENSES:**

	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Under (Over)	FY19 Budget	Proposed FY20 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Change (+/-) %
Highway Operations							
Chloride	25,000	20,320.59	4,679.41	25,000	27,000	2,000	8.0%
Crack Sealant	12,000	10,800.00	1,200.00	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%
Culverts	7,600	5,097.80	2,502.20	7,600	7,600	0	0.0%
Diesel	58,000	39,857.17	18,142.83	58,000	58,000	0	0.0%
Edu./Seminars - Highway Personnel ...	600	130.00	470.00	600	600	0	0.0%
Equipment Rentals	7,000	0.00	7,000.00	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
Erosion Stone			0.00	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
General Supplies	14,500	11,236.96	3,263.04	14,500	14,500	0	0.0%
Gravel	110,000	116,328.02	(6,328.02)	110,000	110,000	0	0.0%
Green Up Expenses	600	367.00	233.00	600	600	0	0.0%
Guardrails	5,000	0.00	5,000.00	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Haz Mat disposal	750	0.00	750.00	750	750	0	0.0%
Hydroseeder Mulch				0	2,000	2,000	
Pavement Management	3,000	354.68	2,645.32	3,000	4,000	1,000	33.3%
Pavement Markings	5,200	11,749.30	(6,549.30)	5,200	5,200	0	0.0%
Permit Fees	220	201.60	18.40	3,000	2,000	(1,000)	-33.3%
Reciprocal Road Maintenance	1,300	2,625.00	(1,325.00)	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%
Road Fabric	3,500	0.00	3,500.00	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
Roadside Mowing	10,000	7,400.00	2,600.00	0	0	0	0.0%
Salt	52,000	42,455.14	9,544.86	52,000	56,000	4,000	7.7%
Sand	42,000	31,139.50	10,860.50	42,000	42,000	0	0.0%
Signs	4,000	1,074.24	2,925.76	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
Stabilization Fabric	3,000	2,071.40	928.6	3,000	0	(3,000)	-100.0%

Uniforms	3,800	4,591.27	(791.27)	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%
Weather Reporting	1,000	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Total Highway Operations	370,070	307,799.67	62,270.33	371,850	376,850	5,000	1.3%
Town Garage Expenses							
Electricity	1,400	1,193.76	206.24	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%
General Expenses	2,000	2,650.24	(650.24)	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Heating Fuel	7,000	5,055.74	1,944.26	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
Bldg Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	4,413.21	(3,413.21)	2,000	3,000	1,000	50.0%
Rubbish	1,600	4,852.19	(3,252.19)	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Security	400	240.00	160.00	400	400	0	0.0%
Telephone/Communications	2,700	2,663.97	36.03	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%
Total Town Garage Expenses	16,100	21,069.11	(4,969.11)	17,500	18,500	1,000	5.7%
Vehicle Equipment/ Repairs							
Vehicle-Gas/Oil/Grease		5,583.10					
Vehicle - Maint/Supplies/Equipment ...		4,058.20					
Vehicle - Plows/Blades		5,862.50					
Vehicle - Tires/Chains		14,151.70					
'13 GMC Sierra Pickup		482.93					
'06 John Deere Grader		3,416.04					
'08 Volvo Excavator		634.69					
'08 Volvo Loader		3,899.13					
'18 Komatsu Loader		(54.34)					
'18 John Deere Tractor & Mower							
'13 Mack Truck		2,929.85					
'17 Mack Truck		1,116.10					
'18 Mack Truck		206.19					

EXPENDITURES (continued)

	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Under (Over)	FY19 Budget	Proposed FY20 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Change (+/-) %
'15 International 7400		960.40					
'98 MorBark Brush Chipper		120.41					
York Rake		0.00					
Sander		3,413.50					
Total Vehicle Equipment/ Repairs	60,000	46,780.40	13,219.60	60,000	60,000	0	0.0%
Highway Labor							
Total Labor	205,000	207,514.13	(2,514.13)	215,000	220,000	5,000	2.3%
Total Highway Labor	205,000	207,514.13	(2,514.13)	215,000	220,000	5,000	2.3%
TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET	651,170	583,163.31	68,006.69	664,350	675,350	11,000	1.7%
TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET ...	2,133,069	2,005,392.74	127,676.26	2,204,612	2,236,350	31,738	1.4%
Voted Articles							
Cemetery Commission	7,000	7,000.00	0.00	17,250	17,250	0	0.0%
Four Corners Schoolhouse	3,100	3,100.00	0.00	3,100	4,000	900	29.0%
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	38,614	38,614.00	0.00	42,022	42,022	0	0.0%
Land Conservation Fund	7,500	7,500.00	0.00	3,000	5,000	2,000	66.7%
East Montpelier Signpost	7,000	7,000.00	0.00	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
GMTA Rte2 Commuter Bus Service ...	8,333	8,333.00	0.00	8,333	8,333	0	0.0%
Montpelier Senior Activity Center	7,000	7,000.00	0.00	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
East Montpelier Trails	4,000	4,000.00	0.00	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
Central VT Home Health & Hospice ...	5,500	5,500.00	0.00	5,500	6,000	500	9.1%
Cross Vermont Trail Association	7,500	7,500.00	0.00	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Voted Articles	95,547	95,547.00	0.00	97,205	100,605	3,400	3.5%

Funding Requests							
American Red Cross	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%
Big Heavy World					250	250	
Capstone Community Action (CVCAC)	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	750	750.00	0.00	750	750	0	0.0%
Central Vermont Council on Aging	1,875	1,875.00	0.00	1,875	1,875	0	0.0%
Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity				250	250	0	0.0%
Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Circle (Battered Women's Serv & Shelter)	675	675.00	0.00	675	675	0	0.0%
Community Connections	2,500	2,500.00	0.00	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%
Community Harvest of Central VT					250	250	
Downstreet Housing & Comm Dev (CVCLT)	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%
Family Center of Washington County	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%
Friends of the Winooski River	200	200.00	0.00	200	200	0	0.0%
Girls/Boyz First Mentoring	300	300.00	0.00	300	300	0	0.0%
Good Beginnings of Central VT	300	300.00	0.00	300	300	0	0.0%
Good Samaritan Haven	750	750.00	0.00	750	750	0	0.0%
Green Mountain Transit	1,366	1,366.00	0.00	1,366	1,366	0	0.0%
Green Up Vermont	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%
Home Share Now	800	800.00	0.00	800	800	0	0.0%
North Branch Nature Center	750	750.00	0.00	750	750	0	0.0%
Onion River Food Shelf Inc.	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
OUR House of Central VT	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	1,250	1,250.00	0.00	1,250	1,250	0	0.0%
Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont	300	300.00	0.00	300	300	0	0.0%
Project Independence	125	125.00	0.00	125	125	0	0.0%
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%
Twin Valley Seniors, Inc.	3,000	3,000.00	0.00	3,500	4,000	500	14.3%
T W Wood Gallery	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%

EXPENDITURES (continued)

	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	Under (Over)	FY19 Budget	Proposed FY20 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Change (+/-) %
Vt Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%
Vermont Cares	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%
Vermont Center for Independent Living .	245	245.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%
Vermont Family Network				100	100	0	0.0%
Washington County Diversion Program .	600	600.00	0.00	600	600	0	0.0%
Washington County Mental Health Serv	800	800.00	0.00	800	800	0	0.0%
Washington County Youth Serv Bureau .	400	400.00	0.00	400	400	0	0.0%
Total Funding Requests	21,836	21,836.00	0.00	22,691	23,691	1,000	4.4%
Total Voted Articles & Funding Requests	117,383	117,383.00	0.00	119,896	124,296	4,400	3.7%
Miscellaneous Unbudgeted Expenses		9,700.00*	(9,700.00)				
GRAND TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES ..	2,250,452	2,132,475.74	117,976.26	2,324,508	2,360,646	36,138	1.6%

* When the town took over the E.M. Fire District #1 on July 1, 2017, it also absorbed the district's \$9,700 loan from the state program for potable water infrastructure that paid for an engineering study of the Crystal Springs Water System.

TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY	FY16: 7/15-6/16	FY17: 7/16-6/17	FY18: 7/17-6/18	FY19: 7/18-6/19	FY20: 7/19-6/20
Selectboard w/o Voted Articles	1,996,291	2,117,578	2,133,069	2,204,612	2,236,350
Less: Cash on Hand	0	75,000	75,000	100,000	100,000
Subtotal	1,996,291	2,042,578	2,058,069	2,104,612	2,136,350
Less: Proposed Non-Tax Receipts	375,590	375,539	376,472	378,116	386,586
Municipal Proposed Taxes w/o Articles	1,620,701	1,667,039	1,681,597	1,726,496	1,749,764
Plus: Voted Articles	98,108	110,258	117,383	119,896	124,296
Total Town Current Taxes	1,718,809	1,777,297	1,798,980	1,846,392	1,874,060

TOWN MEETING — MARCH 6, 2018



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DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Notes Payable:	Payments Due					
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Emergency Services Facility*						
Loan Balance: \$1,470,000						
Interest Rate: 4.34%						
Principal payments:	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Interest payments:	53,542	49,472	55,382	51,230	46,919	42,467
2017 Mack Truck**						
Loan Balance: \$88,905						
Interest Rate: 2.49%						
Principal payments:	28,909	29,629	30,367	0		
Interest payments:	2,214	1,494	756			
2018 Mack Truck***						
Loan Balance: \$122,490						
Interest Rate: 2.84%						
Principal payments:	29,348	30,182	31,039	31,921	0	
Interest payments:	3,479	2,645	1,788	906		
Debt Payments:	\$ 222,492	218,422	224,332	189,057	151,919	147,467
Outstanding Principal at Fiscal Year End:	\$ 1,518,138	1,353,327	1,186,921	1,050,000	945,000	840,000

As noted above and below, on June 30, 2018, the Town of East Montpelier owed \$1,518,138: \$1,365,000 on Emergency Services Facility Bond, plus \$153,138 on two Mack Truck leases.

*** FY11 Emergency Services Facility Bond:**

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

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

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

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

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

COMPARATIVE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

	FY17	FY18
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,268,571	\$ 1,584,730
Investments	314,067	92,059
Receivables	392,421	217,296
Loan Receivable	266,293	258,343
Prepaid Expenses	26,986	47,710
Capital Assets:		
Land	488,483	583,902
Construction in Progress	136,417	181,193
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>3,940,171</u>	<u>4,385,072</u>
Total Assets	6,833,409	7,350,305
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	<u>106,239</u>	<u>80,703</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	106,239	80,703
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	278,943	198,724
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	10,634	14,733
Due to Fiduciary Fund	19,607	19,684
Due to Delinquent Tax Collector	13,737	
Unearned Revenue		954
Accrued Interest Payable	10,821	11,593
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Due within One Year	176,865	176,865
Due in More than One Year	<u>1,797,019</u>	<u>1,613,469</u>
Total Liabilities	1,918,510	2,036,022
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Prepaid Property Taxes	2,793	2,042
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	941	6,937
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,734	8,979
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,907,695	3,650,927
Restricted For:		
Culture and Recreation	51,537	52,061
Community Development	200,424	208,478
Cemetery	92,850	93,450
Other	1,405	1,410
Unrestricted	<u>1,377,401</u>	<u>1,379,681</u>
Total Net Position	\$ 4,631,312	\$ 5,386,007

*Adapted from FY17 & FY18 audits performed by Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier.
Final audits are available at the Town Office and town website at <https://eastmontpelier.vt.org>*

EAST MONTPELIER FY18 TAXES RAISED

Base Tax Rates:

School - Homestead	\$1.9021
School - Non-Residential	\$1.6168
Town	\$0.5999
Local Agreement	\$0.0025

Total Homestead Tax Rate	\$2.5045
Total Non-Residential Rate	\$2.2192

Values, include Local Agreements:

Municipal Grand List	\$2,996,101.77
Homestead Edu. Grand List	\$2,191,026.72
Non-Residential Edu. Grand List	\$810,468.53



Taxes to be raised (as billed):	
at Town Tax Rate $0.5999 \times 2,996,101.77 =$	\$1,797,353.43
at Local Agreement Rate $0.0025 \times 2,996,101.77 =$	7,491.77
at Homestead Tax Rate . . $1.9021 \times 2,191,026.72 =$	4,167,551.70
at Non-Res. Tax Rate . . . $1.6168 \times 810,468.53 =$	1,310,365.55
plus late homestead filing penalties	WAIVED

TOTAL	<u>\$7,282,762.45</u>
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TY17/18 TAXES collected as of 5/16/2018

Current Taxes Collected	\$7,079,784.31
Abated Taxes	14.72
Uncollected TY17/18 taxes (see facing page)	202,963.42
TOTAL	<u>\$7,282,762.45</u>



2017/2018 EDUCATION TAX BREAKDOWN

Total Due Schools	<u>\$5,488,585.00</u>
Town payments to schools:	
EMES	\$2,004,203.64
U-32	2,252,813.44
State adjustment payments	1,221,561.65
0.225% Retained by Municipality	10,006.27
Total education tax paid	<u>\$5,488,585.00</u>
Balance due school district (within 120 days)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

DELINQUENT TAXES

Tax Year	Taxes Due July 1, 2017	Paid In FY18	Abated FY18	Balance Due June 30, 2018
TY11/12	1,102.22	0.00	0.00	1,102.22
TY12/13	1,146.81	0.00	0.00	1,146.81
TY13/14	1,511.19	326.12	0.00	1,185.07
TY14/15	3,453.03	2,230.83	0.00	1,222.20
TY15/16	30,369.00	23,315.90	0.00	7,053.10
TY16/17	96,326.98	64,652.70	2.32	31,671.96
	<u>\$133,909.23</u>	<u>90,525.55</u>	<u>2.32</u>	<u>43,381.36</u>
TY17/18 Del. Taxes				
Submitted to Collector				
as amended 5/16/18	<u>202,963.42</u>	<u>100,779.35</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>102,184.07</u>
	<u><u>\$336,963.65</u></u>	<u><u>191,304.90</u></u>	<u><u>2.32</u></u>	<u><u>145,565.43</u></u>
Interest on Late & Delinquent Tax		16,031.34 *		
Penalties on Delinquent Tax		15,304.44 **		
Total Delinquent Taxes, Interest, and Penalties collected in FY18		<u><u>\$222,640.68</u></u>		

* Includes Del. Tax Interest, as well as Late Interest (as per Notice below).

** The Collector of Delinquent Taxes may charge a commission of 8% penalty on the amount of taxes owed (32 V.S.A. §1674). Under the Town's amended charter, starting in FY18 the Collector of Delinquent Taxes is an appointed position and the functions of the position are handled collectively by the town office staff. The 8% penalty accrues to the Town's General Fund.

TAX COLLECTION NOTICE

In August 2018, one property tax bill was sent out, payable in two installments. The due date and time is voted on at Town Meeting each year. The first installment for tax year 2018/2019 was due in November, and the second is **due by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. A slot has been installed in the back door of the Municipal Office Building for after-hours drop off.** Property taxes **must** be received in the Town Treasurer's office by 5:00 P.M. on the due date. The Town offers two methods for electronic payment of taxes: direct debit and a payment portal for credit and debit cards along with eChecks. **Postmarked tax payments dated on or before the tax due date, but received after the tax due date are NOT accepted as timely payments.**

First installment taxes not received by the due date in November are charged Late Interest of 1% per month. Any taxes not received by the due date in May are turned over to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and charged an 8% penalty, in addition to 1% per month delinquent interest.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2018

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$488,483	\$95,419	\$0	\$583,902
Construction in Progress	136,417	465,713	420,937	181,193
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>624,900</u>	<u>561,132</u>	<u>420,937</u>	<u>765,095</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	2,374,936	0	0	2,374,936
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	1,198,850	325,709	121,709	1,402,850
Infrastructure	2,172,578	494,696	0	2,667,274
Totals	<u>5,746,364</u>	<u>820,405</u>	<u>121,709</u>	<u>6,445,060</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	447,276	47,633	0	494,909
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	359,042	79,668	58,321	380,389
Infrastructure	999,875	184,815	0	1,184,690
Totals	<u>1,806,193</u>	<u>312,116</u>	<u>58,321</u>	<u>2,059,988</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>3,940,171</u>	<u>508,289</u>	<u>63,388</u>	<u>4,385,072</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$4,565,071</u>	<u>\$1,069,421</u>	<u>\$484,325</u>	<u>\$5,150,167</u>

Depreciation was charged as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General Government	\$4,196
Public Safety	39,825
Highways and Streets	266,995
Cemetery	1,100

Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities \$312,116

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TOWN PROPERTY

Information as of December 31, 2018

LAND, BUILDINGS, AND CEMETERIES

Town Office	0.35 acre
Town Garage	24.70 acres
Town Salt Shed	1.50 acres
Templeton Fire Station	1.00 acre
Emergency Services Facility	1.52 acres
Town Forest	96.36 acres
North St. (Baird)	45.73 acres
Rte. 2 (Benton)	10.42 acres
Coburn Rd. (Soule)	5.00 acres
Recreation Field	12.00 acres
Rte. 2 (Old LaPerle Farm)	48.52 acres
Rte. 14N (WEC garage)	0.55 acres
Rte. 2 (Hudson parcel)	0.25 acres
Rte. 14N (Hodgeman parcel)	3.00 acres (<i>donation eff. 12/28/2018</i>)
Coburn Covered Bridge	
Cate Cemetery	0.67 acre
Cutler Cemetery	2.70 acres
Doty Cemetery	2.80 acres
Quaker Cemetery	0.42 acre
Tinkham Cemetery	0.20 acre
Village Cemetery	2.70 acres, <i>incl. former Town Hall lot</i>
Wheeler Cemetery	1.30 acres

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

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	Mileage	Hours
2018 John Deere 6110 Tractor & Mower	N/A	208
2018 Komatsu WA270-8 Wheel Loader	N/A	508
2018 Mack 10-wheel Dump/Plow Truck	18,650	1,283
2017 Mack 10-wheel Dump/Plow Truck	23,669	2,159
2015 International 7400 6-wheel Dump Truck	26,568	2,165
2013 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Pickup	56,891	N/A
2013 Mack 10-wheel Dump Truck	81,924	5,712
2008 Volvo Excavator	N/A	3,983
2006 John Deere 772D Grader	N/A	8,668
1998 Morbark Brush Chipper	N/A	1,016
1982 GMC Chloride Truck	* Out of Service *	
2015 Kubota Lawn Tractor (Cemetery Commission)	N/A	397

TOWN PAYROLL SUMMARY

Employee	FY18 Salary	Salary & Benefits*	Employee	FY18 Salary	Salary & Benefits*
OFFICE			STIPEND		
Sparrow, Denise**	33,311	53,950	Conti, Sandy	2,500	2,691
Chickering, Rob	3,189	3,433	Etnier, Carl	1,000	1,077
Deegan, Ed	635	684	Gardner, Seth	1,500	1,615
Fillion, Deborah	5,066	5,453	Grundy, Dave	1,000	1,077
Flynn, CJ**	8,512	15,044	Hess, Scott	500	538
Flynn, Kristi	1,617	1,741	Hill, Norman	500	538
Hazel, Ross	10,552	11,359	Lane, Mark	500	538
Johnson, Bruce**	74,275	85,143	Morse, Elliott	500	538
Laquerre, Rosie**	37,558	59,773	Pauly, Jack	500	538
Occaso, Carla	347	373	Potter, Julie	500	538
Racanelli, Chris	3,750	4,037	Stewart, Jay	500	538
Smith, William	2,550	2,745	Stout, Ray	500	538
Welch, Don	35,000	37,677	Swasey, Kim	1,000	1,077
			Troia, Gene	1,000	1,077
	\$ 216,360	\$ 281,411	Vissering, Jean	750	807
HIGHWAY			Watson, Kim	500	538
Campbell, Frank**	49,976	79,232	Willis, Amy	1,000	1,077
Hill, Peter	1,931	2,078		\$ 14,250	\$15,339
Lorden, Ken**	48,514	55,776			
Perry, Guthrie**	56,205	85,566	Town		
Seadeek, Craig**	48,816	71,378	Subtotal	\$ 436,052	\$590,781
	\$ 205,442	\$ 294,030	CEMETERY		
			Lamson, Nicholas	1,288	1,387
			Lamson, Timothy	3,096	3,333
			Morse, Elliott	3,515	3,783
				\$ 7,899	\$8,503
			TOTAL	\$ 443,950	\$599,283
			PAYROLL		

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

** These benefits also include employer-paid premiums for coverage of Health and Dental Insurance, Retirement, Short- and Long-Term Disability, and Life Insurance. Totals do not include Workers Compensation (**\$17,620.50**) and Unemployment Insurance (**\$1,822.00**) coverage for road crew and office staff in FY18.

FY18 payroll does not include **\$950.00** paid to Election Workers.

Note:

This payroll report shows 26 biweekly payrolls (FY18 pay periods ending on 7/13/17 through 6/28/18). Reports elsewhere in this book show accrued (partial) pay periods.

RESTRICTED FUNDS SUMMARY

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

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

CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND*

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 51,387.93
Interest Income	522.10
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$ 51,913.03</u></u>

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 24,019.16
Interest Income	75.23
Expenses	(5,197.50)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$ 18,896.89</u></u>

GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 89,876.02
Interest Income	374.76
Received from State of Vermont	10,387.00
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$100,637.78</u></u>

LAND CONSERVATION FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 15,551.32
Interest Income	63.22
Voted 2017 Town Meeting Art. 6	7,500.00
Expenses: Fairmont Dairy at Drake Rd	(6,000.00)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$ 17,114.54</u></u>

RALLY DAY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 648.57
Interest Income	2.53
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$ 651.10</u></u>

RECREATION FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 13,366.08
Interest Income	33.98
Town Appropriation, Voted 2017 Town Meeting	3,000.00
Revenue: Program Fees, Concessions, etc.	5,749.67
Expenses: Program Costs, Field Maintenance, etc.	(16,124.42)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ 6,025.31

TOWN FOREST FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 26,228.19
Interest Income on CD and Savings account	277.06
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ 26,505.25

VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 1,404.99
Interest Income	5.51
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ 1,410.50

**GRANTS REPORT FOR 2018**

Open and recently closed town grants: Most are state grants with a town match of 0–20%. We also receive some small targeted grants from other organizations, including the annual Green Up Day trash disposal funding from Central Vt Solid Waste Management District.

ACTIVE GRANTS

2018 FEMA grant for debris clean-up from the October 29–30, 2017 wind storm.

FEMA funds	\$ 10,747
State funds	\$ 2,344
Town match	\$ 1,005
Total grant	\$ 14,096

VTrans LTF Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Grant for sidewalk & shoulder enhancements along US Rt2/VT Rt14 corridor in Village.

State funds	\$ 731,000
Town match	\$ 89,000
Total grant	\$ 820,000

FY19 Municipal Planning Grant for the adoption process of revisions to East Montpelier Land Use & Development Regulations.

State funds	\$ 7,250
Town match	\$ 725
Total grant	\$ 7,975

VTrans Municipal Park 'n Ride Program Grant for park 'n ride and bus stop in Village. Funds town-managed facility construction. All other costs handled in-house by VTrans.

State funds	\$ 418,500
Town match	\$ 0
Total grant	\$ 418,500

FY18 Municipal Planning Grant for revisions to E.M. Land Use & Dev. Regulations.

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

FY19 VTrans Better Roads Grant for Snow Hill Road stormwater & erosion control.

State funds	\$ 20,000
Town match	\$ 5,000
Total grant	\$ 25,000

ACTIVE GRANTS (continued)

FY18 VTrans Better Roads Grant for road surface and road erosion inventories.

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

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

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

FY17 VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant to replace culvert on Quaker Road.

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

FY19 ANR Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Project, funded through CVRPC, for road drainage upgrades at a number of sites.

State funds	\$ 9,200
Town match	\$ 2,300
Total grant	\$ 11,500

FY18 VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant for engineering study to replace Mallory Brook culvert on Center Rd.

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

GRANTS CLOSED IN 2018

FY16 VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant to replace the large culvert on Murray Road near the Montpelier line.

State funds	\$ 114,387
Town match	\$ 12,939
Total grant	\$ 127,326

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

VHCB funds	\$ 1,690
Town match	\$ 0
Total grant	\$ 1,690

FY17 VTrans Class 2 Town Highway Paving Program Grant to repave County Rd from Horn of the Moon Rd to Calais.

State funds	\$ 168,000
Town match	\$ 55,422
Total grant	\$ 223,422

2018 VLCT PACIF Equipment Grant for road crew safety equipment.

VLCT funds	\$ 4,942
Town match	\$ 4,942
Total grant	\$ 9,885

FY18 VTrans Class 2 Town Highway Paving Program Grant to repair and repave Muddy Brook Road.

State funds	\$ 99,919
Town match	\$ 24,980
Total grant	\$ 124,899

2018 CVSWMD Green Up Day Grant to partially cover cost of town's Green Up Day.

CVSWMD funds	\$ 367
Town match	\$ 0
Total grant	\$ 367

FY18 ANR Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Project, funded through CVRPC, for road drainage upgrades at a number of sites.

State funds	\$ 9,700
Town match	\$ 14,640
Total grant	\$ 24,340

2018 CVRPC Transportation Study Funds Program for a safety study of Towne Hill, Gallison Hill, Brazier Roads intersection.

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

EAST MONTPELIER CAPITAL PLANNING BUDGET EXECUTIVE SUMMARY *

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

Item	Actual FY2018	Approved Budget FY2019	Presented for FY2020 Budget	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Municipal Building										
Total Exp by Yr	0	8,600	500	19,400	0	0	2,400	500	2,500	0
Town Garage										
Total Exp by Yr	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	6,000	0
Emergency Services Facility										
Total Exp by Yr	0	0	6,000	18,000	7,000	0	0	3,000	0	36,000
Vehicles										
Total Exp by Yr	63,950	63,950	108,950	32,827	0	35,000	35,000	135,000	80,000	70,000
Heavy Equipment										
Total Exp by Yr	251,466	0	0	300,000	0	0	0	175,000	0	0
Paving										
Total Exp by Yr	41,450	226,500	530,625	448,125	318,750	281,250	131,250	0	84,375	375,000
Opportunity Fund										
Total Exp by Yr	109,592	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Totals										
Total Exp by Yr	466,458	309,050	646,075	821,352	325,750	316,250	168,650	313,500	172,875	481,000
Yearly Planning Budget	414,817	431,484	435,234	435,234	435,234	435,234	435,234	435,234	435,234	435,234
Interest Earned	1,482									
Transfer from Gen Fund		104,650								
Capital Plan Balance	532,326	759,410	548,569	162,451	271,935	390,918	657,502	779,236	1,041,595	995,829
Total Audited Capital Plan Balance end of FY2017	\$582,486									

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

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$582,485.76
Revenues:	
Interest earned	1,481.82
FY18 Appropriation (Budget Line Item)	414,817.00
VHCB LaPerle Feasibility Study Grant	1,690.00
Expenses:	
New loader and tractor/mower	(251,466.00)
FY18 Local Match for Paving & Structures Grants	(44,420.61)
Debt Service - Vehicle Loan Payments	(63,949.87)
Old LaPerle Farm Committee	(3,173.40)
Hudson Property	(105,137.91)
Ending Bank Balance – June 30, 2018	\$532,326.79



Capital Reserve for the Emergency Services Facility (ESF)

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

Also Note: The East Montpelier Fire Department holds recent years' capital contributions for future equipment and truck replacement in its accounts. On June 30, 2018, the EMFD had **\$93,143** designated in a capital account. In any calendar year, the Department may spend up to \$20,000 of capital account funds for emergency purchases at its own discretion. Any capital purchase exceeding \$20,000 requires approval by both Calais and East Montpelier Selectboards or, at the discretion of the Selectboards, may require approval by the voters of both towns with a warned article at Town Meeting.

EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

Tim Lamson was elected chair and Emily Goyette was named clerk for 2018-2019. It is our intention that the graves of all veterans be marked with a flag. Please advise the commission if a grave has been missed.

Tasks for the 2019 season include:

- Mowing and landscaping as usual.
- Maintaining all equipment (no new equipment is needed).
- Fixing posts: some need painting or staining, some need straightening using crushed stone from the Town (Doty, Quaker, Cutler, Village, and Tinkham).
- Cutting brush in the Village cemetery.
- Replacing flags before Memorial Day.
- Moving corner markers in Cate.
- Installing Revolutionary, Civil, and WWI war markers for the veterans in the Willard Cutler and Gould cemeteries.
- Burning brush and removing dead tree in Doty.
- Dealing with woodchucks in Tinkham and Quaker.
- Creating maps of graves to be located at each cemetery (starting with the smallest). Posts and containers will be like those at East Montpelier Trail access points: a stand to hold plastic-coated sheets in a ring binder.

2018 Activities:

- Cutler cemetery vault repair and stabilization finished.
- New push mower and string trimmer acquired.
- Battled hogweed.
- Refurbished the Willard Cutler cemetery, located on Buni/Kaplin property, that represents 24–36 graves. Access is via the corner of Cummings Road near the sap collection station, climbing the hill to avoid sugaring pipelines.
- Re-established Gould cemetery, located on Birnbaum/Caldwell property, to represent 18–24 graves. Access is via a trail from Sparrow Farm Road.
- Voted to put before voters a proposed change from an autonomous commission with elected members to a committee under the Selectboard's authority with appointed members.

Future anticipated expenses:

- Land acquisition for additional burial space.

A level funded budget of \$17,250 was developed for this coming year:

- Payroll \$11,00 • Fence Painting & Repair \$2,000 • Tombstone cleaning & repair \$1,500 • Parts, supplies and equipment maintenance \$1,500
- Tree cutting \$500 • Flags & markers \$150 • Cemetery Association \$100
- Contingency/Hogweed remediation \$500. **Total = \$17,250.**

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

- Four-grave plot 1,400, includes \$750 perpetual care, \$150 plot corner markers
- Two-grave plot \$800, includes \$375 perpetual care, \$150 for corner markers
- Cremation plot \$550, includes \$225 perpetual care, \$150 for corner markers

CEMETERY FUNDS*Article 7
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Beginning Fund Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 95,055.27
Income:	
Voted 2017 Town Meeting Article	7,000.00
Sale of plots (perpetual care)	600.00
Sale of plots (expendable)	650.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	200.00
	<u>8,450.00</u>
Interest Income	
People's Bank & TD Bank; Savings and CDs	776.28
Care of Cemeteries Expense (see Orders below)	(11,232.90)
Ending Balance - June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$93,048.65</u></u>

BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2018

Expendable Funds:	
People's Bank Savings Account	400.30
	<u>400.30</u>
Non-Expendable Perpetual Care Funds:	
People's Bank Savings Account	71,725.00
North Country (NCFCU) CD	21,500.00
	<u>93,225.00</u>
Cemetery Funds in accounts on June 30, 2018	\$93,625.30
Minus Liability: Accrued Payroll	(576.65)
Total Cemetery Funds - June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$93,048.65</u></u>

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS

Payroll	\$ 8,544.37
Fencing	0.00
Stone Cleaning & Repair	0.29
Trees & Invasive Species	48.00
New Corner Markers	354.00
New Equipment	949.42
Equipment Maintenance	162.62
Fuel	141.53
Memberships & Dues	25.00
Miscellaneous	1,007.67
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 11,232.90</u></u>

SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Beginning Fund Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 32,819.51
Loan Repayments from Housing Foundation, Inc.	15,830.40
Interest earned in FY18.....	173.58
Annual Payment to State of VT (as per below)	(8,001.99)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ <u>40,821.50</u>

Revolving loan/grant of Sandy Pines funds:

EMSLI (East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative)	
Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017	\$ 19,607.15
Interest earned in FY18	76.88
Ending Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ <u>19,684.03</u>

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

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

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

Revolving Loan Fund:

The Revolving Loan Advisory Committee (RLAC) reviews appropriate uses for the town's portion of the repayment of VCDP funds. In 2013, the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI) requested funds for engineering tests and permit applications for a proposed senior housing project in East Montpelier. The committee conducted a public meeting in November 2013 to discuss this potential obligation and voted to recommend \$20,000 as a grant with the stipulation that if EMSLI moves forward and can acquire funding to build, that this grant be transitioned into a deferred loan. The Selectboard voted to approve the grant/loan to EMSLI and in 2018 extended the term to February 15, 2020.

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

CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Article 8
on page 9**

2018 was a quiet year for the committee after a busy 2017. No new projects came forward to test our revised guidelines that added broadened provisions for the enhancement of recreational opportunities and protection of natural resources along with an acknowledgement that fund use be consistent with the Town Plan to the town's fundamental intent to preserve the working rural landscape that makes East Montpelier so special.

We anticipate an application in 2019 for the second phase of the Fairmont Dairy/Vermont Land Trust effort to conserve the former Lylehaven properties, this time targeting the main farm property located on Lylehaven Road. The project is expected to include a permanent trails easement that will help bring the Cross Vermont Trail from the town-owned Benton property on US Rte. 2 up to VT Rte. 14 on its way to Plainfield.

The committee continues to appreciate the town's long support of land conservation through the use of the Conservation Fund. Town funding has helped protect nearly 2,899 acres, 71% of the 4,089 total acres conserved town-wide. This year we're requesting an appropriation of **\$5,000** (Warning Article 8) for the fund to continue this mission.

CHARLES JOHNSON
BRIAN LUSIGNAN

ART CHICKERING
GINNY CALLAN

NATALIE CHAPELL
BRUCE HOWLETT

LAND CONSERVATION FUND SUMMARY

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

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST — 2018 EQUALIZATION STUDY*

East Montpelier 12195

School Dist. ID: 65

Category	Property Count	ED Form 411 Listed Value	CUSE Value	Education Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Municipal Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Applied Ratio	Education Equalized Value	Municipal Equalized Value	COD	Average List Value Incl. State Exemption
Residential 1	487	110,455,100	0	110,455,100	110,215,100	96.31	114,687,052	114,437,857	10.42	226,314
Residential 2	403	136,598,453	810,200	135,788,253	135,668,253	94.37	144,734,671	144,607,512	10.35	357,249
Mob.Home-Unlanded	57	1,311,400	0	1,311,400	1,311,400	97.62	1,343,372	1,343,372	8.80	23,007
Mobile Home-Landed	48	6,318,300	0	6,318,300	6,288,300	95.42	6,621,568	6,590,128	2.37	131,006
Seasonal 1	4	961,000	0	961,000	961,000	95.42	1,007,126	1,007,126	0.00	240,250
Seasonal 2	5	918,500	7,200	911,300	911,300	95.42	962,554	962,554	0.00	200,560
Commercial	46	17,332,200	16,900	17,315,300	17,315,300	95.58	18,133,664	18,133,664	0.00	379,363
Commercial Apts	3	3,434,600	0	3,434,600	3,434,600	95.58	3,593,430	3,593,430	0.00	1,144,867
Industrial-Manufac.	3	3,359,900	0	3,359,900	3,359,900	95.58	3,515,275	3,515,275	0.00	1,119,967
Utilities-Electric	8	6,941,400	0	6,941,400	7,606,500	96.23	7,213,343	7,904,500	0.00	950,813
Utilities-Other	1	320,000	0	320,000	320,000	95.58	334,798	334,798	0.00	320,000
Farm	25	7,414,240	849,300	6,564,940	6,564,940	95.58	7,754,786	7,754,786	0.00	549,912
Other & Woodland	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Miscellaneous	92	7,184,451	259,800	6,924,651	6,922,251	95.58	7,515,980	7,513,469	19.26	105,920
Total Real Prop.	1,182	302,549,544	1,943,400	300,606,144	300,878,844		317,417,619	317,698,471		
Personal Property:										
			Cable	572,108	0	100.00	572,108	0		
			Inventory	Inv. Exempt	0	100.00	Inv. Exempt	0		
			Machinery & Equipment	M&E Exempt	0	100.00	M&E Exempt	0		
			Total Personal Property	572,108	0		572,108	0		
GRAND TOTAL (Real and Personal Property)				\$301,178,252	\$300,878,844	95.32	\$317,989,727	\$317,698,471	10.14	Townwide COD

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

Total Approved VEPC:	0	Total Grandfathered Exemptions:	0
Total Approved TIF District:	0	Total Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed. Tax):	0
Total Non-Approved Exemptions:	2,400	Total Special Exemptions Value:	665,100
Total Partial-Statutory Exempt.:	0	Total Current Use Reduction Value:	16,610,956
Total Veterans Exemptions EGL:	130,000	Total PVR-Applied - EGL:	0
Total Veterans Exemptions MGL:	520,000	Total PVR-Applied - MGL:	0

Certified to County: \$317,990,000
Certified to State: \$317,990,000

*from 12/21/18 Certified Final Computation Sheet
VT Division of Property Valuation & Review

BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

In the Town of East Montpelier, between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, there were 32 “arms-length sales.” An arms-length sale is a valid sale between two private parties. In the previous year (2016 - 2017) there were 33 valid sales and in 2015 - 2016 there were 31 such sales.

2018 was another good year for East Montpelier as measured by both our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) and our COD (Coefficient of Dispersion). The CLA decreased from 95.83% to 95.32%. This change increases the education tax rate by a small amount. The COD decreased from 12.50% to 10.14%. The COD is a measure of the disparity in the ratios of assessed values to arms-length sale prices that in the aggregate make up the CLA as measured against the median values of these ratios. In essence the COD measures the fairness of the assessed values relative to each other. The smaller the COD the more equitable the assessments. When the COD rises to 20% or the CLA drops to 80%, the State of Vermont mandates a town-wide reappraisal.

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

ROSS HAZEL

ROB CHICKERING

CHRIS RACANELLI

CLA (Common Level of Appraisal)							
1998	100.93%	2003	87.67%	2008	56.44%	2013	98.98%
1999	99.99%	2004	77.38%	2009*	98.73%	2014	94.10%
2000	100.35%	2005	68.91%	2010	98.92%	2015	94.60%
2001	98.69%	2006	60.89%	2011	97.16%	2016	94.94%
2002	92.27%	2007	57.55%	2012	98.22%	2017	95.83%
				* Reappraisal		2018	95.32%

See Final Computation Sheet of 2018 Equalization Study on the facing page



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PLANNING COMMISSION

In 2018, the Planning Commission focused its efforts on two major projects.

• 2018 East Montpelier Town Plan

The Town Plan guides community decisions of the town, especially relating to land use. It provides background and analysis of current conditions and identifies goals, policies and specific actions for the future. The state's Act 250 and Section 248 permitting processes also rely on the town plan.

The Planning Commission continued work on a new town plan, including several new sections and significant updates to the 2013 plan. The commission held a public forum and a well-attended public hearing on the draft plan before submitting a final draft plan to the Selectboard, which adopted the plan in June. The new Town Plan was approved by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and will expire in 2026.

• Land Use and Development Regulations Update

Although the town's zoning regulations have been periodically updated, various aspects of the zoning districts have not been reviewed since 1974. Additionally, new zoning districts are needed to implement the *2017 East Montpelier Village Master Plan*.

The Planning Commission was awarded a state planning grant for consultant assistance in reviewing and updating the town's zoning and subdivision regulations. After a competitive bid process, PlaceSense was hired to provide this assistance. The Planning Commission established a Steering Committee, comprised of the commission and two residents – Gabrielle Malina and Lindy Biggs – to review and update the regulations.

The Steering Committee identified challenges with our current zoning, and solicited input from the Development Review Board. We reviewed and discussed the consultant's Technical Report on our current regulations, and have been systematically reviewing preliminary drafts of new zoning and subdivision language. This work will continue in 2019. Draft documents are posted on the Planning Commission page of the town website.

Other Planning Commission actions have included: supporting the Recreation Board's application for a Recreational Facilities Grant; supporting the Fairmont/Lylehaven Conservation Project with Cross Vermont Trail easement; and a successful application for a 2019 planning grant to conduct public outreach for the land use and development regulations update.

Various Planning Commission members serve on other related committees, including the Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee, the Capital Improvement Committee, the Energy Committee, the Development Review Board, and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

The PC holds its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 PM in the municipal building. The PC encourages interested citizens to attend any of its meetings; meetings begin with an opportunity

for public comment. Persons may also contact any of the nine PC members (as of January 2019) below:

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



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

In 2018 permit activity remained remarkably consistent with the well-established recent norms. The 54 applications precisely matched the average for the past six years and we're on a 3-year run of 55, 53, and now 54 submissions. We nearly equaled last year's strong growth in residential development with 4 new single-family dwellings, 8 new building lots, and our first permitted tiny house. Commercial activity remains slow, but there are some encouraging signs as we added our first new business in years, another expanded, and a third embarked on a major construction project.

Zoning Applications Submitted Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2018

7	New & Replacement Dwellings
19	Residential alteration, addition, garage, or accessory structure
10	Subdivision, Planned Unit Dev., or Boundary Line Adjustment
8	Commercial, Multi-Family, Public Facility, or Sign
10	Access or Right-of-Way Permits
54	Total Zoning Permit Applications

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

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

—C. Bruce Johnson, *Zoning Administrator*



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

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

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

In 2018, the DRB met 11 times and conducted the following reviews:

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

The current members of the DRB are: Richard Curtis (Chair), Steve Kappel (Vice-Chair), Jeff Cueto, Carol Welch, Mark Lane, Norman Hill, Ben Lange, Kim Watson, and Alice Dworkin. Kristi Flynn serves as Recording Secretary.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE *

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

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

The CIC has reviewed and refined budgets for building maintenance, paving, truck and heavy equipment purchases. This year's recommendation for the Capital Reserve budget contribution has been included by the Selectboard in the Town FY2020 Budget.

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

GENE TROIA, *Chair (Selectboard member)*

KIM WATSON *(Planning Commissioner)*

DON WELCH *(Town Treasurer)*

ED DEEGAN *(Member at Large)*

CASEY NORTHRUP *(Member at Large)*

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

OLD LAPERLE FARM PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The committee, formed in 2016 to explore and recommend the possibilities for the use of the town-owned 48-acre LaPerle Farm property at the northeast end of East Montpelier Village, continues to sift through options for both the farmhouse site and the large tract east of Sodom Pond Brook.

Change is coming to the property in 2019. The old farmhouse will be deconstructed and moved to another location in town, where the original house, without the wing, will be rebuilt and, if all goes well, reutilized as a residence. The farmhouse area will be landscaped as a future location of community green space and/or development. The parcel has now grown after the very generous donation by the Hodgeman family of the 3-acre undeveloped parcel just to the north of the farmhouse site. The committee has approved a possible sale of some of the northern end of the property to Marc Fontaine, an abutting landowner.

Late in April, after spring thaw but before leaf out, Friends of the Winooski River, in conjunction with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, intends to replant sections of the east side of the brook with a mix of 400 trees and bushes. Expect to see a call for volunteers early in the spring to help with the revegetation project.

The current committee members are Seth Gardner (Chair), Zach Sullivan, Andy Shapiro, Ray Stout, Bob Morey, and Ginny Callan. Advocates for the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI) and Twin Valley Senior Center have participated in meetings, but it no longer appears likely that the property will be utilized for an EMSLI project as that group's sights have shifted elsewhere. Meeting times and minutes are posted on the town website. We want feedback and ardently encourage public participation in the committee's activities.



EAST MONTPELIER SENIOR LIVING INITIATIVE

EMSLI began in 2005 with a goal to provide housing for seniors and to assure that seniors who prefer to remain in town through their later years would have that option. We reviewed many potential properties over the years, with hopes to provide enough space for a permanent home for the Twin Valley Senior Center in conjunction with housing for seniors, including at the Old LaPerle Farm Property in East Montpelier Village. While we seemed very close a few times, none of these projects came together.

The good news is that we are exploring the potential purchase and renovation of the Blueberry Hill Commons property at 4583 US Rt. 2. The property is currently home to the Twin Valley Senior Center, with two office spaces to run their programs and the SASH program; plus four apartments. The goal is to secure a permanent home for the senior center and to provide affordable housing for seniors and others in the existing units. We will also explore the possibility of additional housing on the parcel, which is currently owned by Harper Properties LLC. Towards these goals, the EM Selectboard authorized an extension of the five-year EMSLI grant, until February 15, 2020.

—Renée Carpenter

PASS-THROUGH ACCOUNTS

FY18:	<i>Paid to State</i>	<i>Balance Due</i>
Dog State Rabies Program	\$ 344	\$ 87
Dog State Spay / Neuter Program	1,372	348
Marriage Licenses	600	200
<i>(Pass-through funds are fees collected by the Town Clerk and paid to the State)</i>	\$ 2,216	\$ 635

ANIMAL LICENSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Current rabies vaccination means that:

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

RABIES & VT SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

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

This year's **Rabies Clinic** for DOGS and CATS will be held at the East Montpelier Fire Department Station #2 at 54 Village Acres. The cost is \$15.00 per animal. Thank you to Dr. Tom Stuwe, DVM for his continued willingness to vaccinate pets. **Staff from the Town Clerk's office will be on hand to license dogs.** Contact the Town Clerk at 223-3313 for date and time.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

A new election cycle began in 2018, so I've become more familiar with all things election related. We began the election year in March with Town Meeting, held a State-wide Primary in August, and the General Election in November. The Secretary of State's office held multiple trainings in July to bring Town Clerks and Board of Civil Authority (BCA) members up to speed on changes to election laws and procedures. They also held trainings for assistive voting devices as each town now makes voting more accessible for those with physical disabilities. These devices were purchased with federal election grant money.

While the Town Clerk is the presiding officer of all town elections, the members of the BCA and our poll workers make sure that elections are fair, impartial, and properly run. I would like to recognize Marcia Pauly and Ruth Frost for their many years of dedicated service as poll workers. Marcia has "retired" after serving for more than 32 years. Ruth served for many years before she moved to Montpelier. Please thank them for this valuable service the next time you see them.

Another important facet of the Town Clerk's job is recording and preserving documents. This year, 591 documents were recorded and indexed with a total of 1,806 pages. Land Record Book #26 was sent for preservation and new binding. The Selectboard approved a Records Management Policy along with a Retention Plan. With this policy as a guide, we were able to shred several boxes of documents that had been stored in the vault, the general office area, and an offsite storage unit. This eliminated redundancy with computer files as well as monthly fees for storage while maintaining the preservation of the Town's important documents. We'll continue to make this work part of our annual routine.

Many services are available at the Town Clerk's office. During the past year, we sold 43 Green Mountain Passports, notarized 141 documents, licensed 431 dogs, hosted students from the elementary school, and collected enough batteries for recycling to fill two large boxes. Please feel free to visit or call if we can be of assistance.

—ROSIE LAQUERRE, *Town Clerk*
DENISE SPARROW, *Assistant Town Clerk*



VOTER REGISTRATION

Do you need to register to vote? It's easier than ever and there are several ways to do it:

- When you renew or change the address on your license at DMV, they will send new voter information to the Town Clerk of your town of residence.
- Go to "My Voter Page" online to register at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>
- Register at the polls to get on the checklist and receive a ballot that day.
- Go to the Town Clerk's office and complete the form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town Clerk.

— VITAL STATISTICS —
January 1 to December 31, 2018

BIRTHS

James Duane (M) *2017 Birth certificate not received until 2018*

Evelyn Seitz (F)	Ashton Littlefield (M)	Pierce Carpenter (M)
Ellis Mroczek (F)	William Huck (M)	Maxwell Hickman (M)
Lyra Williams (F)	Everlee Peplowski (F)	Avarie Kirby (F)
Cyrus Moriarty (M)	Theodore Hall (M)	McKenna Wright (F)
Adeline Sayers (F)	Natalie Hubbs (F)	Levi Preston (M)
Rylie Cote-Wong (F)	Ella Paquet (F)	

MARRIAGES

Jenna Beattie & Eric Seitz
 Alyssa Pinardi & Derek Concannon
 Robert Beall & Connie Gaylord
 Daniel Bruce & Melissa Rodriguez
 Allyson George & Ryan Bailey
 Timothy Lynch & Halley Press
 Sarynna Wilhoit & Michael Morse

DEATHS

Frank Campbell, Sr. (77)	Ann Evans (84)
Elizabeth LaFrance (83)	Frederick DeMag (82)
David Grundy (83)	Judith Goodell (75)
Cynthia Reed (65)	Shawn Healy (68)
Ritchie Dunster (64)	John Gillis (83)
Robert Franks, Sr. (76)	Margaret Murray (67)
Elton Richardson (91)	Maybeth Butler (85)
Daniel A. Neary, Jr. (77)	Carole DeMag (77)
Wendy Morgenbesser (67)	Joyce Bean (92)
Sarah Thompson (82)	David Keefe (86)
Ida Lange (78)	Marion Palmer (91)
Thelma Welch (97)	Janet Franz (70)
Maria Calamia (61)	Anne Sherman (85)
Diane Dopp (63)	Ernest Keough (87)
Susan Couture (63)	

VOTING RECORD AND POPULATION

East Montpelier Residents per 2010 Census: 2,576

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Registered</u>	<u>Australian Ballot (AB)</u>	<u>AB / FV Percentage</u>	<u>Floor Vote (FV)</u>
Town Meeting:				
2018	2,058	554	27% / 8%	165
2017	2,115	552	26% /	
2016	2,025	1,130	56% / 14%	290
2015	1,997	571	29% / 10%	190
2014	1,995	543	27% / 13%	255
2013	2,109	576	27% / 10%	216
2012	2,037	696	34% / 11%	218
2011	2,028	510	25% / 11%	214
2010	1,990	650	33% / 11%	213
2009	2,057	880	43% / 13%	262
2008	1,903	1,151	60% / 16%	301
2007	2,102	743	35% / 11%	222
2006	2,059	674	33% / 12%	249
2005	2,076	626	30% / 8%	160
2004	1,984	807	41% / 8%	164
2003	2,011	525	26% / 8%	167
2002	1,973	587	30% / 15%	294
2001	1,993	513	26% / 8%	156
2000	1,832	727	40% /	
1999	1,805	511	28% /	
1998	1,777	671	38% / 9%	156
Primary Election:				
2018	2,200	633	29%	
2016	2,024	889	44%	
2014	1,986	147	7%	
2012	2,052	326	16%	
2010	2,011	730	36%	
2008	1,942	160	8%	
2006	2,066	423	20%	
2004	2,053	224	11%	
2002	1,995	394	20%	
2000	1,892	724	38%	
1998	1,777	432	23%	
General Election:				
2018	2,223	1,400	63%	
2016	2,107	1,631	77%	
2014	2,014	1,093	54%	
2012	2,116	1,600	76%	
2010	2,038	1,330	65%	
2008	2,046	1,675	82%	
2006	2,097	1,450	69%	
2004	2,116	1,569	74%	
2002	2,029	1,300	64%	
2000	2,020	1,530	76%	
1998	1,806	1,299	72%	

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

To change a name
or address on the
voter checklist,
real estate
Grand List,
or dog license,
please contact:
Town Clerk
P.O. Box 157
East Montpelier
VT 05651
(802) 223-3313

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EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS, INC.

East Montpelier Trails reports steady progress with our trailhead sign project, funded with an Outdoor Gear Exchange grant. We installed four new signs with updated maps on the Ormsbee and Karen Clark Trails. These signs are posted at trail parking areas to orient trail users and to show how the trail fits into the trail network. We have four more signs ready to go: one for each of the Haggett, Templeton, Center, and Dodge Road parking areas, and these will be installed in the coming field season.

Our longtime trail partner Greg Western of Cross Vermont Trail, with volunteers, completed the Mallory Brook extension across Minister Brook and southward, and constructed 200 feet of new boardwalk on the Karen Clark trail. Both of these projects reduce erosion and harden the trails for future use by bikes.

Our volunteers constructed a new 48-inch wide boardwalk bridge on the Sparrow Farm trail. Three additional bridges will be replaced or repaired in 2019 on the Sparrow trail, much loved and frequented by walkers and bikers.

We continue to monitor the bridge replacement on the Mallory Brook trail. This construction is complicated by its remote location and various safety and aesthetic concerns. We are working with the landowner and the Vermont Land Trust and are hopeful that the bridge will be completed in 2019.

Always on our to-do list is scouting new trails to connect East Montpelier folks with easy access to the lovely fields and woods of our town, and to connect our neighborhoods, schools, and adjoining towns. Feedback from trail users is always welcome.

Please see our website, emtrails.org, and visit our Facebook page to find trail maps and learn how to help. Get out and enjoy the trails, and many thanks for your support.

—MARY STONE, *President*



Between Center and Powder Horn Glen Roads (left); between County and Center Roads (above).



Ormsbee trail work party.

EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS FINANCIAL REPORT

TD Checking account*

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2018	\$ 12,314
FY18 Town Funds (2017 Art. 12)	4,000
Donations	240
Interest	7
Expenses	(1,371)
Ending Balance – December 31, 2018	\$ 15,190

North Country Credit Union CD account**

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2018	\$13,830
Interest (12-mo. Certificate of Deposit)	178
Ending Balance – December 31, 2018	\$ 14,008

TOTAL FUNDS, as of Dec. 31, 2018 **\$ 29,198**

* TD Bank is the operating account. \$3,000 is funded by Esther Salmi bequest as a reserve for emergencies: washouts, bridge collapses, etc.

** Credit Union account is dedicated to trail acquisition. It is funded by the balance of Esther Salmi bequest, augmented by later donations.

NOTE: Anticipated expenses in 2019 include the Mallory bridge, Sparrow farm bridges, and the new Bobolink trail.

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**FOUR CORNERS
SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION**

The Four Corners Schoolhouse Association has completed another year of caring for our historical building and providing a comfortable, roomy rental space—nestled amidst farm fields and rural homes, no less—at an affordable price to the residents of East Montpelier. With no major undertaking nor calamity to report, we simply completed routine maintenance: we kept the heat in, the water out, and the lights on.

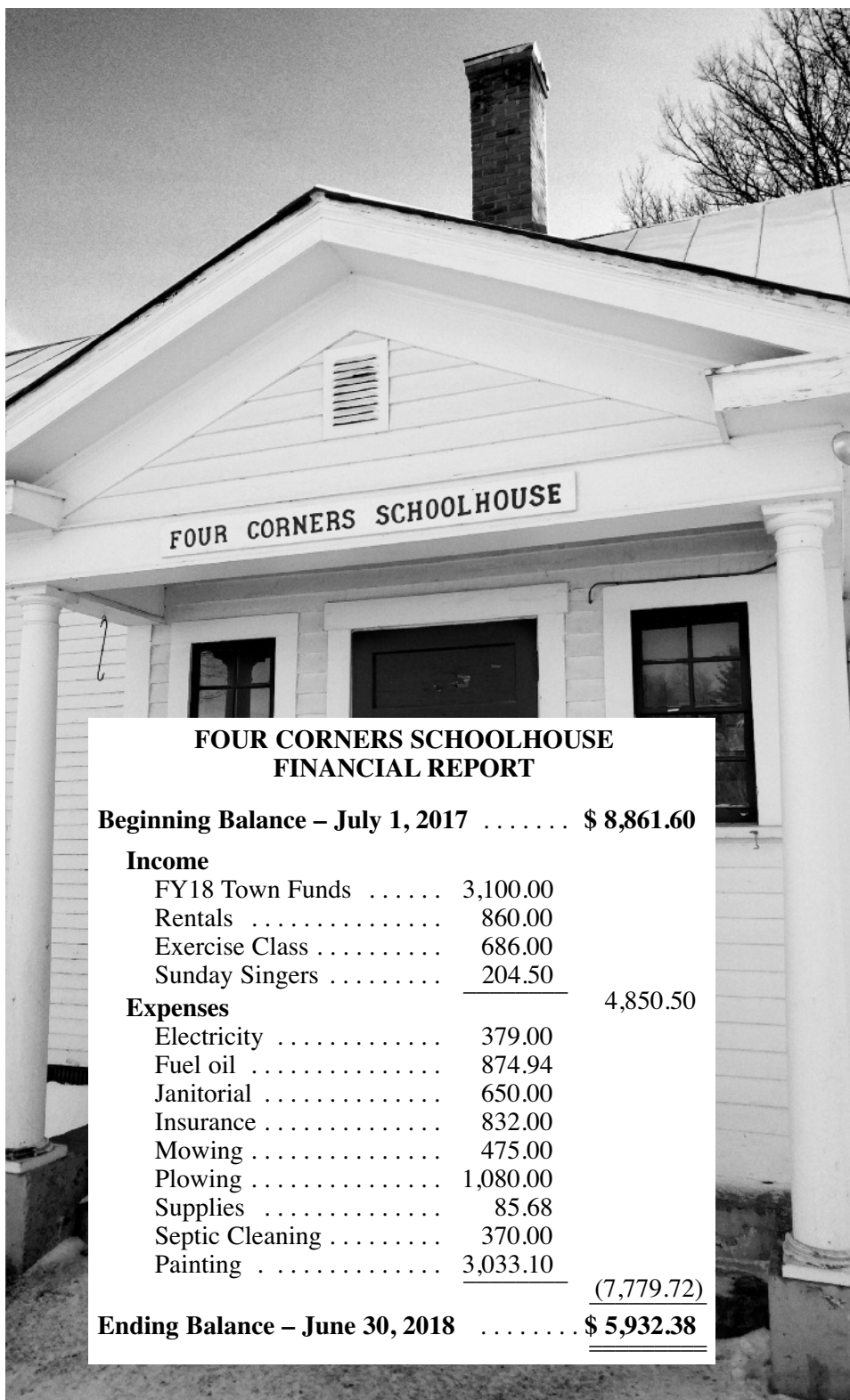
The largest visible change of the past year is the loss of the Liberty Elm from the east lawn. Bred to resist the dreaded Dutch Elm Disease, nevertheless our elm slowly began losing leaves and life last summer. This summer saw the life go out entirely, and so, with the expert help of Paul Cate and Norman Hill, we sadly said goodbye and removed the dead tree.

The year saw many returning users, chief among them the Bone Builders exercise group and the Sunday Singers, both open to the public. Returning also were the Retired Teachers Association, VAST, and the Historical Society. To the great enjoyment of attendees, Benedict Koehler and Hilari Farrington continue to bring first class Irish musicians to our little stage.

Between the returning users mentioned, the rentals for birthdays and reunions, etc., we had over a thousand people enjoy the unique setting of our community schoolhouse. As a new user, we welcomed Victoria Capitanelli and her baby massage group and hope that we'll see this wonderful activity return for many years.

Anyone wishing to use the Schoolhouse should contact Rachael Grossman, our scheduler, at 223-3177, during civilized hours.

HOBIE GUION, *President*
 DIANA FIELDER, *Vice-president*
 PAULIE COBURN, *Treasurer*
 RHODA CARROLL, *Secretary*
 RACHAEL GROSSMAN, *Scheduler*
 CAROLYN SHAPIRO, *Town Representative*
 PETER BURROUGHS
 SHAWN DAVIDIAN
 BENEDICT KOEHLER
 CHRIS REED



FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2017 \$ 8,861.60

Income

FY18 Town Funds	3,100.00
Rentals	860.00
Exercise Class	686.00
Sunday Singers	204.50

4,850.50

Expenses

Electricity	379.00
Fuel oil	874.94
Janitorial	650.00
Insurance	832.00
Mowing	475.00
Plowing	1,080.00
Supplies	85.68
Septic Cleaning	370.00
Painting	3,033.10

(7,779.72)

Ending Balance – June 30, 2018 \$ 5,932.38

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EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

Signpost volunteers continue to be heartened by taxpayer support—the financial aid voted at Town Meeting (since 2014), and also the sponsorships, contributions, and encouraging comments we hear throughout the year. We urge each of you to get involved with the *Signpost*—by actively helping with its creation, by making known what you like and don't like, by contributing ideas about what we should cover, by offering to write articles or take photos or draw pictures. In other words, please join us in any way you'd like to help make the *Signpost* something you want to read.

The September/October 2019 issue will mark the beginning of the thirtieth year of the publication of our local town newspaper. We are planning to celebrate this anniversary year throughout the six issues, and we are seeking your ideas for how to do this. We will celebrate the founders of the *Signpost*, will take a look at changes that have occurred in our town and with the *Signpost* itself over the past thirty years, and also note any constants. In other words, we will celebrate our past while also keeping up-to-date on the present.

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

This report shows revenues and expenses for calendar year 2018 and notes the balances at the North Country Credit Union, the sole holder of *Signpost* funds.

Revenues in 2018:	
Sponsorships	\$ 1,850.00
Contributions	795.00
Town's FY18 Funding (4 of 6 installments)	4,600.00
Town's FY19 Funding (paid in full)	6,000.00
Interest Earned	17.75
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 13,262.75</u>
Expenses in 2018:	
Printing & Postage	\$ (7,927.39)
Miscellaneous	(73.00)
Total Expenses	<u>\$ (8,000.39)</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 5,262.36</u>
Bank Accounts, as of Dec. 31, 2018	
Checking	\$ 9,773.85
Savings	\$ 7,895.06
Total Ending Balance	<u><u>\$17,668.91</u></u>

RECREATION BOARD

The Recreation Board had a very successful 2018. In the spring we completed a long overdue overhaul and we updated our two guiding documents—our Policies and Procedures manual and Athletic Policies handbook. After months of collaborative work with the selectboard and community partners, the town was able to start to move forward this fall on making major improvements to the East Montpelier Recreation Field roadside and entrance area. Despite the unfortunate arrival of early snow, the project is off to a great start and completion is anticipated for some point this spring. Overgrown trees, brush, poison ivy and dilapidated fencing have been removed from the area and when weather permits, a little more cleanup will occur followed by ditching and culvert work to improve the overall drainage of the Recreation Field entrance and exit area. Landscaping and replanting of some trees will also occur, along with resetting the surviving historic granite fence posts at the entrance and exit to the field. A new fence, to match the wooden fence concept now in front of the EMES playing area, will be installed as well for safety and to maintain continuity. This project will not only improve the drainage of the fields, but also make it more aesthetically pleasing and most importantly, improve safety by allowing better lines of sight at the entrance and exit—where children often congregate or where cars often had to creep out into traffic on Vincent Flats Road.

We had strong student participation in our current youth sports offerings of soccer, basketball and baseball this past year and the numbers continue to remain healthy moving into 2019. After a few years of discussion, EM Recreation will be introducing a lacrosse program in the spring of 2019. The Rec Board received a large grant that will supply much of our initial equipment for boys and girls. We look forward to watching this program grow and finding as much success as our other sports have had.

—JACK ZEILENGA, *Chair*

Beginning Bal on 7/1/2017 \$ 13,366.08

Soccer Program Service Fees	2,870.00	Easter Egg Hunt	350.26
Basketball Prog. Serv. Fees	1,900.00	Program Supplies	6,490.00
Concessions	729.67	Program Fee Refund	15.00
Field Use	250.00	Referees	1,370.00
Town FY18 Appropriation	<u>3,000.00</u>	Field Maint	5,488.43
Total Revenues	<u>8,783.65</u>	Rubbish Removal	980.73
		Septic Service	<u>1,430.00</u>
		Total Expenditures	<u>16,124.42</u>
		Ending Bal on 6/30/18	<u><u>\$ 6,025.31</u></u>

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KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

Since it was founded in 1894, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library has promoted literacy, culture and the free exchange of ideas. Starting with a collection of 5,613 books when the building officially opened in 1896, the library now offers over 70,000 books, CDs, and DVDs, 84 magazine subscriptions, 6 daily newspaper subscriptions, 14 public computers, internet access, outreach services, hundreds of programs for adults and children, and much more. Preserving yesterday, informing today and inspiring tomorrow is the motto that guides the library's vision and spurs us to stay up with the needs of our community. The library serves people of all ages, circumstances and backgrounds and has been promoting life-long learning since before the term existed.

Today the library holds 70,631 items in its physical collection and provides access to 60 subscription databases and to a wealth of other online resources. Lending books—actual physical books that you can hold in your hands—is still by far the most popular service we offer, although digital downloads steadily increase in popularity. While patrons borrowed only 300 e-books and e-audio books the first year we offered them over a decade ago, last year they borrowed 16,253 digital downloads. We subscribe to an online service, paying both a membership fee and a charge for each download, so our patrons have free access. Last year, patrons used our 14 public computers an average of 303 times per week, and those bringing their own devices used our wi-fi over 1,000 times a week. We continue to be one of the most visited and busy libraries in the state. Last year, our patron visits totaled 203,086 and patrons borrowed 262,643 physical items and another 16,253 items electronically. We borrowed 2,555 books for our patrons through interlibrary loan.

Last year we offered 502 programs—258 for children and 244 for adults. Attendance totaled 9,990. PoemCity, our very popular month-long celebration of poetry dominates April, but we have evening adult programs from September through June. We host Vermont Humanities Council's First Wednesday series. We hold story time twice a week; and each summer our children's library offers a reading program, daily activities, and two or three camps.

East Montpelier residents are loyal library patrons: 562 adults and 109 children have active library cards. Last year they checked out 16,166 items—not including e-books, which are not tracked by community. Our Outreach program regularly delivers books to two East Montpelier daycares and from October through May brings books to the Old Meeting House Community Lunch.

This year, although we received modest increases from all five towns, we still had a budget shortfall. We covered the gap between income and expenses by reducing our budget lines for both staff and administration, reducing hours we are open to two evenings instead of four and half instead of full days on Saturday.

We live on a perpetually tight budget, which in the current year is \$913,926. The library receives only 52% of its funding from taxpayers, with the largest part of that coming from Montpelier. Fundraising, donations, grants and earnings on

the library's endowment, provide the other 48% of the library's revenue. We did not ask Montpelier for an increase last year; this year we are asking the city for an increase, but not the towns. **We are asking East Montpelier voters to again approve \$42,022 in support of the library.** This is only 4.6% of the cost of running the library, and for that amount East Montpelier residents get full access to one of Vermont's premier public libraries.

The library has a strong Board of Trustees, and Lindy Biggs is the East Montpelier representative.

—TOM McKONE, *Executive Director*



FRIENDS OF COBURN POND

While the Coburn Pond swimming hole is most popular during warmer months, the pond and the property that surrounds it continues to be a favorite place for outdoor recreation throughout the year.

With the five-year monitoring period of the constructed wetlands concluded in the fall of 2017, VTrans contracted an engineering firm (McFarland-Johnson) to complete their post-construction assessment report. When the site is accepted by VTrans as having met the goals for wetland mitigation south of the pond, VTrans will be looking to preserve the site in perpetuity. Friends of Coburn Pond (FoCP) continues to discuss with the Town a long-term ownership-management partnership that will be an important step toward conserving the property for swimming and other public recreation in perpetuity.

The Town has generously provided us with a page on its Internet site: <https://eastmontpeliervt.org/community/friends-of-coburn-pond>

You can also visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/121684841230804/?ref=bookmarks>

where you can share photos and other experiences you've had at Coburn Pond.

FoCP has been increasing membership over the past year, and with assistance from a small GROW grant from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund, we are increasing online outreach. Look for a new web page, coming online very soon at: www.friendsofcoburnpond.org. Also, keep your eyes out for a "Save the Date" announcement for our "Celebrate the Waters in East Montpelier" event to be held just north of Coburn Pond in late July or early August.

Meanwhile, Friends of Coburn Pond, neighbors, and many others are enjoying the site across all seasons—swimming, fishing, observing wildlife, dog walking, cross-country skiing, ice-skating, snowmobiling, horseback riding, and more.

If you love any of these (or other) outdoor activities, and want to help decide how the property will be managed, and what kinds of social and educational programming we will offer, please contact Renée Carpenter at 454-7303 or email reneehc6@myfairpoint.net. Thank you for the encouragement and support of so many of you throughout the year!

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

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**TWIN VALLEY
SENIOR CENTER**

Who We Are:

Twin Valley Seniors is a local senior center that provides valuable services to older adults located in six central-Vermont communities, including East Montpelier. Our mission is to facilitate the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of independent senior citizens and others by providing access to community resources and activities that maintain independence and wellness. We serve approximately 61 persons in East Montpelier each year. As part of our ongoing effort to improve the quality of life of older adults in your community, we would like to request an appropriation of **\$4,000** in support of our organization.

What We Do:

Twin Valley Seniors offers free busing to and from our facility located in East Montpelier. We provide many services, including exercise classes, lectures, meal services (including 11,448 Meals on Wheels to the homebound and 3,292 meals served at the center), foot, flu, and blood pressure clinics, an annual balance workshop, art classes, and informative Medicare, fraud, scam, and financial education assistance. Last year we reached out to 110 taxpayers with our free tax clinic workshop. Our space provides a welcoming, homey atmosphere for older adults, allowing them to learn, socialize, and engage in productive, enjoyable activities. Our Pet Program covers buying pet food, as well as veterinarian and groomer visits.

How We Do It:

We do not charge annual dues to those who utilize our services, as we feel it would exclude and stigmatize those who could not afford to pay. Instead we seek voluntary support from our neighbors, including those in East Montpelier who realize the benefits our organization provides to Vermont's growing senior population.

The Twin Valley Senior Center is staffed by two employees (3,380 hours) and a lot of dedicated volunteers (7,024 hours). We have a very modest operating budget (\$135,330.00 in Fiscal Year 2018) that we try to stay within for all that we do at the center.

Twin Valley Senior Center and its staff, board, and volunteers, as well as our clients remain grateful for the community of East Montpelier's enduring support over the years. An appropriation of \$4,000 would greatly assist our organization in continuing to serve those older adults who reside in East Montpelier and its neighboring communities.

Thank you for your support. Please visit us at 4583 US Route 2. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Teleohone: 802-223-3322; website: www.twinvalleyseniors.org

—RITA COPELAND, *Executive Director*

MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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The Montpelier Senior Activity Center is your home for healthy aging and life-long learning. Everyone 50+ is welcome at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC), a place where vibrant, diverse programming promotes lifelong learning, healthy aging, socialization, enhanced nutrition, and access to aging resources. If you'd like to learn more, visit www.montpelier-vt.org/msac, call us at 223-2518 or stop by at 58 Barre Street in Montpelier.

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

Our core program is our diverse set of nearly 80 weekly classes, including movement classes, humanities classes, and arts classes that encourage mental and physical well-being. Our welcoming center offers a gathering space for games, computer use, a book and DVD library, and more. Classes are very affordable (a 12-week yoga class is just \$35), many activities are free, and financial aid is available to all.

Community meals, called FEAST Together, are offered on Tuesdays and Fridays for a low suggested donation. Meals are delivered daily to residents in Montpelier and Berlin. Over 18,000 meals in total were served last year. Additionally, MSAC serves to connect older adults to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent. MSAC hosts a free tax clinic, inexpensive foot care clinics, and serves as a gateway to community agencies. Our Resource Room provides a library of information about senior services and options.

99% of participants would recommend the Senior Activity Center to a friend, and 94% of participants tell us that the Center has had a positive effect on their life. One member told us, "I am healthier, happier, more connected, more alive!"

In the past year, at least 100 and as many as 140 or more residents of East Montpelier participated in our programs. Because we converted to a new database, the count was done in a different way from previous years. We are keeping our funding request level at \$8,000, or \$57 to \$80 per person served. As a supporting town, East Montpelier MSAC members have reduced dues and can register for classes as early as Montpelier residents and two weeks earlier than members from non-supporting towns. Additional uncounted residents from East Montpelier took advantage of the many MSAC and community events, meals, and services that are free and open to the public at the Center.

We recognize the great importance of Twin Valley Senior Center to your residents, including their senior nutrition program and increasingly diverse class and event offerings, and we believe in working collaboratively with many organizations to serve the vast and quickly growing number of senior citizens in our region! We hope to serve even more East Montpelier residents in the coming year and greatly appreciate your town's support!

PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) has been providing primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents since 1994. High quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services are provided at no cost to our patients. We also continue to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

In Calendar Year 2018, PHWC served 484 unduplicated individuals, who came for 1,190 clinical visits, requiring 2,374 patient interactions. 180 of these patients were new to the clinic. We had 818 medical visits and 671 medical consultations. 149 individuals came for 212 dental hygiene visits and 62 referrals to dentists for more advanced treatment. We provided 179 pharmaceutical samples, immunizations, and vouchers, and wrote hundreds more prescriptions. Our services include screening all patients for eligibility in a variety of health insurance and financial assistance programs, such as Vermont Health Connect, Medicaid, Ladies First, and hospital patient financial assistance programs. 105 patients were assisted with enrollment in these programs.

Volunteer practitioners are the heart of our service model. In 2018, over 60 volunteers gave more than \$95,000 worth of their time serving our patients. More than \$69,000 worth of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and other services were donated for our patients.

East Montpelier residents:

16 town residents sought our services in 2018, 11 of whom were new to the clinic. They required 62 separate patient interactions. They came for 38 medical visits, 7 dental visits, and 4 mental health visits. East Montpelier patients had 10 case management interactions, 4 medical consultations, and received 2 medication samples. 4 patients received assistance enrolling in health insurance.

As a federally-deemed free clinic, we cannot charge for services. We depend on grants, donations, and municipal funding. We are grateful to the voters of East Montpelier for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the central Vermont community. For additional information, please contact Rebecca Goldfinger-Fein, Executive Director, at 802-479-1229 or rebecca@phwcvt.org.



CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

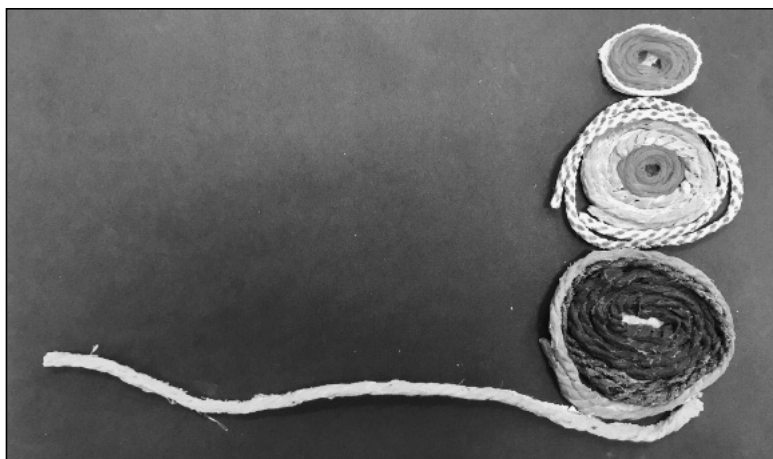
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CVHHH is a 107-year-old full service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of East Montpelier January 1 – December 31, 2018

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	1,332
Hospice Care	250
Long Term Care	169
Maternal Child Health	53
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	1,804
TOTAL PATIENTS	77
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	102

Town funding will help to ensure CVHHH provides services in East Montpelier through 2019 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, CPA, President & CEO, or Kim Farnum, Manager of Community Relations & Development at (802) 223-1878, 600 Granger Rd, Barre VT 05641. www.cvhhh.org



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CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

CVRPC is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All members are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing board.

2018 East Montpelier Activities

- Conducted a road erosion inventory and traffic counts.
- Updated web map for utilization on town website.
- Created Town Plan maps.
- Initiated a 3-town Stormwater Master Plan for the Kingsbury Branch.
- Assisted with a successful municipal planning grant to support implementation of the Village Master Plan with zoning bylaw updates.
- Assisted with Better Roads Grant, and Bicycle/Pedestrian grant support letter.
- Supported emergency response by assisting with a Local Emergency Operations Plan update and training in Emergency Management Director courses.
- Assisted the Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Committee to closeout a grant, and develop Plan for Use of Program Income, policies, and procedures for lending.

CVRPC Projects & Programs

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

CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning.

Contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

Regional Commissioner: Julie Potter

Transportation Advisory Committee: Frank Pratt

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The VLCT is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors that is elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are VLCT members, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From managing budgets, conducting elections, assessing property and maintaining roads to providing public safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services, important advice and responses to direct inquiries, and training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard and needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During 2018, VLCT News converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, in order to provide more content and diverse information in each edition. We are also significantly improving our website.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed—new services to be initiated or outdated ones to be eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of our continued progress. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

For more, including audited financial statements, visit **www.vlct.org**.

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US2 COMMUTER BUS

In April of 2010, GMTA and Rural Community Transportation (RCT) began operating the US2 Commuter, providing transportation along the Route 2 Corridor during peak commuting hours between St. Johnsbury and Montpelier. Service includes intermediate stops in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Marshfield, West Danville and Danville.

In FY18, the US2 Commuter averaged just over 69 boarding's per day, totaling 17,772 in total ridership. Ridership has risen several hundred rides, the route is very productive according to the standards to which it is held by the Agency of Transportation.

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

FY13 marked the end of the CMAQ grant with FY14 transitioning the route to another state/federal funding source equaling 80% of the cost. As in previous years, GMT will continue to request the remaining 20% match from the towns served. For FY20 local match funds, GMT will be requesting level funding of **\$8,333** per town.

GMT requests the following language be listed as a separate Warning Article on the Town Meeting Ballot for March 2019 voter consideration.

"Shall the Town of East Montpelier appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the eighth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and passenger fares."

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

—MARK A. SOUSA, *General Manager, Green Mountain Transit*



CENTRAL VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CVEDC continues to play an important role in addressing the needs of businesses in our community. By fostering entrepreneurs, supporting manufacturing, and assisting businesses with real estate, finance, and regulatory supports, CVEDC has significantly expanded our focus on workforce development. We are working to create collaborations that will lead to a qualified pool of skilled labor matched with high-wage jobs. By engaging with students earlier and introducing them to the opportunities that exist within our community today through career exploration opportunities, we hope to help address the needs of businesses and the workforce that makes them successful. For more, visit **www.cvedc.org**

FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

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

Last year voters agreed to appropriate \$22,691 (1% of the town budget) to support 33 organizations. This year the committee considered requests totaling \$24,491 from 35 organizations. Big Heavy World and Community Harvest of Central Vermont submitted first-time applications. In order to not exceed the \$25,000 limit on floor-voted articles, the Selectboard decided to remove Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice permanently from this committee's process and will now treat CVHHH like the Montpelier Senior Activity Center and Kellogg-Hubbard Library with direct requests to the board and individual warned articles at town meeting. **The committee's recommendations are listed below, totaling \$23,691, a 4.4% increase over last year.**

The FY2020 funding recommendations appear in bold in the list below along with the amounts approved in the previous two fiscal years. If available, we have included the number of residents directly served. Please feel free to contact these organizations when in need, to volunteer your own time and skills, or to make additional financial contributions.

American Red Cross, New Hampshire & Vermont Region (802-660-9130) provides immediate relief and shelter for victims of disasters, works to educate citizens on health and safety issues, organizes blood drives, and provides local personnel with trainings on disaster preparedness and shelter operations. The organization did not provide emergency assistance to any families in East Montpelier last year, but is ready for support when necessary. (\$250; \$250; **\$250**)

Big Heavy World (802-865-1140) is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office and archive of Vermont-made music, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians, inclusive of East Montpelier artists. (\$0; \$0; **\$250**)

Capstone Community Action (formerly CVCAC) (479-1053) works with families to build better lives and to create thriving local communities through Head Start and Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, and other Family & Community Support services, including Emergency Food and Crisis Fuel, Home Weatherization assistance and more. It served 140 residents during the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (476-4588) provides free basic education and literacy services for adults and teens over sixteen years. Approximately

half of the students receive help preparing for GED certificates or alternative high school diplomas. Services on average are provided to 7 residents annually, with 3 residents served during the past year. (\$750; \$750; **\$750**)

Central Vermont Council on Aging (479-0531) provides meal and transportation services, legal advice, case management, and advocacy for Central Vermont elders. CVCOA also operates the RSVP Volunteer Program, linking volunteers with nonprofit organizations. The organization served 64 residents in the past year. (\$1,875; \$1,875; **\$1,875**)

Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity (522-8611) provides homeownership opportunities to low income families. Many of you may have participated in the recent CVHH home-building project in East Montpelier and the organization hopes to do more projects here in the future. The organization served 3 residents in the past year. (\$0; \$250; **\$250**)

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

Circle (476-6010; Hotline: 877-543-9498) serves families in Washington County in cases involving domestic abuse. The shelter provides safe homes, emotional support, legal assistance, food and clothes, and a 24-hour hotline. The organization also develops and sponsors prevention programs in local schools. It served 17 residents directly in the past year. (\$675; \$675; **\$675**)

Community Harvest of Central Vermont (229-4281) brings our community together through gleaning to recover surplus food produced on area farms to feed those with limited access to healthy, fresh local food, and in the process helps the community to gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the local food system, healthy eating, and waste reduction. It served 192 residents during the past year. (\$0; \$0; **\$250**)

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

East Montpelier Community Connections (223-7936) provides after school, vacation, and summer programming for preschool and school-age children, including mentoring and youth outreach, and creates opportunities for children to learn from community members. It served 153 students in the past year. (\$2,500; \$2,500; **\$2,500**)

Family Center of Washington County (262-3292) provides services for children and families, including preschool playgroups, parent education, home visits, and referral services for childcare. It served 83 residents in the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

Friends of the Winooski River (882-8276) is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River, including its tributaries and watershed, from Cabot to Colchester. Members monitor water quality, conduct river cleanup projects, and educate landowners and students in river stewardship. In 2019 the organization expects to conduct a restoration effort along the southern reach of Sodom Pond Brook on the town-owned Old LaPerle Farm property. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

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

Good Beginnings of Central Vermont (595-7953) provides free home visitation services and workshops for new parents. Volunteers visit for one to three hours per week for up to three months to connect new parents to community support and provide supplies and information about good parenting. In the past year, it served 9 families in East Montpelier. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

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

Green Mountain Transit (223-7287) is a community transportation service that matches requests for rides from local residents, who are either disabled or elderly, with available transport, including vans, volunteer drivers, and van/pools. It provided 2,218 service trips for townspeople in the past year. The company also operates the commuter bus service along U.S. Route 2 supported by a separate appropriation in the town budget. (\$1,366; \$1,366; **\$1,366**)

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

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

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

Onion River Food Shelf, Inc. (223-6548) provides emergency food for three days for those in need in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Calais, Marshfield, and Cabot. It served 50 residents in the past year. (\$1000; \$1000; **\$1,000**)

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

People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc. (479-1229) provides basic primary, preventive, and oral care to the uninsured and underinsured through a team of volunteer doctors, nurses, and a dental hygienist. It also assists patients with health-care financing and insurance applications. The clinic served 9 residents in the past year. (\$1,250; \$1,250; **\$1,250**)

Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont (229-5724) works to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education, support, and public awareness programs. The Care for Kids program trains childcare professionals, parents, and others who interact with children to prevent child sexual abuse. Last year 47 residents participated in its programs. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

Project Independence (476-3630) provides adult day services for the elderly and disabled to enable them to remain in their homes while also providing respite for regular caregivers. Services include mental and physical health therapies, nutritious meals, and recreation at the center. Last year the organization served 3 residents. (\$125; \$125; **\$125**)

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

Twin Valley Senior Center (223-3322) serves meals three days a week and sponsors health clinics and classes at its new location on US Route 2 in East Montpelier. The organization delivers meals-on-wheels to seniors, including to 14 in East Montpelier, and provides rides to the center for meals and programs. 39 residents participated in classes over the past year. (\$3,000; \$3,500; **\$4,000**)

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

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (877-350-8838) provides training and support services to children and adults with vision problems, either blindness or impairment, to maintain independence. Last year it served 112 Washington County clients. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

Vermont CARES (371-6222) supports and advocates for people infected with HIV/AIDS. The organization works to prevent infection through testing and awareness programs and served 9 residents last year. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

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

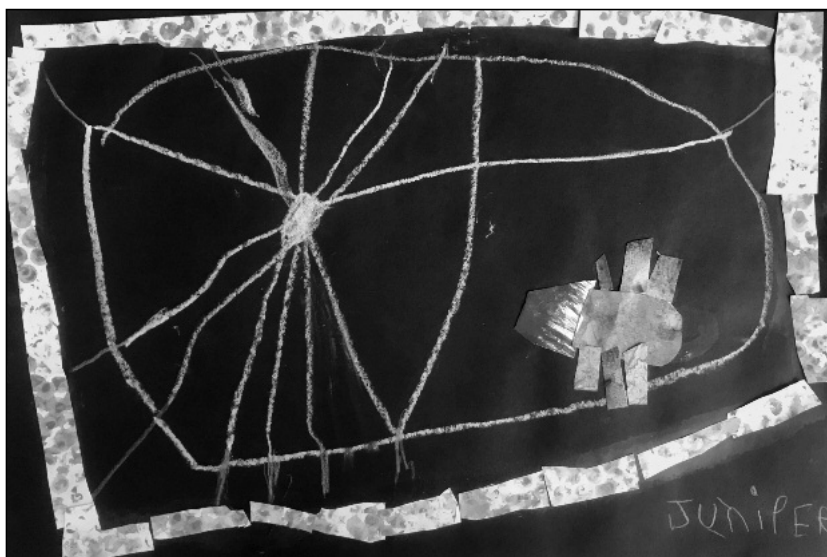
Vermont Family Network (800-800-4005) is a statewide organization whose mission is to empower and support families of children with special needs. Programs & services include trainings, parent matches, school meeting support, and a help-line. VFN served 6 local families last year. (\$0; \$100; **\$100**)

Washington County Diversion Program (479-1900) offers first-time offenders a one-time opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses by compensating crime victims and providing community service hours to local organizations. The program saves tax dollars that would have been spent on court proceedings. It served 17 residents in the past year. (\$600; \$600; **\$600**)

Washington County Mental Health Services (223-6328; Hotline: 229-0591) operates emergency and community support services for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Programs include home-based support for children and families, counseling, residential treatment, and psychiatric and nursing services. It served 68 residents in the past year. (\$800; \$800; **\$800**)

Washington County Youth Services Bureau – Boys and Girls Club (229-9151) helps youths and their families create healthy conditions in their lives. Emphasis is on problem resolution; crisis intervention; individual and family counseling; and substance abuse prevention, including early intervention, and treatment. It served 43 East Montpelier youths in the past year. (\$400; \$400; **\$400**)

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WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The Wrightsville Beach Recreation District was formed in 1985 and is made up of the four member towns of East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier, and Worcester. A five-member Board with representatives from each town (Montpelier has two) provides oversight for the district and Beach Manager Collin O'Neil has responsibility for all operations and staffing. In 2018 the Beach District had a total budget of \$81,000, 19% or \$16,039.20 came from a per capita charge from each of the member towns. The remainder comes mostly from user fees and an annual payment from Washington Electric Coop.

Revenue		Expenditures	
Washington Electric	\$ 9,500	Personnel	\$56,586
Municipal Assessments	16,039	Maintenance	4,808
Season's User Fees	50,500	Operating	20,347
State Funding	5,967		
Total Revenue	\$82,006	Total Expenditures	\$81,741

It was a beautiful summer at the beach and many locals and visitors enjoyed time within the park and reservoir. With steady attendance, season pass sales, boat rentals, picnic shelter rentals, and disc golf, the park's revenue was up over 2017. We are very frugal with expenses, never the less the budget is always very tight. We needed to replace our pickup truck in 2018, and the garden tractor for 2019. Park savings will help pay for the tractor, and amazingly the new truck was generously donated to Wrightsville.

For 2019 we look forward to another year of providing the services that a wide demographic uses regularly. We will complete the accessible path to our small picnic shelter, possibly install a third picnic shelter above the beach area, and the usual on-going small improvements and repairs park-wide. As part of our Recreation Fitness efforts, we look to expand our organized programming, too.

Thanks to all the member communities for your continued support of the Wrightsville Beach. For 2019 we will continue to offer residents of the member communities a 10% discount off Season Passes, and a 15% discount off boat rentals. The Board welcomes suggestions and feedback about the operations and facilities at Wrightsville Beach.

CARL WITKE, *Worcester, Chair*
 JON COPANS, *Montpelier*
 COLLIN O'NEIL, *Beach Manager*

KIM KENDALL, *East Montpelier*
 JANE DUDLEY, *Middlesex*

EAST MONTPELIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our historical society has had an active year in 2018. We hold joint programs with the Calais Historical Society and separate business meetings. Usually we have a delicious potluck dinner, with an occasional brown bag supper and field trip. We meet on the third Monday of each month from February through November.

Our year started in February with Ben Ward, a Calais high school senior, talking about “Getting Young People Involved in History” at the East Calais Recreation Center. In March, Chris Reed of East Montpelier showed photos and describing his 2017 kayaking venture along the historic Champlain and Erie Canals. In April we held our annual sugar-on-snow party in Calais and shared stories of sugaring in the past. Our May meeting began at the historic Four Corners Schoolhouse in East Montpelier. Nona Estrin and Reed Cherington shared information about town trails in East Montpelier and Calais. We then went to the Dodge Trail to visit the historical marker dedicated to original settlers. In June we went to the Old West Church to hear about the ongoing renovation of the Old West Church steeple.

In July we had the annual croquet competition between our two societies, followed by an ice cream social. The weather in East Montpelier cooperated this year, but Calais took home the trophy! On August 20 we took a tour of the Templeton Farm, home of Bruce Chapell, who provided a guided tour of the dairy barn and expanded sugarhouse with maple ice cream sundaes. September was Archaeology Month, and State Archaeologist, Jess Robinson, presented a program on Vermont’s archaeological history.

On October 15, we met at the Old Brick Church in East Montpelier Village. The program was Wayside Restaurant owner Brian Zechinelli talking about “100 Years at the Wayside.” Our annual meeting and election of officers followed. On November 19, we met at the Old Brick Church. The 7 p.m. program was Tina Bielenberg, Alice Blachly and Rick Winston sharing “Bridges to the Past – Stories of our Elders.”

Throughout the year Barbara Brown and others displayed artifacts from our collection at the Town Office that tell interesting stories of people and activities in our town over the past century or two. Our publications and program schedule are available at the Town Office as well.

Our 2019 programs will resume in February. Check out our website at www.eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org for our calendar of events and more. Additional information can be had by contacting our President Sandal Cate at 223-6466 or sandal@sover.net. Programs are free and all are welcome!

— SANDAL CATE, *President*

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

In FY18, CVSWMD provided \$9,816 in School Zero Waste and Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Grants, and \$6,207 in Green Up Day Grants. East Montpelier received a \$367 Green Up Day Grant. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grant each spring. The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins and kitchen compost buckets at cost to district residents. CVSWMD also offers free workshops about backyard composting, recycling, safe non-toxic cleaning, and zero waste initiatives.

- **Events Assistance:** In FY18 the district added three events programs: a bin loan program providing recycling, compost, and trash bins with clear signs, an “event kit” for events under 300 people, providing reusable dishware, flatware, linens and more to help community events reduce waste, and staff assistance to larger event organizers, including downloadable templates for zero waste events on our website, cvswmd.org/zero-waste-events.

- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with all 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries and more. In FY18, we led one classrooms lesson, two waste audits, and 23 special programs at East Montpelier Elementary School and U-32. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.

- **Special Collections:** In 2017, 10 events were held, in which CVSWMD collected hazardous waste, paint, batteries and fluorescent bulbs. Collection events for household hazardous waste were held in Barre Town, Montpelier and Hardwick. With an additional paint, battery and bulb collection in Hardwick.

- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, is open M, W, F noon-6pm and the third Sat. of each month, 9-1pm. Please note that ARCC hours may change in 2019. The ARCC is a recycling drop-off for over 40 hard-to-recycle materials, cvswmd.org/arcc. Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.

In FY18, 356 residents from East Montpelier recycled at the ARCC.

Web Site: CVSWMD posts useful information including what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials: cvswmd.org

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

CENTRAL VERMONT INTERNET / CVFIBER

Providing Central Vermont residents, businesses, and civic institutions with universal access to a reliable, secure, locally-owned and -governed communications network able to grow to meet future community needs.

Central Vermont Internet is a Communications Union District (CUD) created following successful votes in 14 communities at Town Meeting in 2018: Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Elmore, Marshfield, Middlesex, Montpelier, Northfield, Plainfield, Roxbury, Williamstown, and Worcester. Cabot and Orange successfully applied for inclusion afterwards, bringing the total to 16 member communities. Many places in Central Vermont have limited access to truly high-speed Internet, and in many places non-wireless Internet service is monopolized by Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) or cable providers. Even where there is a choice, incumbent providers have little incentive to improve speeds or extend their networks to new customers. This lack of truly high-speed Internet access stifles economic development, hampers public safety, depresses property values, and restricts residents' ability to access common online services.

We are grateful to the Selectboards and City Councils for appointing the representatives and alternates who are working with us. Without these folks' volunteer efforts, we would not be as far along as we currently are. At the time of this report, the Central Vermont Internet Governing Board has met six times, and committees have met several more times outside our regular meetings. Since May, we have reached several important milestones, including the important but unglamorous work of developing bylaws, policies, and a budget. One important step we have taken is to rebrand Central Vermont Internet as CVFiber in the pattern of neighboring CUD ECFiber and have registered the domain cvfiber.net. We have also written a mission statement (at the top of this page), and expressed our vision for CVFiber as follows:

We envision a high-speed digital highway where traffic flows freely, growing the regional economy and broadening digital opportunities for people of all ages, means, and interests, thereby enriching the public and private lives of our residents.

We still have much to do before we can start building our network and connecting subscribers. In particular, we will be surveying residents, businesses, and civic institutions in our 16 member communities to determine their communications needs. That information will help us decide where to do our first construction and establish a solid financial foundation. We are exploring several avenues to finance our initial round of construction, including philanthropic contributions, issuing promissory notes, state and Federal grants, and partnerships with third parties. The amount of revenue we are estimating for 2019 is about \$300,000, none of which will be derived from municipal tax dollars. We are confident that the district will be able to begin a first round of construction no later than 2020.

CENTRAL VT STATE POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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

CAROL & DON WELCH 223-6208

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

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

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

VT State Police – A Troop Middlesex Barracks: 2018 Crime & Police Service Report for East Montpelier

	Violent Crime				Property Crime				Other		Traffic Incidents				Misc.			
	Murder/Manslaughter	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Assault (aggravated/simple)	Burglary	Larceny/Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Other Property Crime	Illegal Drug Incident	Disorderly Conduct/Other	Fatal Crash	Accident Investig. (DMV)	MV Related Incident	DUI Incident	Runaway Juvenile	Death Investigation	Misc. Service Call	Total Law Incident
2018	0	0	0	6	1	11	2	9	3	33	0	25	46	3	0	1	258	398
2017	0	2	1	11	13	14	2	13	4	37	0	14	46	4	1	0	254	416
+/-	0	-2	-1	-5	-12	-3	0	-4	-1	-4	0	11	0	-1	-1	1	4	-18

Vermont State Police, Middlesex Station
Emergency phone **911** — Non-emergency phone **229-9191**

State Game Warden Sean Fowler
State Police dispatch **229-9191** — Home phone **454-9919**

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

Washington County Sheriff's Department
Phone **223-3001** 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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

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

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

First Constable & Animal Control Officer Sandy Conti - home ph 479-3169
Assistant Animal Control Officer Elliott Morse – home phone 223-6279

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



TOWN CONSTABLE & ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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

The majority of calls received continue to be lost, found, or stray animals as well as the occasional wildlife in distress.

We cannot stress enough to make sure that your canines are registered and have the tags on the collars. It certainly makes it easier to reunite dogs with their owners. For those roaming pets, it is the worst feeling to have to bring them to the Humane Society. There are times they are claimed, and other times not.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the residents of East Montpelier for their respect and cooperation for various calls.

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

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT and AMBULANCE SERVICE

December 2018 closes out another successful year for the East Montpelier Fire Department. This year has been one of our busiest years. As we look forward to a successful 2019, we want reflect on some of the 2018 highlights.

In 2018 we expanded ambulance service to cover the Town of Marshfield. We currently serve Calais, East Montpelier, Plainfield and Marshfield providing Paramedic and Advanced Life Support services. This expansion of service has allowed us to increase staffing day and night and to offset some of the operation expenses. The ambulance service requires our staff to constantly keep up with EMS standards, protocols and trainings. This past year brought another year of state protocol changes. The new protocols allow us to provide higher levels of care and additional drug interventions for our Paramedics and A-EMTs. Another change is the move to high performance CPR that changes our process and procedure for cardiac arrest patients and will hopefully bring a higher success rate. Our communities still struggle with the best way to deal with the rising number of overdoses from heroine, opiates, cocaine and prescription drugs. The availability of Naloxone has saved the lives of some. However, there have been others that have not been as fortunate. Our best defense is education. Please take the time to talk with your children about the use of alcohol and drugs and give them a fighting chance to survive.

The fire department had another steady year. We have been able to welcome several new young people into the organization who show good prospect for the future. This year highlighted a large weekend vehicle extrication drill with Plainfield and Marshfield, teaching basic to advanced skills and techniques. There were also search and rescue trainings at U-32 and the East Montpelier farmhouse. We also covered multiple fires in our towns and we provided mutual aid to Montpelier, Barre City, Berlin, Woodbury, Plainfield, and Marshfield.

East Montpelier Fire Department continues to provide community outreach in addition to our every day operations. This year we became the Charter sponsor for our local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Thank you to their leaders for their commitment and dedication. We have been able to provide them with needed trainings for their honor badges and they have helped us with our rabies clinic and holiday food and gift drives. This year East Montpelier Fire Department sponsored 18 families at Thanksgiving and 21 families including 41 children at Christmas. Thank you to those who donated and we encourage more folks to par-

ANNUAL RABIES SHOT CLINIC – March 2019 at East Montpelier Fire Station (in the village)

Veterinarian Dr. Thomas Stuwe provides this service for \$15.

The Town Clerk will be on premises to register canines.

Contact the Town Clerk at 223-3313 for date and time.

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPT. 2018 CALL STATISTICS

	Calais	East Montpelier	Plainfield	Marshfield	Mutual Aid	Annual Total
Fires	15	41	2	-	21	79
Fire Assist Ambulance	2	3	1	1	-	7
Burn Permits	2	79	1	-	-	82
Car accidents-Fire	6	27	-	-	1	34
Medical	64	176	64	49	13	366
Ambulance Assist Fire	8	14	1	-	2	25
Car Accidents-Ambulance	8	54	13	5	-	80
Annual Totals	105	394	82	55	37	673

ticipate as the need is great. A special thanks to the Calais Elementary School and Orchard Valley School for the food donations and your visit to the firehouse to make cards and decorate cookies.

What does the future hold for East Montpelier Fire Department? The reality is that fewer people are volunteering. What we do takes a big commitment and we need people in the community to come forward and be part of the future. If you are certified in EMS or work as a firefighter, come see us. If you are willing to commit your time, come see us and we will pay for your training. Emergency Services are essential to our communities and we will continue to add paid ambulance staffing coverage to provide the highest level of service. Since some of the paid staff are firefighters, this improves how quickly we respond with the first engine. In FY20 East Montpelier Fire Department will be contributing \$100,000 dollars from ambulance revenue to support the budget. This includes 100 percent of the cost to replace our heavy rescue truck. If you have thoughts or ideas of what you would like to see from your emergency services, come see us. East Montpelier Fire Department is committed to building a strong sustainable model for the future.

To the men and women of East Montpelier Fire Department: Thank you for your commitment and service.

To the communities of East Montpelier and Calais: Thank you for your support.

For fireworks permits call 225-6245 or 225-6247. Fireworks permits are required to be submitted 15 days in advance of your display.

For burn permits call your Town Fire Warden.

Calais Fire Warden Greg Pelchuck 454-7377

East Montpelier Fire Warden Ty Rolland 225-6245 or 225-6247.

—TY C. ROLLAND, *Chief*
TOBY TALBOT, *President*

EMFD Membership by Seniority with Rank, January 2019

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

ACTIVE SUPPORTING

Gray, Jason	Firefighter-2, AEMT
Larrabee, Jake	Firefighter-1, AEMT
Bagg, Scott	Firefighter, Paramedic
Wood, Jay	Paramedic
DeCoursey, Ryan	Paramedic
Gero, Jeannine	AEMT
Truedson, Marc	Paramedic
LeBlanc, Jacob	Firefighter, Paramedic
Carlson, Amanda	AEMT
Warman, Jim	Firefighter, AEMT
Rhoades, Gage	Paramedic
Romei, Matt	Paramedic
Judy Woodbeck	Treasurer/Administrative Assistant

**EAST MONTPELIER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>
CASH RECEIPTS:	
East Montpelier appropriation	\$ 252,030
Calais appropriation	126,015
Plainfield appropriation	47,645
Donations	5,104
Interest	228
Ambulance fees	120,572
Proceeds from sale of equipment	26,200
Miscellaneous	<u>638</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>578,432</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	
Fire services	225,913
Ambulance services	276,749
General and administrative	<u>35,290</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>537,952</u>
 INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	 40,480
 CASH, beginning of year	 <u>144,118</u>
 CASH, end of year	 \$ <u>184,598</u>

Notes:

- For more information about the East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD) Capital Reserve Program, see pages 36–37.
- For more information about the Emergency Services Facility bond repayment, see page 26.
- The East Montpelier Town Auditors do not inspect the EMFD accounts. A copy of EMFD's independent audit is available for review at the Town Offices.

FIRE DEPT. BUDGET**ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE**

	Actual 7/1/17-6/30/18	Budget FY18	Budget FY19	Proposed FY20
Income				
4100 E. Montpelier Contribution	\$ 106,693.33	106,693	113,570	124,437
4120 Calais Contribution	53,346.67	53,347	56,784	62,219
4806 Equipment Sale	1,200.00			
4964 Admin Records Request Fee	30.00			
Total Income	\$ 161,270.00	160,040	170,354	186,656

Expense

5010 Audit	5,500.00	6,000	5,500	6,000
5020 Building 1	765.19	1,000	1,000	1,000
5030 Building 2	14,155.37	8,000	8,000	8,000
5050 Bookkeeping	12,351.00	7,000	9,400	10,000
5060 Cellular Phone	1,677.44	2,040	2,000	2,000
5070 Diesel	2,451.96	1,500	1,500	2,000
5080 Dispatch	17,287.36	22,000	25,666	30,806
5085 Dry Hydrants	85.38	0	1,000	3,000
5090 Dues	1,144.00	900	1,100	1,100
5100 Electric-Station 1	675.28	650	650	700
5110 Electric-Station 2	9,818.36	9,500	9,500	10,000
5112 Snow Plowing	4,350.00	5,000	5,500	5,500
5130 Equipment Repair	3,158.00	4,000	5,000	5,000
5140 Firefighting Supplies	2,608.57	2,500	2,500	2,500
5150 Gasoline	1,363.66	1,000	1,000	1,500
5160 Heating Oil-Station 1	5,169.24	5,000	4,000	5,000
5165 Wood Pellets-Station 2	3,699.72	4,000	4,000	4,000
5170 Heating LP-Station 2	0	500	500	500
5200 Insurance	19,583.00	32,000	37,488	38,500
5230 Legal	48.00	1,000	1,000	1,000
5240 Bank Charges	0.00	100	100	100
5245 Chaplain's Fund	197.88	250	250	250
5260 Office Supplies (Fire)	847.47	2,000	2,000	2,000
5265 Office Computer/Software	3,563.00			
5280 Personal Gear	2,175.53	8,500	7,500	7,500
5285 Physicals	886.00	3,000	3,000	3,000
5300 Postage	382.09	500	600	600
5320 Radio Repairs	263.54	1,000	1,000	1,000
5325 Radio Replacement	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
5340 Refreshments	1,931.29	1,500	1,500	2,000
5360 Stipend, Matching Funds	9,400.00	9,400	9,400	9,400
5380 Telephone	4,641.26	3,500	4,500	4,500
5400 Vehicle Repairs	16,979.15	10,000	10,000	14,000
5420 Training	1,069.95	1,500	1,500	1,500
5440 Turnout Maintenance	0	200	200	200
5450 Hose Testing	2,210.75	2,500		
Total Expense	\$ 150,439.44	160,040	170,354	186,656

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE**Donations Income/Expense**

4500 Donations	5,098.75
4510 Donations interest	5.34
5894 Unbudgeted-Donation Exp.	(7,699.00)
5940 Unbudgeted Aux Rabies Clinic .	825.00
Total Donations Income/Expense	(1,769.91)

Capital activity

4700 Interest/Dividends	153.45
4807 Sale of Asset	25,000.00
6003 Capital Exp-SCBA	(14,907.16)
6004 Capital Exp-Equipment	(20,084.12)
6005 Capital Expense-Trucks	(55,090.54)
Total Capital activity	(64,928.37)

AMBULANCE BUDGET

	Actual 7/1/17-6/30/18	Budget FY18	Budget* FY19	Proposed FY20
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE				
Income				
4959 Plainfield Budget Pt (Amb).....	47,644.71	47,644.71	49,074	50,546
4960 E. Mont. Budget Pmt (Amb).....	145,336.86	145,336.86	152,798	149,783
4961 Calais Budget Pmt (Amb)	72,668.43	72,668.43	76,399	74,891
4963 Marshfield Budget Pmt (Amb).....	0.00	0.00	40,000	41,200
4964 Admin Records Request Fee	15.00			
4965 Diesel Fuel Tax Refund.....	593.34			
8000 Insurance Revenue & Expense-4962				18,000
4990 Trans from Amb to Oper	0.00		10,831	
Total Income	\$ 266,258.34	265,650.00	329,102	334,420
Expense				
5050 Bookkeeping	1,565.17	2,000.00	2,000	4,000
5060 Cellular Phone	678.70			
5070 Diesel	3,620.88	5,500.00	5,500	5,500
5080 Dispatch	10,455.68	9,000.00	9,000	10,268
5090 Dues	289.98	300.00	300	300
5130 Equipment Repair	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
5200 Insurance	11,676.00	17,500.00	22,569	23,000
5230 Legal	910.00	0.00		
5250 Admin/Office Supp (Amb).....	1,599.30	2,000.00	3,000	3,000
5265 Office Computer/Software	8,156.91	6,000.00	5,000	5,000
5320 Radio Repairs	72.00	250.00	250	0
5325 Radio Replacement.....	0.00	500.00	500	0
5400 Vehicle Repairs	8,163.47	6,000.00	4,000	5,000
5420 Training.....	0.00	2,000.00	500	500
5430 Defibrillator Maintenance	1,402.08	1,500.00	1,402	1,402
5500 Salary				
5501 Salary - Marshfield.....	0.00	0.00	40,000	41,200
5502 Salary - from reserves	0.00	0.00	10,831	
5500 Salary - Other	171,748.02	170,000.00	180,000	190,000
Total 5500 Salary	171,748.02	170,000.00	230,831	231,200
5510 Payroll Tax.....	20,497.38	25,000.00	25,000	26,000
5515 Payroll Fee.....	750.75	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
5520 Medical Supplies	16,790.63	15,000.00	16,000	16,000
5530 Infection Control	0.00	100.00	250	250
5550 Oxygen	805.02	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Total Expense	\$ 259,181.97	265,650.00	329,102	334,420
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 7,076.37			

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE

Other Income

8000 Amb insurance rev and exp	
4962 Insurance Revenue (Amb).....	118,392.57
4970 Ambulance interest	22.48
5890 Amb insurance expenses	
5893-Unbudgeted-Defib Loan	(6,171.36)
5898 Unbudgeted-Amb Billing	(10,678.44)
5899 Unbudgeted-Paramedic	(5,634.91)
5900 Unbudgeted-Patient Overpay .	(593.78)
Total 5890 Amb insurance expenses	(23,078.49)
9000 Capital activity	
6004-Capital Exp-Equipment	(4,714.00)
Transfer from amb to capital	92,910.53
Total 9000 Capital activity	88,196.53

** Budget FY19 adjusted to reflect ambulance service expansion to cover Town of Marshfield*

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December 14, 2018

Selectboard
Town of East Montpelier, Vermont
P.O. Box 157
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018 and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2018. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the second paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. Given these limitations during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Town of East Montpelier, Vermont

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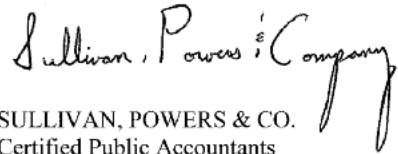
December 14, 2018

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


SULLIVAN, POWERS & CO.
Certified Public Accountants

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNE 30, 2018

Fraud Risk Assessment

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

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

Documentation of Internal Control System

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

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

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

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

Fraud Policy

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

We recommend that the Town implement a fraud policy.



TOWN AUDITORS' REPORT

for the fiscal period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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

The Selectboard also engaged Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town. Their final report is available for public inspection at the Town Office as well as on the Town website at <https://eastmontpeliervt.org>. They again recommended the Town perform a Fraud Risk Assessment, document its Internal Control System, and adopt a Fraud Policy. (See pages 84–86.)

These recommendations reflect good practices, many of which are already in place in our town. For example, invoices for highway expenses need to be authorized for payment by the road foreman, approved by the selectboard, then paid by the treasurer with checks cosigned by the assistant treasurer. This illustrates good internal controls, where job functions are divided into three basic categories: Authorization, Recordkeeping, and Custodianship. When these functions are done by different individuals, errors can be caught in a timely manner.

Realistically, in small town government, it's not uncommon for one person to wear more than one hat. In fact, Vermont statutes authorize the town treasurer to collect taxes, to keep the town's financial records, and to have access to bank accounts. To address this concentration of duties, East Montpelier's internal controls include the town administrator reviewing checks drawn on the selectboard's authorization, and the town auditors reviewing monthly reconciliations of bank accounts, confirming that deposits and withdrawals on bank statements match entries in the treasurer's bookkeeping records.

We encourage the Town to formally assess and document its internal control procedures, and to continue its work toward adopting a fraud policy, as recommended by the external auditors.

We'd like to acknowledge the town staff for their help in providing information for us to create and distribute this report: Don Welch, Rosie Laquerre, and Denise Sparrow. A special thanks goes to Bruce Johnson for his help gathering information, his careful proofreading, and his spirit of collaboration.

DEBORAH FILLION, *Chair*

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CARLA OCCASO

January 31, 2019

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (VDH)

At the VDH, our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Your local office is at 5 Perry St., Suite 250, Barre VT 05641. (802-479-4200; toll-free: 888-253-8786)

Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity statewide to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP). As part of this work in Washington County, RPPs worked with local hospitals and providers to increase options for prescription disposal, and with local law enforcement to increase the number of collection sites.

- Every day hundreds of people in Vermont self-inject both legal (ex: insulin for diabetes) and illegal drugs. This year, in collaboration with the Greater Barre Safe Sharps Alliance, the Barre Office worked to increase awareness of how and where to safely dispose of sharps (i.e. needles, syringes, or lancets), including setting up drop-boxes. In the first six months, over 240,000 sharps have been collected throughout the community thanks to this work.

- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease, including 25 cases in Washington and Orange Counties.

- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.

- As of September 2018, we served over 11,000 families statewide with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, including over 1,000 families in East Montpelier and neighboring towns.

- Share new data and reports including the Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the Injury and Violence in Vermont report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.

- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.

- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

www.healthvermont.gov

REPORT OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

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

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2018, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$8,452,586. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2018 with a \$594,483 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$304,489 operations, \$0 special education, \$205,985 office equipment and technology, \$78,453 building capital fund, and \$5,556 administrative fiscal agent fees.

For fiscal year 2019, the supervisory union budgets total \$8,914,555 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2020, it is anticipated that the supervisory union budgets will total \$9,287,455 which consists of \$2,187,241 for operations and \$7,100,214 for special education and transportation services.

— WILLIAM KIMBALL, *Superintendent of Schools*



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

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

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

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

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

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent's Office Report

January 18, 2019

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

As a supervisory union, our mission is:

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

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

Governance Changes Due to Act 46

In June of 2015, Governor Peter Shumlin signed into law Act 46, which required school districts to examine their governance structures to meet five goals of increased equity of educational opportunities, support students in meeting the Education Quality Standards, maximize operational efficiencies, promote transparency, and deliver education at a cost the parents, taxpayers and voters can afford. Since the summer of 2015, the boards in Washington Central have been discussing the direction for the supervisory union and how they will comply with Act 46.

During the winter of 2018, the boards elected to submit an alternative governance proposal for the consolidation of our governance system which would keep our six local boards intact. The Vermont State Board of Education reviewed our proposal and ultimately determined, on November 28, 2018, that the six boards in Washington Central will unify into one board. This new entity will be known as the Washington Central Unified Union School District (WCUUSD). During December, four of our boards chose to be party to a lawsuit that is appealing this ruling from the Board of Education.

As of the writing of this report, we are currently under the direction of the state board to move forward with a merged governance system that will take effect on July 1, 2019. This governance change will modify our election process

for board members and budgets. Our current local school boards are responsible for the operations of our six schools until June 30, 2019; therefore, we need to keep the local boards constituted until December 31, 2019. To keep our local boards operational we will need to elect all open seats at Town Meeting this year. (Please see the warning in this town report.) Due to the state board's ruling, there will not be any budget vote at Town Meeting this year for either a local school budget or a WCUUSD budget.

In the state ruling of November 28, 2018, the Board of Education gave Washington Central default articles of agreement that require the creation of a transitional board. This transitional board has the responsibility to recommend a proposed budget to the newly merged board and publish how town members may run for the WCUUSD board, which will be made up of two representatives from each town.

Timeline

As of the publishing of this report, our critical dates are listed below. Please note that the district organizational meeting will be held in a Town Meeting style election; the floor will determine if our elections for board members and all other items will be done via an Australian ballot or in a district meeting. Please note that all dates in this report, besides the district meeting date, are being recommended to the boards by the superintendent and only the boards have authority to set these dates.

- February 19, 2019 – District Organizational Meeting
- April 2, 2019 – Possible elections for WCUUSD board membership
- May 7, 2019 – Possible WCUUSD budget vote

To keep up with the latest developments in the change of governance for our supervisory union, please check out the Washington Central Act 46 website, contact a Washington Central school board member, or e-mail act46@u32.org.

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Due to the state board ruling for the change in governance for Washington Central and postponement of our budget vote, this report will focus on the activities of the schools for this current year and the previous school year. You will see information on the audit of the fiscal year 2018, reports from the school board, principal and superintendent, list of staff and other current information. Once timelines are finalized, we will be providing information regarding the proposed budget and tax impact as we get closer to the budget vote for the fiscal year 2020.

Board Goals, Student Learning Outcomes, and Implementation Plan

As many of you know, in May of 2016, the boards created the WCSU Mission and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) to define what we wanted all children to

know and be able to do when they receive a U-32 diploma. The Washington Central Full Board tasked the Leadership Team of the supervisory union to develop an Implementation Plan to support each student in obtaining all the Student Learning Outcomes. The Leadership Team's Theory of Action for this plan is:

If we provide high-quality instruction and interventions that are responsive to learners' needs and interests, based on clear learning targets, and measured by a comprehensive and balanced assessment system, then we will close achievement gaps and ensure that all students achieve proficiency in our WCSU Student Learning Outcomes.

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

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

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

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

As mentioned last year, our teachers play an integral role in articulating our expectations for students. In so doing, they ensure that the expectations for students progress coherently from one grade level or grade level cluster to the next. This year we have focused primarily on our reporting practices and our communication in an effort to ensure that both students and families are clear about our

expectations for students and get feedback about their current performance and next steps in learning. We also continuously examine our practices in instruction and assessment in service to our students.

Early Education Programs

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an essential step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools has a pre-kindergarten program that serves three- and four-year-olds from their towns for 10 hours per week. All of the programs have met high STARS quality scores. WCSU currently serves 105 students in our pre-kindergarten programs. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports.

Additionally, we are fully implementing Act 166, Vermont's universal pre-kindergarten law. Act 166 is designed to provide access to high-quality pre-kindergarten for all students. Across our five towns, 41 students are enrolled in 16 private, pre-qualified programs.

WCSU continues to provide programs and supports for our pre-kindergarten children with disabilities. We also partner with organizations that support children from birth to three years who have disabilities in order to ensure a smooth transition to our school system. This year we have experienced a significant increase in the number of PreK students eligible for services.

Special Services

Kelly Bushey continues as our Director of Special Services, working closely with administrators and case managers to oversee the continuum of services and supports for approximately 260 students (up from 230 last year due in part to an influx of eligible PreK students) with disabilities ages birth to 22, assuring compliance with state and federal laws. This work includes managing contracted services and oversight of state placed students, as well as out of district placements.

Throughout the current school year, Ms. Bushey has been leading the work related to Trauma Informed Practices across all of our schools. From securing grant funding, leading professional development opportunities, coordinating with outside agency partners in providing professional development, to supporting teams of professionals around specific students, Ms. Bushey has been a champion in this work. The behavior data across our schools is starting to show the change and growth in our capacity to support all students in the general education classroom.

As mentioned in last year's town report, Ms. Bushey has been working with outside agency partners to improve on the ways to provide supports and services to students and families across our system. The alternative program that was in the creation stages last year at this time is now well underway. We are serving a

few more students in the program than we had initially planned to in year one. The students in the program have given it the name of Zenith. Students are attending to academics each morning and therapeutic supports in the afternoon. We have been working to transition students from outside placements back to the U-32 campus, as well as meet the needs of students that would have otherwise needed to be placed in an alternative setting. There are also students that are already participating in classes in the U-32 building. The program continues to be a work in progress and Ms. Bushey meets with the staff of the program on a weekly basis—monitoring student progress and providing oversight to the financial aspect of the program.

This is the first year that we have a “POD” contract with Washington County Mental Health. This contract includes eight Behavior Interventionists, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), and a Case Manager. This partnership is showing to be incredibly supportive to our schools, students, and families.

As we move into the next school year, Ms. Bushey will be working with the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators and the Vermont Agency of Education to support our transition to the new special education funding law (Act 173). Beginning in FY20, the way in which the state provides funding to school districts for special education services is changing from a reimbursement model to a block grant. This will allow for more flexibility in meeting the needs of all children. Ms. Bushey will be focusing her learning on this throughout the coming months to support the supervisory union in making this change.

Technology

Keith MacMartin joined the Technology Department as the new Technology Coordinator in October. The Technology Department is focusing on security and improving the efficiency of IT operations, in order to have more time to provide services to students and staff. Our student information system, Infinite Campus (IC), was moved from an on premise installation to a hosted installation, providing additional security and a dedicated support team. Progress has been made on our E-911 compliance, and we are anticipating compliance at all schools by early March. We continue to support our Google environment and the one-to-one Chromebook initiative, providing a device for all students in grades 3 through 12. This integrated environment, along with other software, allows us to serve the needs of student learning through the integration of technology in the classroom.

Fiscal Services

Lori Bibeau, the Business Administrator, manages and oversees all WCSU fiscal and business operations. Last year, the total funds processed through WCSU, including school budgets, grants, food programs, capital improvement funds and construction projects, totaled \$40.4 million. As required by law, each year WCSU conducts an outside audit of all schools, central office, and fiscal opera-

tions. Annually, we receive accolades for our outstanding fiscal operations with either no or only minor audit findings.

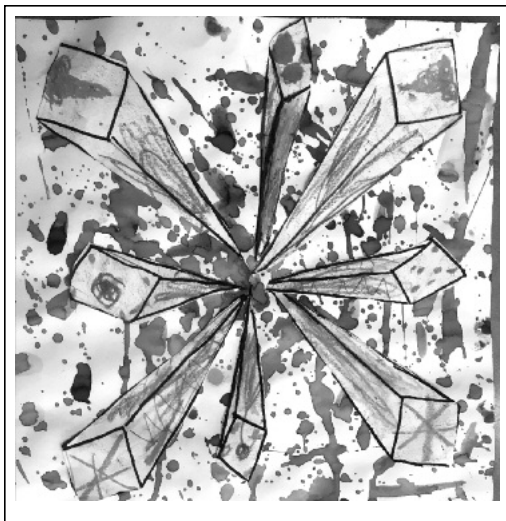
For the past several years, most of our budgets have shown modest, level or below level increases. In developing budgets for FY20, each school board looked carefully at their per-pupil costs, reduced some staffing and found other areas where they could cut costs while continuing to meet the needs of our students. WCSU continues to look at ways to enhance efficiencies across the supervisory union and to collaborate with neighboring schools.

High-Quality Staff and Parent and Community Involvement

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

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

—WILLIAM KIMBALL, *Superintendent of Schools*



Harley, grade 2

Edith, grade 6



WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Community Connections Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 764,889	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 765,489
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	-	-	2,972	2,972
Due from other governments	555,310	-	-	555,310
Prepaid items	11,287	-	-	11,287
Due from other funds	-	141,255	589,787	731,042
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,331,486	\$ 141,855	\$ 592,759	\$2,066,100
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 36,008	\$ -	\$ 40,180	\$ 76,188
Due to other governments	41,652	-	-	41,652
Due to other funds	916,229	-	-	916,229
TOTAL LIABILITIES	993,889	-	40,180	1,034,069
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	33,109	141,855	268,141	443,105
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	33,109	141,855	268,141	443,105
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	11,287	-	-	11,287
Restricted	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	284,438	284,438
Assigned	293,201	-	-	293,201
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	304,488	-	284,438	588,926
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,331,486	\$ 141,855	\$ 592,759	\$ 2,066,100

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

NOTE: This information is not comparable from year to year as several positions listed above are paid by grants and other funding sources. These funding sources vary in amount on an annual basis.

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Salary & Benefit Projection

As of October 24, 2018

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

	Projected Salaries	Total Salary & Benefits		Projected Salaries	Total Salary & Benefits
Abair Jill	\$ 53,526	\$ 77,916	Decker Anne	69,468	79,994
Abbiati Judy	68,642	82,425	Deiss William	41,414	55,554
Albee Brian	57,494	66,907	Desch Marguerite	70,633	84,868
Allison Megan	59,819	68,941	Devries Aanika	74,867	96,170
Arsenault Peter	59,755	85,971	Divelbliss Brian	76,447	87,589
Bazis David	66,708	92,263	Duquette Samantha	20,311	31,319
Bennett Eric	49,348	76,330	Dunn Colleen	70,633	82,563
Bird Alden	61,422	74,843	Dunn William	45,122	56,205
Blackburn Christopher	70,392	96,272	Duprey Jenniffer	39,442	47,316
Blakely Xiomara	37,166	62,341	Dy Krista	64,182	84,541
Boulanger Chantal	37,918	63,204	Emerson Jody	92,913	116,011
Bove Mary	58,133	71,264	Emery Paula	53,366	64,861
Brophy Abigail	45,331	55,025	Falby Meaghan	66,708	92,262
Brown Mark	57,994	84,079	Fair Patricia	35,470	48,728
Butts Molly	53,526	67,550	Fisher Brian	62,131	91,309
Buttura Holly	39,742	51,248	Fitch Christine	49,232	59,271
Carpenter Kelly	22,882	33,720	Fitch Lesley	55,778	78,742
Chaloux Sandra	57,494	66,963	Fournier Dennis	52,701	68,514
Chaplin Mark	72,383	93,467	French Adam	75,616	90,291
Chartrand Kristine	53,526	77,916	Gadapee Bonnie	66,708	87,291
Christiana Kendra	49,232	73,243	Galligan-Baldwin Erin	45,995	63,253
Clark-Warner Heather	29,326	52,820	Garand Laura	25,184	43,610
Cook George	72,248	83,020	George Christiana	23,750	46,935
Cook Vicki	26,296	38,192	Gilman Tina	24,280	35,877
Cooke Ellen	68,642	82,701	Girouard Matthew	42,858	55,939
Crossett Paula	57,494	82,235	Gonzalez Zachary	55,510	69,709
Crosson-Stewart Mary	52,074	72,443	Gora Peter	28,374	40,578
Cruikshank Donald	23,750	40,538	Grace Caroline	72,383	83,166
Dalmasse Denise	28,253	30,602	Green Geoffrey	42,858	55,939
David Beatrice	57,494	70,498	Grow Roger	53,412	77,792
Davis David	58,133	68,958	Guiffre Catherine	66,708	92,262
Davis Elizabeth	22,815	30,589	Hannigan David	60,683	84,374

	Projected Salaries	Total Salary & Benefits		Projected Salaries	Total Salary & Benefits
Healy Brianne	52,074	71,364	Papineau Amy	28,488	36,836
Heintz Benjamin	68,881	94,682	Pate Stephen	118,518	143,753
Hilferty John	66,708	92,262	Placey Rhenee	29,290	39,860
Hill MaryEllen	27,545	46,321	Powelson David	53,412	67,426
Hoermann Tammy	30,281	39,162	Rackliff Matthew	27,170	39,196
Holquist Nicholas	66,708	76,990	Randall Nanci	30,091	42,550
Ingersoll Jennifer	59,973	79,961	Richardson Barbara	19,719	37,334
Jarvis Lucas	20,128	22,252	Richardson Mindi	20,470	30,274
Jones Barrett Nicholas	66,708	87,291	Rimmer Paula	24,698	34,875
Junkins Drew	46,646	60,062	Roberts Caitlin	40,706	54,739
Keese Cairsten	55,020	74,570	Rosenberg Kara	59,883	69,424
Keys Margaret	66,708	92,192	Roy Georgia	50,606	63,072
Kiefer Julie	77,227	98,739	Scarzello Dylan	66,264	91,779
Koenigbauer Amy	59,755	73,029	Schaeffer Nicolle	63,203	73,176
Lakey John	46,249	67,799	Sheeler Stephen	56,615	81,278
Lakey Sam	40,236	46,826	Slade Jodie	22,815	45,861
Lang Roderick	23,660	41,860	St. Peter Hollis	60,487	70,220
LaPlante Lisa	98,666	122,272	Staley Katherine	42,858	54,501
Leiberman Karen	30,711	35,494	Stevens Debra	24,211	42,492
Lewton Sherry	40,331	48,355	Towne Stephen	66,708	92,262
Lovitz Nathan	50,714	64,489	Ushakov Steven	46,646	56,401
Lucchina Sarah	21,085	30,943	VanDeren Lauren	46,207	61,058
Lynch Brennan	45,380	55,078	Van Orman Henry III	67,432	97,096
Magoon Heather	32,832	52,393	Verchereau Suzanne	44,788	58,875
Marks Elizabeth	45,380	58,684	Volinsky Sarah	70,633	81,262
Martin Christiana	47,896	68,117	Wade-Keeney Adrian	52,018	75,653
Martin Tracy	47,418	69,142	Walker Jessica	58,133	84,230
McGinnis Devan	34,348	47,439	Walker Katherine	44,130	50,460
McKellar Kimberly	32,977	39,160	Weinstein Robert	47,168	73,826
McMahon William	37,918	51,538	Wiese Kathy	72,383	93,467
McNaulty William	39,442	53,288	Williams Christopher	68,642	94,367
Molina Amanda	89,860	118,079	Willis James	27,823	45,184
Monti Amanda	23,750	40,538	Wilson Carolyn	68,642	94,367
Mooney Erin	73,930	100,122	Wysolmeski Erin	49,391	63,049
Orellana Riena	33,659	53,342			
Pagel Heather	49,183	76,140	TOTALS	\$ 6,774,330	\$9,017,495

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 32
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,648,987	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,648,987
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	19,076	-	-	19,076
Prepaid items	79	-	-	79
Due from other funds	-	263,216	26,143	289,359
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,668,142</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 263,216</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,143</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,957,501</u></u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 58,608	\$ 112,176	\$ -	\$ 170,784
Due to other governments	107,891	-	-	107,891
Due to other funds	255,203	-	-	255,203
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>421,702</u></u>	<u><u>112,176</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>533,878</u></u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	45,709	-	1,265	46,974
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u><u>45,709</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,265</u></u>	<u><u>46,974</u></u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	79	-	-	79
Restricted	-	151,040	24,878	175,918
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	1,200,652	-	-	1,200,652
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u><u>1,200,731</u></u>	<u><u>151,040</u></u>	<u><u>24,878</u></u>	<u><u>1,376,649</u></u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
	<u><u>\$ 1,668,142</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 263,216</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,143</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,957,501</u></u>

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TO BECOME COMPETENT, CARING CITIZENS AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS
THROUGH A CHALLENGING AND RELEVANT CURRICULUM.



REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD

Hi Neighbors!

Somehow, another year has passed us by—it feels like I just wrote last year’s letter, but here we are again (already!). From an operational perspective, this year was another low-key year at the elementary school. From a Governance perspective however, things are changing rapidly and are very much in flux as of this writing.

Despite the unanimous support of the Supervisory Union Boards for the Alternative Governance proposal we submitted to the State Board of Education, the State Board rejected every Alternative Governance proposal and, as they had signaled from the start of the Act 46 proceedings, ruled that WCSU would be involuntarily merged into a single board. The new union district will be called Washington Central Unified Union School District (WCUUSD) and, as of this writing, the Transitional Board will be meeting in February to organize and begin the transition process to the new governance structure. In turn, this will be the last Town Report from the current East Montpelier Elementary School Board, and our authority for the operations of the school will expire on June 30th, 2019.

This means that while we have recommended a budget for consideration by the voters this year, the process has changed. We have recommended a budget to the Transitional Board, which will in turn pass our recommendation along to the new Unified District Board. On Town Meeting Day, the EMES Board will elect two members so that we can fulfill our responsibilities through the fiscal year-end as well as receive the Audit for this fiscal year in the fall. The existing Board will be dissolved by the end of 2019 and the new Unified Union Board will meet shortly after Town Meeting and take over operations and responsibility for the schools on July 1, 2019. The new Board will be elected at a date to be determined.

Governance changes aside, the Board and Administration worked again through the fall to develop a budget that reflects the competing pressures of educational best practice and our community’s ability to pay. We followed the budget process that we adopted three years ago, including two public forums and outreach via Front Porch Forum postings and school newsletters. We were pleased to see our student counts rise for a third year: Our Equalized Pupils in FY2019 (the current school year) was budgeted at 193.81, and is projected to rise to 195.79 for FY2020. As you’re probably aware, our student count is the denominator for our education spending; more students in the building drives our

per-pupil education costs down (same spending for more kids equals lower per-student cost).

This year was comparatively less challenging from a strictly budgetary perspective, as our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) and student census numbers both worked in our favor. We recommended a “level service” budget to the Transitional Board with a modest increase of \$76,679 (1.92%) over last year’s budget. We believe that the recommended budget is both fiscally responsible and provides sufficient support for our students and the school.

I am extremely privileged to work with the dedicated and committed Board, faculty, and staff at EMES, as well as the tireless admin team at WCSU’s central office. I thank my fellow Board members for their hard work: Stephen Looke, Flor Diaz-Smith, Lindy Johnson, and Darci Coleman-Graves. I thank the community for your continued support and dedication to the children of East Montpelier and, by extension, our school. I have great confidence that the new unified Board will continue and expand on the excellent work that each of the individual Boards in the district has done, and while I won’t be on the new Board, you’ll see familiar faces there and I know that East Montpelier will be well represented. I feel very fortunate to live and work in a community that places such value on a high quality public education system for all. We invite you to visit the school, and see (and be part of) our children learning to be engaged, inquisitive, and empowered to affect change in the world around us.

—RUBIN BENNETT, *EMES Board Chair*



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It continues to be an honor to serve the community of East Montpelier in what is now my ninth year at EMES...where has the time gone!? I am grateful to be part of a system where education is so highly valued by the community and thankful for the incredible family and community involvement in our school. East Montpelier is truly a wonderful place to spend each day and I could not ask to spend my time with a better group of children and staff, for they make EMES the exceptional place it is to learn and grow.

The three strategic objectives of Clear Learning Targets, Comprehensive and Balanced Assessment System, and High Quality Instruction and Interventions, as part of the WCSU Implementation Plan, continue to be at the forefront of our work at EMES. Teacher Professional Development time has focused on scoring and reporting student work through our new parent portal in Infinite Campus (our student data system), piloting a variety of math programs, and introducing Math Menu in many of our classrooms. In addition, we have set student achievement goals in both math and literacy for the first time this year; highlighting our need

Some highlights from our 2017–2018 Climate Survey:

- 87% of students feel they belong at school
- 92% of students believe their parents think school is important
- 85% of students believe they work problems out with their peers
- 96% of parents feel welcome at our school
- 44% of parents like the report card
- 100% of staff believe morale is high on the part of teachers

for continuous improvement in these areas. Teachers have had opportunities to participate in Supervisory Union work together in the areas of allied arts, data collection and analysis, math and literacy instruction, and trauma transformed practices.

We have a number of incredible traditions at EMES including our all-school hike in September; new Harvest Festival, Washington Central Music Day, and Monster Mash in October; Holiday Feast in November; Gifts for Giving in December; Winter Wellness and school music concerts in January; Celebration of Learning and I Love East Montpelier Day in February; Talent Show in May; and Field Day and Tech Night in June. In addition, we have a vibrant ECO (Educating Children Outdoors) program, a very active Tech Club, Student Leadership, Lego Robotics, Cub and Girl Scouts, and DCF (Dorothy Canfield Fisher) Book Club.

EMES works hard to ensure that all students and staff feel safe and welcome. Each day begins with a Responsive Classroom style morning meeting, and each Wednesday we gather together in mixed age groups for our Wednesday Morning Meetings. During this time, we have focused on the following themes: Problem Solving, Giving Back, Diversity, Spreading Kindness and Joy, Perseverance and Optimism, Self Care, and Team Building. In addition, students and adults practice mindfulness and growth mindset practices. A number of EMES teachers have participated in SU-wide training around trauma transformed practices with Dave Melnick, with the hope of increasing our toolkit in this very important and much-needed area of expertise. We are also looking for opportunities to collaborate with the Plainfield Health Center around this work. Michael Sherwin, our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Behavior Coach, continues to work with students and staff around pro-social behaviors in our school, and has recently taken a lead on working with the other elementary schools in WCSU to support this important work.

—ALICIA LYFORD, *Principal*

**EAST MONTPELIER SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018**

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 962,495	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 962,495
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	315	-	-	315
Due from other governments	52,074	-	-	52,074
Inventory	27,879	-	-	27,879
Due from other funds	-	696,612	1,329	697,941
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,042,763</u>	<u>\$ 696,612</u>	<u>\$ 1,329</u>	<u>\$ 1,740,704</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 46,429	\$ -	\$ 498	\$ 46,927
Due to other governments	16,735	-	-	16,735
Due to other funds	734,414	-	-	734,414
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>797,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>798,076</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred revenue	-	-	831	831
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>831</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	27,879	-	-	27,879
Restricted	-	696,612	-	696,612
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	217,306	-	-	217,306
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>245,185</u>	<u>696,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>941,797</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,042,763</u>	<u>\$ 696,612</u>	<u>\$ 1,329</u>	<u>\$ 1,740,704</u>

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EMES ENROLLMENT

as of October 1st

Year	PreK	EEE	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	K-6 Total	Grand Total
1989-90			31	34	40	36	31	44	38	254	
1990-91			26	34	37	40	35	34	43	249	
1991-92			21	28	33	36	40	35	32	225	
1992-93			36	23	29	38	37	43	40	246	
1993-94			32	32	24	28	37	38	42	233	
1994-95			22	33	30	24	30	38	39	216	
1995-96			39	26	32	33	23	33	41	227	
1996-97			37	41	31	33	37	24	33	236	
1997-98			20	41	41	35	34	34	24	229	
1998-99			32	24	41	40	35	32	37	241	
1999-00			23	34	26	38	40	34	32	227	
2000-01	16	3	21	25	37	29	43	40	35	230	249
2001-02	18	1	21	26	27	37	31	45	43	231	250
2002-03	5	13	26	25	26	30	35	33	47	222	240
2003-04	20	3	27	29	24	26	28	32	36	202	225
2004-05	22	1	33	29	32	25	29	29	35	212	235
2005-06	23	3	30	28	27	31	26	27	29	198	224
2006-07	28	3	26	32	29	29	34	26	28	204	235
2007-08	21	3	31	36	25	34	34	34	27	223	247
2008-09	31	4	31	32	35	25	35	38	39	235	270
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EAST MONTPELIER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In 2019, Community Connections begins its seventeenth year serving the children and families of East Montpelier, Berlin, Calais, Middlesex, Worcester, and Montpelier.

Last year 147 children participated in our programs at East Montpelier Elementary. We employed about 10 East Montpelier residents to provide these services. We have a morning program that cares for kids starting at 7:30 AM each morning until school starts. There is a very strong demand for this service and our numbers have grown every year.

We offer an afterschool program that is open each afternoon until 5:30 PM. This program cares for East Montpelier's youngest students until their parents are done work or school. We also operate a daycare center at EMES that supports attendance in the school's Pre-Kindergarten. Finally, we offered camps during school vacations and over the summer for ages Preschool through 12th grade.

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

—ALEX ROB, *Executive Director*

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Income Sources	Percent of Income	Total Income
State (Childcare subsidies)	23.0%	\$23,914.10
Local Towns	2.4%	\$2,500.00
Other (User Fees)	74.6%	\$77,560.25
Total Income	100.0%	\$103,974.40

Expenditures	Budgeted Percent	Budgeted Dollars	Actual Expense Percent	Actual Expense Dollars
Personnel	96.5%	\$100,000	96.8%	\$98,074.12
Insurance/Rent/Utilities	0.6%	\$637	0.6%	\$637.00
Other (Travel)	0.5%	\$500	0.4%	\$400.00
Other (Snacks and Food)	2.4%	\$2,500	2.2%	\$2,231.07
Total Expenses	100.0%	103,637	100.0%	\$101,342.19

East Montpelier Elementary School District Salary & Benefit Projection As of October 25, 2018

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

	Projected Salaries	Total Salary & Benefits		Projected Salaries	Total Salary & Benefits
INSTRUCTIONAL 1100:			LIBRARY 2222:		
Blanchard Michael	\$ 53,412	\$ 79,226	Badger Jane	29,241	45,540
Christiano Christine	68,642	94,539	Bruccoli Arlyn	28,253	32,548
Christy Kathryn	72,383	93,648			
Fecura Jessica	44,054	53,711	Total Library	57,494	78,088
Fitch Jennifer-Reading	70,633	96,711			
Gallagher Claire	49,180	62,943	TECHNOLOGY 2225:		
Gannon Robin	70,633	91,739	Bruccoli Arlyn	42,380	48,891
Gariboldi Lisa	68,642	94,539			
Gelfon Samantha	39,589	49,343	Total Technology	42,380	48,891
Giammusso Laura	70,633	96,711			
Gilstad Ashley	11,016	13,497	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION 2410:		
Knoedler Ellen	11,393	12,368	Badger Jane	4,177	7,766
Morse Alexandra	23,974	37,318	Lyford Alicia	96,517	125,456
Parker Bethany	68,642	94,539	Martin Karin	50,363	62,350
Shedd Ellen	66,708	87,388			
Sherwin Michael	68,642	79,267	Total School Admin.	151,057	195,572
Willard David	61,422	86,664			
Zeilenga Jillian	66,708	92,430	OPER. & MAINTENANCE 2600:		
Subtotal Teachers	986,306	1,316,581	Clark Brenda	45,122	60,019
			Hill Todd	52,993	69,077
Subtotal Technical	0	0	Humphrey Karen	22,329	24,241
			Farnham Douglas	16,020	17,392
Total Instructional	986,306	1,316,581			
			Total Oper. & Maint.	136,464	170,729
PRE-SCHOOL 1101:					
O'Hare Jamie	31,391	34,079	SPECIAL EDUC. 1210:		
Reade Robert	29,263	31,769	Deforge Susan	25,184	43,673
Subtotal Teachers	60,654	65,848	Fitz Carrie	21,085	27,390
			Jensen Guiliana	14,329	15,556
Brown Kimberly	10,754	11,675	McMahon Niall	20,470	30,325
Stone Katharine	22,258	25,500	Parker Jodi	20,048	41,531
Subtotal Technical	33,012	37,175	Subtotal Technical	101,116	158,475
Total Pre-School	93,666	103,023	Total Special Edu.	101,116	158,475
GUIDANCE 2120:			SUBTOTAL GEN FUND 1,674,192 2,216,253		
Langevin Mary	35,317	48,446			
Total Guidance	35,317	48,446	FOOD SERVICES 3100:		
			Olander Susan	31,262	44,068
HEALTH SERVICES 2130:			Waiter Jennifer	14,508	15,750
Wirth Elizabeth	70,392	96,448			
Total Health Services	70,392	96,448	Total Food Services	45,770	59,818
			TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 1,719,962	\$ 2,276,071

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at East Montpelier Elementary School, 665 Vincent FLats Road in East Montpelier, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.* to act on the following business not involving Australian ballot:

Article 1. To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors.

Article 2. To transact any other business thay may legally come before the meeting.

Articles to be voted by Australian Ballot Polling Time — 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.

Article 3. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.

Article 4. To elect the following School Directors:

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

A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. at East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting.

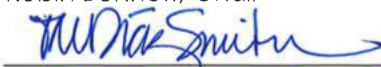
The legal voters of East Montpelier Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Section 553 of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

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


SCHOOL DIRECTORS



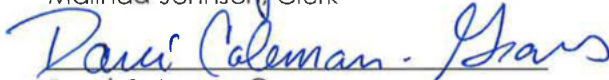
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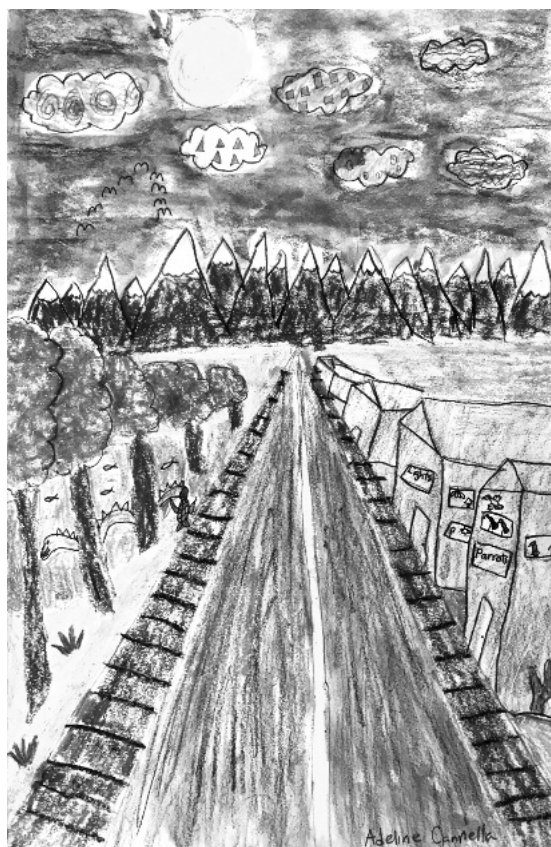
Malinda Johnson, Clerk



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INFORMATIONAL COPY OF U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 ("U-32"), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 2 as outlined below.

Polling Places and Times:

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

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

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

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

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

A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 128/131 at 6:00 PM on March 4, 2019 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

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

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

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

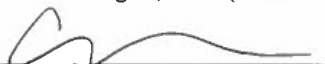
Article 3. To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.


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

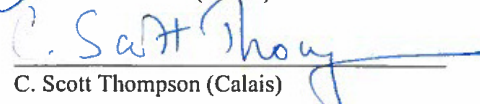

Mary Ormsby, Clerk

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

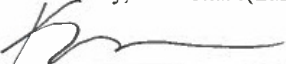

Adrienne Magida, Chair (Middlesex)

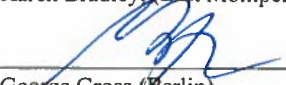

Carl Witke, Clerk (Worcester)


Jonathan Goddard (Berlin)


C. Scott Thompson (Calais)


Kari Bradley, Vice Chair (East Montpelier)


Karen Bradley, (East Montpelier)


George Gross (Berlin)

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES & ELECTION RESULTS MARCH 6, 2017 — TOWN MEETING

Moderator Michael Duane called to order the meetings of the Town and School District at 9:31 a.m. The School Meeting was recessed until after the Town Meeting.

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

Town Moderator, 1-year term: Michael Duane [502 votes]
 Selectboard Member, 2-year term: Seth Gardner [480 votes]
 Selectboard Member, 3-year term: Gene Troia [455 votes]
 Lister, 3-year term: Ross Hazel [467 votes]
 Town Auditor, 3-year term: Ed Deegan [466 votes]
 Town Auditor, 2 of 3-year term: Carla Occaso [450 votes]
 First Constable, 1-year term: Sandy Conti [490 votes]
 Second Constable, 1-year term: No Candidate
 Cemetery Commissioner, 5-yr term: Emily Goyette [488 votes]
 Cemetery Commissioner, 3 of 5-yr term: Jonathan Boucher [469 votes]
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Jean Vissering [450 votes]
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Jack Pauly [446 votes]
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Mark Lane [445 votes]

Art. 2: Heard the reports of Town Officers: Selectboard Chair Seth Gardner spoke of the Charter changes, Fire District and Crystal Springs project, and other topics as follows: The Town is working with Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity on a proposed project to construct a duplex on the former Town Hall lot. The Park 'n Ride is open for use, bridge construction continues with a temporary one opening this spring, and a sidewalk project is planned for 2019. The Town bought a new Mack Truck and a Komatsu pay loader in 2017, and plans to buy a tractor to handle roadside mowing in 2018. The Town is participating in a state study on invasive species. Tree branch pruning is a concern. A moment of silence was observed for David Coburn and David Grundy.

Art. 3: Voted to raise the sum of **\$1,726,496** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [470 yes; 76 no].

Art. 4: Voted to raise the sum of **\$42,022** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of K-H Library. Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [397 yes; 147 no].

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

Art. 6: Voted for the Town to raise the sum of **\$3,000** for the Land Conservation Fund. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 7: Voted to raise the sum of **\$3,100** for Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 8: Voted to raise the sum of **\$17,250** for the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during fiscal year 2019. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 9: Voted to raise the sum of **\$6,000** for the East Montpelier Signpost to provide for the production and mailing of six issues of the East Montpelier Signpost for each East Montpelier resident household and non-resident property owner during fiscal year 2019. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 10: Voted to raise the sum of **\$4,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2019. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 11: Voted to raise the sum of **\$8,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 12: Voted to raise the sum of **\$5,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019. Passed by voice vote.

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

Art. 14: Voted to raise amounts listed below as recommended by Town's Funding Request Study Committee for the following organizations for fiscal year 2018:

1) American Red Cross	\$250
2) Capstone Community Action	\$500
3) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$750
4) Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$1,875
5) Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity	\$250
6) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$1,000
7) Circle (Battered)	\$675
8) Downstreet Housing & Community Development	\$150
9) East Montpelier Community Connections	\$2,500
10) Family Center of Washington County	\$500
11) Friends of the Winooski River	\$200
12) Girls/Boyz First Mentoring	\$300
13) Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$300
14) Good Samaritan Haven	\$750
15) Green Mountain Transit	\$1,366
16) Green Up Vermont	\$150
17) Home Share Now	\$800
18) North Branch Nature Center	\$750
19) Onion River Food Shelf	\$1,000
20) OUR House of Central VT	\$250
21) People's Health and Wellness Clinic	\$1,250

22) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$300
23) Project Independence	\$125
24) Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$250
25) Twin Valley Senior Center	\$3,500
26) T. W. Wood Gallery	\$500
27) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$150
28) Vermont CARES	\$150
29) Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$245
30) Washington County Diversion Program	\$600
31) Washington County Mental Health Services	\$800
32) Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$400

Result: Passed by voice vote.

Total: \$22,691

Art. 15: Voted for the Town of East Montpelier to enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 16: Voted on other non-binding business. The following warned resolution was amended on the floor with input from Charles Johnson (underlined words were added; crossed out words were deleted):

Shall the Town of East Montpelier adopt the following resolution:

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

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines;
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines;
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities; and,
 - d. Ensure that commercial-scale renewable energy developments comply with both the Regional and Town Plans and that renewable energy credits (RECs) from them remain within the town, Central Vermont region, and/or the state.
2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Protecting Town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing Town lands;

- b. Weatherizing Town buildings and schools;
- c. Enlisting state support to install solar as appropriate on Town and school buildings;
- d. Promoting the siting of renewable energy in appropriate sections of Town, while protecting important natural, cultural, scenic and agricultural resources, as identified in the Town Plan, when considering possible siting of commercial-scale renewable energy developments;
- e. Promoting higher density development with access to public transportation;
- f. Other initiatives to ~~improve residents' quality of life while helping us help residents~~ reduce overall energy use.

The amended resolution passed by voice vote.

Art. 17: Voted to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Other business came from:

- Renée Carpenter, Friends of Coburn Pond, who spoke about public access and invasive species.
- State Representative Kim Jessup spoke of gun control laws, income tax, sales tax, and education finance. She said an equal pay bill has passed. She also reported on laws regulating data brokers, and the progress of the parenting bill, which helps to define families.
- Carl Etnier invited people to serve on the newly formed Communications District.
- Carolyn Shapiro said she feels students should be encouraged to participate in the March 14, 2018 school walk out in memory of students killed in Parkland, FL.
- Seth Gardner thanked those who helped with the governance of the town.

Town Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.



ABSTRACT OF MINUTES & ELECTION RESULTS MARCH 6, 2018 — SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Moderator Michael Duane reconvened the School Meeting after lunch at 1:25 pm.

Art. 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. (To be voted by Australian Ballot) Elected: Michael Duane [497 votes]

Art. 2: To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors. EMES board explained the FY19 budget, up 3.63% over FY18. Kari Bradley described the FY19 U-32 budget, up 3.69% over FY18. Passed by voice vote.

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

Art. 4: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2018-2019 school year? Passed by voice vote.

- Art. 5:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
- Marty Miller commended the school board members for their work.
 - Rubin Bennett introduced a resolution regarding gun violence and asked for feedback.
- Art. 6:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend **\$3,990,773**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$19,645** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **1.09%** higher than spending for the current year. (To be voted by Australian Ballot) Passed [331 yes; 212 no]
- Art. 7:** Voted by Australian Ballot to elect:
 EMES Director, 2-Year term: Malinda Johnson [459 votes]
 EMES Director, 3-Year term: Flor Diaz Smith [442 votes]

School meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.



U-32 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS FOR THE VOTE ON MARCH 6, 2018

- Art. 1:** To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.
 Mary Ormsby [1,724 votes]
- Art. 2:** To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
 Elected: Mary Ormsby [1,705 votes]
- Art. 3:** To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.
 Clerk: \$500; Directors: \$850 each; Chair: \$875; Treasurer: \$1,500. Passed.
 [1,634 yes; 256 no]
- Art. 4:** Shall the voters of the Union High School District No. 32 approve the school board to expend \$14,833,943, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$18,056** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **3.90%** higher than spending for the current year. Passed [1,183 yes; 786 no]
- Art. 5:** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school? Passed. [1,520 yes; 425 no]
- Art. 6:** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2018-2019 school year? Passed [1,396 yes; 553 no]

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Meeting place: East Montpelier Municipal Office Building

Selectboard — 1st & 3rd Mon., 6:30 pm

Planning Commission — 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:00 pm

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

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee — as needed

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

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

Meeting place: East Montpelier Elementary School

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

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

Recreation Board — 2nd Mon., 7:15 pm

Meeting place: Union 32 Junior/Senior High School

U-32 School Board — 1st Wed., 6:00 pm

Meeting place: Four Corners Schoolhouse

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

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

Meeting place: Emergency Services Facility Community Room

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

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

NO PARKING NOTICE — SNOW REMOVAL

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

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

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

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

CASELLA TRANSFER STATIONS ON ROUTE 2

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