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In Appreciation

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



Anne V. Sherman

59 years of service and counting...

Board of Adjustment (1975–2002)

Town Auditor (1972–1996)

Consultant to Auditors (1997–1999)

Funding Request Committee (1996–present)



Pauline Coburn	Assistant Town Clerk
Maurice Brown	Planning Commissioner
Tracy Phillips	Planning Commissioner
Patrick McCoy	Board of Adjustment
Gene Troia	Zoning Administrator Recreation Board
Jon Dunkling.....	Recreation Board
Janet MacLeod	Forest Committee
Fred Strong	Funding Request Study Committee
Kelly Codling	Trustee of Public Funds
Claire Pierce	Town Auditor
Dave Grundy	Revolving Loan Fund Committee
Ed Deegan	Revolving Loan Fund Committee
Nona Estrin	Solid Waste District Representative, Alt.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2003
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 4, 2003, Town and School Meeting. Candidates for Town and School Offices will be introduced. This will be the only opportunity to discuss the Town Budget, as it will be voted on by Australian Ballot. Town Business will precede School Business on the Agenda at the Forum, as well as at Town Meeting.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Town/School Meeting — Tuesday, March 4, 2003
Australian Ballot Voting
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

OFFICE FILED FOR:

MODERATOR for 1 year	Marty Miller
TOWN CLERK for 3 years	Sylvia M. Tosi
TOWN TREASURER for 3 years	Sylvia M. Tosi
SELECTPERSON for 3 years	Richard W. Curtis Jr.
(Vote for not more than One)	Martha Holden
LISTER for 3 years	No Candidate
AUDITOR for 3 years	Shirley M. King
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for 3 years	Teresa “Terri” Conti
TOWN LAW AGENT for 1 year	Dennis Carver
TOWN GRAND JUROR for 1 year	Tim Carver
FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year	Dennis Carver
SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year	Timothy Meehan
PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years	Alex Brown
(Vote for not more than Three)	Deborah Fillion
	Paul W. Haynes
	John “Jack” Pauly
	Tracy Phillips
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 5 years	Frederick C. Strong
SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years	Joe Buley Jr.
SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years	Lucy W. Ferrada
(Vote for not more than One)	Julia Longhi Haynes



Photo: Rick Mastelli

Retired after serving as Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer from June 1984 to June 2002, Pauline Coburn was honored at this year's Rally Day.

PAULIE

Just a few lines to recall
Our years together at the municipal hall
To keep our train of thoughts
On questions that were brought.

How do you get there from here?
Is the question most often asked.

Remember the calls from out of state
They can't say or pronounce East Montpelier
Say it with a southern accent –
Easta Monte-peelie.

The times we put away special papers
Only to forget where they were filed
Find them sometime later – still unfiled.

The early times – before computers –
You agonized over those tax bills
It's a wonder you stuck it out
To give the townspeople, no doubt-
No excuse to pay their dues.

The dogs papers were written by hand...
Our fingers were stiffened by day's end
Back before we had that dog list
programmed.

To continue o'er the years, votes were
counted
One by one, tallied and recorded...
And then the vote tally machine was bought
Each vote was automatically sorted....

No "dimples" – no "chads" - the votes
were accounted.

The lessons learned about computers
How it was that when we figured the
program out
That it had been programmed to make us
call our service
So we thought....
It always made us so nervous.

But learning as we did – going to classes
and seminars,
Taking on new programs over the years,
Has brought the town forward in many ways.

As folks came in and you received their
taxes,
Listened to their stories and sent out faxes,
Made lawyers their deed copies,
Furnished the auditors with the numbers
There never was any doubt Paulie
You certainly served our town dutifully.

It always has been a pleasure
To work with someone of your measure.

Congratulations on a Job Well Done!!!!
May your Retirement bring you the good
things you deserve

— Sylvia M. Tosi
Town Clerk/Treasurer, 6/20/02

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

Moderator: 1 year term; Expires 2003 Martin K. Miller

Town Clerk: 3 years; Expires 2003 Sylvia M. Tosi

Town Treasurer: 3 years; Expires 2003 Sylvia M. Tosi

Selectboard: 3 years

Expires 2003 Tim Meehan

Expires 2004 Edith Miller

Expires 2005 Thomas Brazier

Listers: 3 years

Expires 2003 James V. Goodall

Expires 2004 Earl Montague

Expires 2005 Rosendo Cueto, Jr.

Auditors: 3 years

Expires 2003 Holly Edwards

Expires 2004 Deborah Fillion

Expires 2005 Tracy M. Phillips

Trustees of Public Funds: 3 years

Expires 2003 Pauline E. Coburn

Expires 2004 Sylvia Tosi

Expires 2005 Virginia Hopkins

First Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2003 Dennis Carver

Second Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2003 Timothy Meehan

Town Law Agent: 1 year term; Expires 2003 Dennis Carver

Town Grand Juror: 1 year term; Expires 2003 Tim Carver

Elementary School Directors:

3 years; Expires 2003 Anna Saxman

2 years; Expires 2003 Lucy Ferrada

3 years; Expires 2004 Robert J. Rikken

2 years; Expires 2004 Nancy Thomas

3 years; Expires 2005 Janice Aldrich

U-32 School Directors: 3 years

Expires 2004 Virginia "Ginny" Burley

Expires 2005 Anthony "Tony" Klein

Cemetery Commissioners: 5 years

Expires 2003 Frederick C. Strong

Expires 2004 Gary Hudson

Expires 2005 Elliott Morse

Expires 2006 Maurice Cerutti

Expires 2007 Pauline Coburn

Planning Commission: 3 years

Expires 2003	Deborah Fillion
Expires 2003	Peter Hill
Expires 2003	John “Jack” Pauly
Expires 2004	Robert Chickering
Expires 2004	Dave Sparrow
Expires 2004	Carol Welch, Chair
Expires 2005	Marilyn “Lyn” Blackwell
Expires 2005	Richmond “Rick” Hopkins
Expires 2005	Kenneth Santor

Justices of the Peace: 2 years; 2/2003–2/2005

Janice Aldrich	Theresa Goslant
Dennis Carver	David Grundy
Rob Chickering	Harry “Burr” Morse, Jr.
Sue Clayton	Rebecca Reed
Ruth Farnham	Janice Waterman

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

Town Board for the Abatement of Taxes:

Civil Board of Authority plus Listers and Town Treasurer

APPOINTED

Collector of Lease Land Rent (1 year; 2003)	Sylvia M. Tosi
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer	Pauline Coburn (retired)
	Teresa “Terri” Conti
	Virginia Hopkins
Town Administrator	Marlene Betit
Road Foreman	Michael Garand
Town Service Officer (1 year; 2003)	Susan Kittredge
Delinquent Tax Collector (1 year; 2003)	Norma Raymond
Fence Viewers (1 year; 2003)	Marcia Pauly
Town Tree Warden (1 year; 2003)	Paul Cate
Inspector of Coal, Wood and Shingles (1 year; 2003)	Austin Cleaves
Town Health Officer (3 years; 2005)	Chris Reed
Regional Planning, Town Representative (1 year; 2003)	Edward Blackwell
Alternate (1 year; 2003)	Tracy Phillips
Transportation Advisory Committee Representative	
To Regional Planning Commission (1 year; 2003)	Frank Pratt
Zoning Administrator	Gene Troia (resigned)
Town Attorney	Bruce Bjornlund
Solid Waste District Representative (1 year; 2003)	Steve Jerome
Alternate (1 year; 2003)	Ginny Burley
Sewage Officer (1 year; 2003)	Richard Czaplinski

Town Fire Warden (5 years; 2004)	Chris Reed
Assistant Fire Warden (5 years; 2004)	Bill George
Emergency Management Coordinator (1 year; 2003)	Bill George
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc. Rep. (1 year; 2003)	Tom Brazier
Green Up Coordinator (1 year; 2003)	Bill Merrylees
Wheels Transportation Board Representative (2 years; 2004)	David Grundy

Forest Committee: 3 years

Harry “Burr” Morse, Jr. (2003)	Steven J. Sinclair (2003)
Paul Cate (2004)	Earle Ellingwood (2004)
Rick Barstow (2005)	

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3 years

Claudia Bristow (2003)	Ginger Hopkins (2003)
Sue Mahoney (2003)	Jeff Cueto, Acting Chair (2004)
Earle Ellingwood (2004)	Clifton King (2004)
Tim Carver (2005)	Sandy Conti (2005)
Fred Strong (2005)	

Recreation Board: 3 years

Dave Burley (2003)	Terri Conti, Co-Chair (2003)
Ed Deegan (2003)	Ginger Hopkins, Co-Chair (2003)
Jan Aldrich (2005)	Tim Bigelow (2005)
Brian Lusignan (2005)	

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: 3 years

Charles Johnson (2003)	Dennis Carver (2004)
Michael Dworkin (2004)	Leonard Wilson (2004)
Susan Chickering (2005)	Brian Lusignan (2005)

Funding Request Study Committee: 1 year; Expires 2003

Lyn Blackwell	Rhoda Chickering
Deborah Fillion	Tracy Phillips
Anne V. Sherman	

East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund Committee: No term set

Bruce Bjornland	Dave Grundy (resigned)
Dave Coburn, Chair	Ed Deegan (resigned)
Paul Manghi	Lynn Winters

Rally Day Committee: 1 year; Expires 2003

Rachel Senechal, Co-Chair	Rhoda Chickering	Mark Stephen
Jennifer Boyer, Co-Chair	Deborah Fillion	Sue Stephen
Janet Allen	Hobie Guion	Sylvia Tosi
Jean Cate	Ginger Hopkins	Janice Waterman

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

March 4, 2002

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 fourth (4th) day of March, 2003 at 9:30 A.M. to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on those Articles so noted:

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

Moderator, 1 year term, Town & School District

Town Clerk, 3 year term

Treasurer, 3 year term

Selectboard, 3 year term

Lister, 3 year term

Auditor, 3 year term

Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term

Town Law Agent, 1 year term

Town Grand Juror, 1 year term

First Constable, 1 year term

Second Constable, 1 year term

Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

School Director, 3 year term

School Director, 2 year term

U-32 School Director, 3 year term

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to have all taxes paid to the Treasurer, without discount, on real estate, as provided by law, received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building, on or before 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2003.

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

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$733,568.74 as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).

- ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise \$58,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town authorize the East Montpelier Fire Department to purchase a new engine/pumper at a cost of \$146,900.00 and to expend a sum not to exceed \$95,000.00 from the Capital Reserve towards said purchase. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town authorize the East Montpelier Fire Department to expend a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00 from the Capital Reserve in a one-time appropriation for the purchase of breathing apparatus. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise \$7,498 for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for General Operating expenses during 2003.
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$5,000 to the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of town cemeteries during 2003.
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$1,990 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Association 2003 operating expenses.
- ARTICLE 12: 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:
- a) Battered Women's Services and Shelter \$675
 - b) Central Vermont Community Action Council400
 - c) Central Vermont Council on Aging900
 - d) Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice2,600
 - e) Green Up Vermont100
 - f) Family Center of Washington County300
 - g) Onion River Food Shelf, Inc.150
 - h) People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc.700
 - i) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program275
 - j) Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc.400
 - k) U-32 Project Graduation200
 - l) Vermont Center for Independent Living200
 - m) Washington County Diversion Program200
 - n) Washington County Youth Services Bureau400
 - o) Wheels Transportation Services400
 - Total \$7,900

- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town extend the tax exempt status of the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association, Inc. for an additional five years (2008).
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the checklist.
- ARTICLE 15: To discuss speed limit issues in the Town including the potential for reducing speed limits on dirt roads and other specific changes for paved roads.
- ARTICLE 16: Be it resolved that the citizens of East Montpelier urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor and Congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the State of Vermont. (Petitioned Article).
- ARTICLE 17: Whereas genetically engineered (GE) foods and crops may cause long-term damage to the environment, threaten the integrity of rural, family farm economies, and may have serious impacts on human health; whereas GE crops have been found to contaminate other crops through cross-pollination, and are stringently regulated in more than 30 countries; whereas citizens throughout the United States are taking steps to address concerns about GE foods at the state and local levels; whereas Congress and federal regulatory agencies have failed to adequately address this issue and whereas consumers of any food product have the right to complete confidence and thorough knowledge of any ingredient in their food or other products:
1. We call upon our elected officials, including Vermont legislators, Congressional representative and U.S. Senators, to support the mandatory labeling by manufacturers and processors of all genetically engineered food and seed.
 2. We call on a moratorium on the further growing of GE crops until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment, and the survival of family farms, and
 3. We call upon our school district to not use GE foods until there is scientific evidence that these products are not harmful.

4. We declare our support for legislation at the state and federal levels that will hold commercial developers of GE technology liable for any damages resulting from the growing of GE crops. (Petitioned Article).

ARTICLE 18: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

A Public Informational Hearing concerning the Australian Ballot Articles and pre-Town Meeting forum to discuss all other Articles and meet candidates for offices, will be held at the East Montpelier Elementary School on Saturday, February 22, at 9:30 A.M., to which the citizens of the Town are invited.

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 23rd day of January 2003.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

THOMAS H. BRAZIER, *Chair*

EDITH A. MILLER

TIMOTHY F. MEEHAN

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, 24 January A.D. 2003 at 11:00 a.m.
Received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: SYLVIA M. TOSI, *Town Clerk*

SELECTBOARD REPORT

We have continued to deal with a variety of issues and challenges this past year. Public hearings on the Brazier and Pratt conservation project, speed limits, and the Animal Control Ordinance were well attended and provided welcome feedback from residents. The conservation project work has been initiated by Trust for Public Land as they research and obtain funding. The speed limits on paved and dirt roads is of great interest to many residents and for that reason we have included it as an item of discussion for Town Meeting. The Animal Control Ordinance is in final draft state and requires some fine-tuning prior to its adoption.

Municipal road projects continued this summer. Road Foreman Mike Garand, Tony Williams and Frank Campbell spent many hours working on ditching projects to alleviate road drainage problems. A new box culvert was installed on County Road to replace a failing culvert, the estimated cost was \$80,000.00 with an actual cost of \$74,293. We received an 80% reimbursement from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation of \$59,434.00.

We also accepted Jourdan Road (off Clark Road) as a town highway. We were happy to present Road Foreman Garand with his certificate from the Vermont Local Roads program as Vermont Equipment Scholar. Mike attended five core and three elective daylong workshops sponsored by the Vermont Local Roads Program in order to qualify. The Selectboard is pleased that Mike took advantage of the training and with the resulting benefits for the Town of East Montpelier.

We have continued our efforts to be fully compliant with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement 34 (GASB 34) that established new standards for annual financial reports of state and local governments (as well as public school districts and other institutions) with a phase in date for our town of June 30, 2004. We have obtained road, bridge, and culvert inventories and condition ratings to quantify fixed assets and infrastructure. A fixed asset list has been developed for land, buildings, and equipment including depreciation. The final requirement is moving to a modified accrual based accounting system, which is planned for 2003. Town Administrator Marlene Betit has been coordinating with our Public Accountants to ensure compliance by 2004.

The Selectboard continues to work with the Agency of Transportation on the bridge and intersection projects in East Montpelier such as the replacement of the following:

- 1) concrete bridge (Bridge #68) and redesign of adjoining US Route 2 and VT Route 14 intersection;
- 2) concrete bridge by Delairs Carpet Barn on Route 2 (Bridge #74);
- 3) metal bridge in North Montpelier ("Singing" bridge – Bridge #71);
- 4) small concrete bridge on Route 14 by Bragg Farm (Bridge #69); and
- 5) the redesign of Route 2 & 14 intersection (adjacent to Municipal Building).

We would like to note that Paulie Coburn retired this year after many years of dedicated service as Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer. It is appropriate that Paulie was honored for her years of service at the Rally Day parade. Paulie continues to serve as Cemetery Commissioner so we have an opportunity to see her at the Town Offices from time to time.

A subcommittee of the Planning Commission has worked diligently to prepare a comprehensive and revitalized Town Plan draft. The members of the subcommittee (Deborah Fillion, Jack Pauly, Rob Chickering, Lyn Blackwell, and Rick Hopkins) should be thanked for their perseverance and commitment. Additional opportunities for comment will be available when we hold public hearings on the Town Plan.

As members of the Selectboard we wish to thank Anne Sherman for her many years of extraordinary public service on behalf of the citizens of East Montpelier. She has been a role model for us all, showing the impact that one individual can have on many aspects of community life.

We want to thank all of the volunteers who provide many hours of their time to enhance the Town of East Montpelier for current and future generations. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please complete the application form at the back of this book.

TIMOTHY F. MEEHAN, *Chair*
EDITH A. MILLER
THOMAS H. BRAZIER



Winter Road Work, East Montpelier, 2003

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

Our office continues to evolve in the computer field. We are planning to convert our bookkeeping to meet Federal Standards (GASB, Governmental Accounting Standards Board) within the next two years. This will entail reporting on an accrual basis versus a cash basis.

The Lateral Storage System installed in 2001 has proven its worth and its use has become indispensable.

Presently, our Land Record Book 75 is being filled with Warranties and Mortgage deeds and other documents. Seventeen-page mortgages are being filed with the refinancing of home loans due to continued low interest rates.

Three old Land Records Books, covering years 1902–1925, were restored at \$752 each. A Plot Plan Map dated 1916 was restored and placed in a mylar folder for \$200 and two smaller original maps of the Town as Montpelier were also encapsulated for \$100. Restoration of more records books will continue. Some of the money earned from the sale of the East Montpelier Sesquicentennial plates was used to pay for the restoration of these records.

Microfilming of Land Record Books 58 through 63 at \$60 each were done at the State of Vermont Public Records Dept. in Middlesex. Twelve more books remain to be microfilmed as of the end of 2002 and an extra \$390 was put in the budget to be able to finish microfilming. As future Land Record Books are filled, they will be microfilmed to keep records up to date. In case a catastrophe ever occurred, our records would be available to be duplicated from the microfilm.

Property taxes in the amount of \$3,531,249.86 were collected with only \$91,584.97 being reported delinquent. Of the amount collected, 76% or \$2,683,749.89 was paid to the school district twenty days after the due date of Nov. 15. The remaining \$57,226.11 will be paid within 120 days as per State Statute. This figure is determined by the amount of delinquent taxes not paid.

Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Pauline Coburn retired this year in June. A reception was held here in the office on June 20 and many came in to give her their best wishes. Her 18 years of service to the Town is most appreciated.

A new Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer, Teresa (Terri) Conti, was hired at the beginning of June and worked with Paulie for three weeks to learn some of the procedures of the job. Terri has been doing a great job learning and absorbing the responsibilities of each position.

Taxpayer Note: Property taxes must be received in the office by 5:00 p.m. on the due date which will be Nov. 17, 2003, for this coming tax year. This is voted on at Town Meeting each year. No postmarked tax payment dated the tax due date but received after the tax due date are accepted. They are turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector.

If anyone wishes to do a research of their property, you are most welcome to come in and do so. Our office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon.

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

CASH FUND BALANCE RECONCILIATION

Actual Revenues & Expenses:	2001	2002
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,230.18	75,289.41
Total Revenues	1,313,717.12	1,225,538.02
Total Expenses	(1,240,657.89)	(1,194,147.93)
	=====	=====
Surplus	\$ 75,289.41	\$ 106,679.50
 December 31, Assets:	 2001	 2002
Cash Drawer	\$ 125.00	125.00
Checking Account	27,000.00	27,000.00
Money Market Account	163,886.16	153,361.68
	=====	=====
Total Assets	\$ 191,011.16	\$ 180,486.68
 Cash/Fund Balance Reconciliation:	 2001	 2002
Total Cash	\$ 191,011.16	\$ 180,486.68
Less Taxes Owed to School	(115,721.75)	(57,226.11)
Less Short-Term Note - Grader	0.00	(16,581.07)
	=====	=====
Reconciled Cash Surplus	\$ 75,289.41	\$ 106,679.50

NOTE: The Town of East Montpelier reports its financial transactions on the cash basis, with plans to convert to accrual-based accounting in 2003.

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER 2003 REVENUE

CASH & RECEIPTS:	Actual 2001	Budget 2002	Actual YTD 12/31/02	(Under) Over	Selectboard Proposed 2003
TOTAL CASH ON HAND:	2,230.18	75,289.41	75,289.41	0.00	106,679.50
NON-TAX RECEIPTS:					
Recording/Copy Fees	19,034.74	16,000.00	26,699.83	10,699.83	17,000.00
Zoning Fees	4,594.00	4,400.00	7,128.00	2,728.00	5,500.00
Sewage Fees	1,560.00	1,600.00	1,068.00	(532.00)	1,000.00
Dog Licenses	2,929.00	2,800.00	2,870.00	70.00	2,800.00
Liquor Licenses	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
School Share Town Expenses	5,515.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00
State Aid Highways	117,571.05	105,000.00	112,702.32	7,702.32	108,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,069.67	1,500.00	689.48	(810.52)	1,000.00
Interest/Sweep Account	11,368.75	11,000.00	4,933.57	(6,066.43)	4,000.00
Interest/Delinquent Taxes	12,420.36	8,000.00	14,666.28	6,666.28	10,000.00
Penalty Delinquent Taxes	14,244.75	11,000.00	9,841.08	(1,158.92)	9,500.00
State Land/Access	1,463.00	525.00	886.00	361.00	525.00
Current Use Hold Harmless	30,512.00	30,000.00	36,825.00	6,825.00	31,000.00
Insurance Claim Truck	2,616.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Traffic Fines	17,899.00	12,000.00	16,478.52	4,478.52	15,500.00
VCDP Management Income/Fairmont	7,394.86	7,394.86	7,860.06	465.20	7,700.00
State Pilot Program	0.00	0.00	844.00	844.00	0.00
Sesquicentennial Funds	0.00	0.00	1,556.00	1,556.00	0.00
Reimbursement Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Green Up	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
Better Backroads Grant - Road Inventory	0.00	1,122.00	1,122.00	0.00	0.00
Vtrans Grant for Gallison Paving	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vtrans Grant for Clark Road Culvert	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,000.00
Vtrans Grant for County Road Culvert	0.00	64,000.00	59,434.00	(4,566.00)	0.00
Vtrans Grant for Center Road Culvert	40,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trade-in 1994 dump truck ¹	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'01 Dump Truck Loan Proceeds	73,810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TAX RECEIPTS	414,603.17	284,941.86	314,204.14	29,262.28	286,400.00
TAXES:					
Current Taxes:					
Selectboard Budget		741,688.84	0.00		733,568.74
Other Money Articles		138,519.00	0.00		80,388.00
Total Current Taxes	\$718,481.67	\$880,207.84	\$790,275.22	(\$89,932.62)	\$813,956.74
Delinquent Taxes:					
Current Year	56,328.83	N/A	21,856.40		N/A
Prior Years	124,303.45	N/A	99,202.26		N/A
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$180,632.28	N/A	\$121,058.66	\$121,058.66	N/A
TOTAL TAXES	\$899,113.95	\$880,207.84	\$911,333.88	\$31,126.04	\$813,956.74
GRAND TOTAL CASH & RECEIPTS	\$1,315,947.30	\$1,240,439.11	\$1,300,827.43	\$60,388.32	\$1,207,036.24

¹ \$5,500 credit received as a reduction of purchase price.

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
2003 BUDGET**

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Town Officers:

	Actual 2001	Budget 2002	Actual YTD 12/31/02	Under (Over)	Proposed 2003
Town Clerk	31,800.00	32,760.00	32,750.64	9.36	33,415.20
Assistant Town Clerk - Coburn	19,591.00	11,322.48	11,322.48	0.00	0.00
Assistant Town Clerk - Conti	0.00	9,444.24	11,160.00	(1,715.76)	18,670.08
Substitute Town Clerk	3,404.46	4,326.40	1,990.21	2,336.19	4,412.93
Auditors	1,738.00	2,500.00	2,619.40	(119.40)	2,550.00
Selectboard	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00
Town Administrator	17,362.80	20,009.60	20,009.60	0.00	20,409.79
Municipal Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	14,244.75	18,000.00	8,181.38	9,818.62	12,000.00
Comprehensive Salary Evaluation	2,250.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Town Officers	93,391.72	101,362.72	91,033.71	10,329.01	95,358.00

Employee Benefits:

Social Security/Medicare	16,813.35	18,117.82	17,471.74	646.08	18,627.66
Municipal Retirement	8,695.27	9,424.93	9,294.24	130.69	9,488.30
Unemployment	1,374.00	1,966.00	1,966.00	0.00	2,066.00
Health Insurance	21,687.88	23,334.08	25,110.65	(1,776.57)	32,622.53
Total Employee Benefits	48,570.50	52,842.83	53,842.63	(999.80)	62,804.50

Law Enforcement:

State Troopers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,845.00
Constable	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00

E-9-1-1 Dispatch.....	4,000.00	4,350.00	2,973.55	1,376.45	4,567.00
Sheriff's Patrol	1,866.38	3,000.00	4,150.00	(1,150.00)	0.00
Total Law Enforcement	6,616.38	8,100.00	7,873.55	226.45	23,162.00
Town Meeting & Elections:					
Ballot Clerks	378.25	1,150.00	849.50	300.50	400.00
Town Report & Printing	3,142.03	3,300.00	2,948.75	351.25	3,000.00
Ballot Equipment	942.52	2,750.00	3,266.26	(516.26)	1,000.00
Total Town Mtg./Elec.	4,462.80	7,200.00	7,064.51	135.49	4,400.00
East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund (EMRLF)*					
General Expenses.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Loan Servicing Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Mailing Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total EMRLF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
<i>*EMRLF receives \$7,700 for program administration - see revenue page</i>					
Electricity:					
Town Office	1,182.58	1,250.00	1,085.24	164.76	1,250.00
Street Lights	4,285.64	4,300.00	4,309.18	(9.18)	4,325.00
Town Garage	1,450.56	1,600.00	1,914.28	(314.28)	2,200.00
Total Electricity	6,918.78	7,150.00	7,308.70	(158.70)	7,775.00
Telephone:					
Town Office	2,208.86	2,210.00	2,559.00	(349.00)	2,600.00
Town Garage	1,145.43	1,200.00	1,216.55	(16.55)	1,200.00
Total Telephone	3,354.29	3,410.00	3,775.55	(365.55)	3,800.00
Insurance & Bonds	23,915.11	20,530.00	16,613.03	3,916.97	20,000.00

Insurance Fees	Actual 2001	Budget 2002	Actual YTD 12/31/02	Under (Over)	Proposed 2003
	1,693.45	4,000.00	1,111.02	2,888.98	4,000.00
Accounting Services:					
Conversion to modified accrual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Outside Audit	3,150.00	3,200.00	3,275.00	(75.00)	3,500.00
Total Accounting Services	3,150.00	3,200.00	3,275.00	(75.00)	4,500.00
Office Supplies:					
Postage	2,592.87	2,900.00	2,894.44	5.56	3,000.00
Restoration	913.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sesquicentennial	0.00	0.00	1,556.00	(1,556.00)	0.00
Supplies	5,572.41	5,500.00	4,834.58	665.42	6,495.00
Equipment	681.00	700.00	126.82	573.18	2,343.00
Vault Storage	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Office Supplies	18,259.28	10,100.00	10,411.84	(311.84)	12,838.00
Printing & Advertising	2,102.60	2,500.00	2,275.70	224.30	2,500.00
Computer:					
Services	2,264.02	2,150.00	2,184.09	(34.09)	2,150.00
Equipment/Software	1,364.95	840.00	758.15	81.85	5,574.00
Total Computer	3,628.97	2,990.00	2,942.24	47.76	7,724.00
Municipal Building:					
Payroll	216.00	250.00	296.00	(46.00)	250.00
Water Cooler	0.00	140.00	96.80	43.20	200.00

Rubbish/Recycling	0.00	300.00	260.10	39.90	300.00
Water	0.00	840.00	919.46	(79.46)	1,000.00
Custodial	0.00	1,716.00	2,098.00	(382.00)	2,100.00
Fuel	0.00	1,652.00	172.86	1,479.14	1,660.00
General Expenses	4,935.87	500.00	467.89	32.11	500.00
Repairs	5,172.00	5,919.00	6,516.00	(597.00)	2,050.00
Total Municipal Building	10,323.87	11,317.00	10,827.11	489.89	8,060.00
Other Office Expense					
General	731.73	700.00	850.11	(150.11)	850.00
Tax Map Maintenance	1,250.00	1,325.00	1,325.00	0.00	1,325.00
In Service Training	880.00	1,240.00	1,200.00	40.00	675.00
Total Office Miscellaneous	2,861.73	3,265.00	3,375.11	(110.11)	2,850.00
Planning & Zoning:					
Zoning Administrator Payroll	3,880.60	5,555.00	4,718.50	836.50	8,970.00
Advertising (Hearing Notices)	624.63	700.00	1,132.29	(432.29)	0.00
Mileage Expense & Misc.	198.99	600.00	530.55	69.45	385.00
Total Zoning Administrator	4,704.22	6,855.00	6,381.34	473.66	9,355.00
Planning Commission	478.25	700.00	1,842.26	(1,142.26)	0.00
Recording Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Hearing Notification/Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00
Mailing & Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
Educational/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00
Total Planning Commission	478.25	700.00	1,842.26	(1,142.26)	1,475.00
Board of Adjustment	121.11	200.00	1,200.00	(1,000.00)	0.00
Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Hearing Notification/Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00

	Actual 2001	Budget 2002	Actual YTD 12/31/02	Under (Over)	Proposed 2003
Mailing & Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
Educational/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
Total Board of Adjustment	121.11	200.00	1,200.00	(1,000.00)	1,280.00
Total Planning & Zoning	5,303.58	7,755.00	9,423.60	(1,668.60)	12,110.00
Sewage Officer - Payroll	1,028.00	1,500.00	1,298.00	202.00	1,500.00
Mailing & Mileage	118.50	200.00	203.63	(3.63)	205.00
Total Sewage Officer	1,146.50	1,700.00	1,501.63	198.37	1,705.00
Listers:					
Salaries	9,525.00	11,000.00	9,174.00	1,826.00	11,000.00
Supplies	46.00	500.00	46.00	454.00	500.00
Services	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total Listers	9,571.00	12,000.00	9,220.00	2,780.00	12,000.00
Tax Appeals/Abatements	118.00	1,890.00	1,265.93	624.07	1,890.00
Loans & Interest:					
Tax Anticipation Interest	11,193.59	10,000.00	4,112.24	5,887.76	5,000.00
Total Loans & Interest	11,193.59	10,000.00	4,112.24	5,887.76	5,000.00
Dues & Budget Requests:					
CV Regional Planning Comm.	1,927.80	2,191.30	2,191.30	0.00	2,191.30
Northern VT Resource Council	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	50.00
CV Economic Development	900.00	900.00	900.00	0.00	900.00

Washington County Expense	18,344.00	17,318.00	17,318.00	0.00	17,387.00
Vt. League Cities & Towns	1,398.00	1,676.00	1,676.00	0.00	2,227.00
Recreation Board	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Wrightsville Beach Dist.	694.32	799.18	799.18	0.00	1,160.10
Ambulance Service	44,304.00	51,560.00	50,271.00	1,289.00	51,560.00
CV Solid Waste Mgt. Dist.	4,695.60	5,413.80	5,413.80	0.00	5,433.00
Fire Department	81,867.00	93,321.25	92,321.25	1,000.00	87,975.00
Displaced Canine Services	1,200.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00
K-H. Library Capital Campaign	16,290.00	16,290.00	16,290.00	0.00	16,290.00
Special Projects	30,577.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dues & Budget Requests	205,198.26	193,919.53	191,630.53	2,289.00	189,473.40
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES:	461,780.41	465,232.08	438,883.63	26,348.45	481,949.90

HIGHWAY EXPENSES:

Summer Roads					
Labor	52,056.05	59,785.18	54,108.50	5,676.68	60,980.88
Operations	14,868.91	25,000.00	11,070.68	13,929.32	25,000.00
Chloride	20,654.70	20,000.00	26,686.02	(6,686.02)	25,000.00
Gravel	68,572.78	82,000.00	78,499.55	3,500.45	82,000.00
Guardrail	0.00	4,350.00	4,200.00	150.00	4,500.00
Pavement Crack Sealing	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
Center Road Culvert ¹	57,064.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Road Road Culvert ²	0.00	80,000.00	74,293.00	5,707.00	0.00
Clark Road Culvert ³	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00
Total Summer Roads	223,216.69	281,135.18	257,857.75	23,277.43	287,480.88

¹ \$40,500 – Vtrans Reimbursement 2001 see Revenue page.

² \$59,434 – Vtrans Reimbursement 2002 see Revenue page.

³ \$64,000 – Vtrans Reimbursement 2003 see Revenue page.

	Actual 2001	Budget 2002	Actual YTD 12/31/02	Under (Over)	Proposed 2003
Winter Roads					
Labor	51,749.53	55,186.32	56,400.01	(1,213.69)	61,090.00
Operations	1,413.22	3,800.00	1,513.76	2,286.24	4,000.00
Salt	26,987.83	26,000.00	29,171.07	(3,171.07)	32,000.00
Sand	37,051.84	38,000.00	40,362.91	(2,362.91)	45,000.00
Total Winter Roads	117,202.42	122,986.32	127,447.75	(4,461.43)	142,090.00
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance:					
Misc. Repairs & Maintenance	23,482.09	40,000.00	21,974.05		40,000.00
1994 Dump Truck (Sold to EMFD)	770.39	0.00	0.00		
1996 Dump Truck	6,281.13	0.00	2,862.98		
1999 Dump Truck	2,404.91	0.00	1,742.55		
2000 1 Ton Truck	2,855.20	0.00	635.56	— (13,419.96)	
2001 Ten Wheeler	79.64	0.00	1,950.41		
Chipper	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Grader ⁴	5,112.02	0.00	24,183.42		
Loader	(163.05)	0.00	44.41		
Backhoe	0.00	0.00	26.58		
Total Equipment	40,822.33	40,000.00	53,419.96	(13,419.96)	40,000.00
⁴ \$16,581.07 – Grader Repair and rental					
Other Road Expenses					
Gas, Fuel, Oil & Grease	29,303.53	25,000.00	11,814.48	13,185.52	20,000.00
'97 Paving Bond	119,025.00	115,155.00	115,155.00	0.00	111,195.00
'99 Dump Truck Note	17,000.54	16,674.00	16,673.59	0.41	0.00
'01 Dump Truck Down Payment	24,606.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

'01 Dump Truck Purchase.....	75,388.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'01 Dump Truck Note	0.00	26,079.53	26,079.53	26,079.53	0.00	25,587.46
Salt Shed Construction.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Resurfacing - Gallison Hill Road ⁵	30,088.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Road Inventory/Condition Survey ⁶	0.00	2,208.00	2,208.00	2,208.00	0.00	0.00
Culvert Inventory/Condition Survey	0.00	5,500.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	100.00	0.00
Green-Up Day	0.00	300.00	96.71	96.71	203.29	400.00
Signs	102.00	1,200.00	347.53	347.53	852.47	2,445.00
In Service Training	50.00	450.00	245.00	245.00	205.00	500.00
Total Other Road Exp.	295,564.04	192,566.53	178,019.84	14,546.69		175,127.46
TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET	676,805.48	636,688.03	616,745.30	19,942.73		644,698.34
TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET	1,138,585.89	1,101,920.11	1,055,628.93	46,291.18		1,126,648.24

⁵ \$30,000 Vtrans Reimbursement 2001 – see Revenue page.

⁶ \$1,122 Better Backroads Reimbursement 2002 – see Revenue page.

VOTED ARTICLES:

Capital Reserve Fund	80,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	0.00	0.00	58,000.00
K-H. Library Operating Support	4,097.00	6,290.00	6,290.00	0.00	0.00	7,498.00
Four Corners Schoolhouse	2,825.00	4,830.00	4,830.00	0.00	0.00	1,990.00
Cemetery Commission	7,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Conservation Fund	0.00	9,999.00	9,999.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Department - engine/pumper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Department - Hep. B Shots	0.00	4,050.00	4,050.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Department - Exams	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total of Individual Voted Articles	93,922.00	130,569.00	130,569.00	0.00	0.00	72,488.00

FUNDING REQUESTS:

	Actual 2001	Budget 2002	Actual YTD 12/31/02	Under (Over)	Proposed 2003
Project Graduation U-32	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
C.V. Home Health & Hospice	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
C.V. Community Action	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Wash. County Youth Serv.	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
C.V. Council on Aging	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	900.00
Retired Senior Volunteers	275.00	275.00	275.00	0.00	275.00
Battered Women's Serv/Shelter	675.00	675.00	675.00	0.00	675.00
Vt. Center for Ind. Living	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Vermont Green Up	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
People's Health Clinic	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	700.00
Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc.	300.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Court Diversion Program	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	200.00
Family Center Wash.County	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Vt. Assoc. Blind	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Union River Arts Council	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Wheels Transportation Services	300.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Union River Food Shelf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Woman Centered	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Vermont Cares	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total of Funding Request Article	8,150.00	7,950.00	7,950.00	0.00	7,900.00
TOTAL VOTED ARTICLES	102,072.00	138,519.00	138,519.00	0.00	80,388.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	1,240,657.89	1,240,439.11	1,194,147.93	46,291.18	1,207,036.24

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

	2002 Balance	DUE IN 2003					2005 Est'd.	2006 Est'd.	2007 Est'd.	2008 Est'd.
		Interest Rate	Interest Amount	Principal	2003 Total	2004 Est'd.				
Notes Payable										
2001 Dump Truck:										
VT Agency of Transportation ...	49,206	2.00%	984	24,603	25,587	24,603	0	0	0	0
Interest						493	0	0	0	0
1997 Paving Project Bond:										
6/1 Interest Only Payment			10,597		10,597	8,572	6,480	4,343	2,183	0
12/1 Interest Payment			10,598		10,598	8,573	6,480	4,342	2,182	0
12/1 Principal Payment	450,000			90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	0
	<u>\$ 499,206</u>		<u>\$22,179</u>	<u>\$114,603</u>	<u>\$136,782</u>	<u>\$132,241</u>	<u>\$102,960</u>	<u>\$98,685</u>	<u>\$94,365</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Debt Service:

2003	136,782
2004	132,241
2005	102,960
2006	98,685
2007	94,365
2008 and thereafter *	0
	<u>565,033</u>

Less Interest Portion:

(65,827)

Total Debt \$ 499,206

NOTES:

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

TOWN SALARIES AND BENEFITS PAID

	Salary	Total*
TOWN OFFICE		
Sylvia Tosi	\$ 32,750.64	\$ 39,138.80
Pauline Coburn	11,322.48	13,652.86
Marlene Betit	20,009.60	23,739.96
Virginia Hopkins	2,899.21	3,121.00
Teresa Conti	10,791.00	13,204.14
	<u>\$ 77,772.93</u>	<u>\$ 92,856.76</u>
ROADS		
	Overtime Hours	
Michael Garand 490.5	43,875.93	59,040.23
Anthony C. Williams 453.0	34,438.56	46,598.57
Frank Campbell, II 423.0	32,194.02	40,187.40
	<u>\$ 110,508.51</u>	<u>\$ 145,826.20</u>
OTHER		
Thomas H. Brazier	750.00	807.38
Edith Miller	750.00	807.38
Timothy Meehan	750.00	807.38
Norma Raymond	8,181.38	8,807.26
Rosendo Cueto	8,650.00	9,311.73
Earl Montague	320.00	344.48
James Goodall	204.00	219.61
Eugene F. Troia	3,040.00	3,272.56
Richard Czaplinski	1,298.00	1,397.30
Holly Edwards	514.00	553.32
Deborah Fillion	3,037.50	3,269.87
Claire Pierce	510.40	549.45
Teresa Conti	1,728.50	1,860.73
Sally O'Neill	802.50	863.89
Virginia Hopkins	188.50	202.92
Dennis Carver	750.00	807.38
Chris Reed	750.00	807.38
John Mears	296.00	318.64
	<u>\$ 32,520.78</u>	<u>\$ 35,008.66</u>
CEMETERY		
Kevin P. Wilkinson	1,194.00	1,285.34
Elliott Morse	1,477.50	1,590.53
Max Levine-Wilkinson	45.00	48.44
TOTAL CEMETERY	<u>\$ 2,716.50</u>	<u>\$ 2,924.31</u>
TOTAL TOWN & CEMETERY	<u><u>\$ 223,518.72</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 276,615.93</u></u>

* Benefit packages may include: FICA (Social Security), Medicare, Retirement, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, payment in lieu of Health Insurance, and/or Uniforms. Other costs of the employer for Federal/State Unemployment and Workers' Compensation Insurance are not included as benefits. These costs for 2002 are approximately \$6,188.

DELINQUENT TAXES

	Taxes Due Jan. 1, 2002	Paid In 2002	Abated 2002	Balance Due Dec. 31, 2002
1991	65.92	0.00	0.00	65.92
1992	75.20	0.00	0.00	75.20
1993	80.96	0.00	0.00	80.96
1994	82.24	0.00	0.00	82.24
1995	31.50	0.00	0.00	31.50
1996	32.70	0.00	0.00	32.70
1997	1,969.70	0.00	0.00	1,969.70
1998	3,567.73	1,415.23	0.00	2,152.50
1999	5,921.71	5,661.71	0.00	260.00
2000	13,097.23	11,782.32	0.00	1,314.91
2001	120,257.85	80,343.00	0.00	39,914.85
	<u>\$ 145,182.74</u>	<u>\$ 99,202.26</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,980.48</u>
Submitted to Collector 11/16/02	91,584.97	21,856.40	0.00	69,728.57
	<u>\$ 236,767.71</u>	<u>\$ 121,058.66</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 115,709.05</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Interest on Delinquent Tax		14,627.91		
		<u>\$ 135,686.57</u>		
		=====		

SUMMARY:

Delinquent Taxes

Uncollected as of January 1, 2002	\$ 145,182.74
2002 Delinquent Taxes Submitted to Collector 11/16/02	91,584.97
	<u>\$ 236,767.71</u>
	=====

Delinquent Taxes Collected and Submitted to Treasurer	121,058.66
Uncollected as of December 31, 2002	115,709.05
Abated	0.00
	<u>\$ 236,767.71</u>
	=====

Total Delinquent Taxes and Interest Collected in 2002	<u>\$ 135,686.57</u>
	=====

TAXES RAISED

2002 Tax Rate \$2.59

Statewide School \$1.09 • Local School \$.87 • Town \$.63

Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,397,300.87*
School Grand List	\$ 1,399,284.92*
(includes cable TV lines \$1,984.00)	

** Note: These figures represent adjustments made
to Grand List after tax rate was set.*

Taxes Raised at \$.63 Town Tax Rate	\$ 880,299.55
Taxes Raised at \$1.96 School Tax Rate	2,742,598.44
Total Taxes Town and School	3,622,897.99
Less Lease Land (UVM/WCGS)	(63.16)
Total Taxes.....	<u><u>\$ 3,622,834.83</u></u>

Sources of Taxes Collected

2002 Real Estate Taxes Collected by Nov. 15, 2002	\$ 3,531,251.22
2002 Delinquent Taxes	
Collected as of Dec. 31, 2002	21,856.40
Uncollected as of Dec. 31, 2002	69,728.57
	<u>91,584.97</u>
Total Collected	\$ 3,622,836.19
Over Collected	(1.36)
Total Taxes	<u><u>\$ 3,622,834.83</u></u>



TOWN'S PORTION OF SCHOOL EXPENSES

	2001 Actual	2002 Actual	2003 Projected
Elementary School	\$ 491,572	542,131	589,200
U-32 High School	654,893	668,514	730,654
State Wide Property Tax	<u>1,471,866</u>	<u>1,530,331</u>	<u>1,668,062</u>
Total	\$ 2,618,331	\$ 2,740,976	\$ 2,987,916

DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES

Amount calculated due to School District as follows:

Tax Rate:		Percentage
State Liability	\$ 1.09	42%
Local Liability	<u>.87</u>	<u>34%</u>
Total School Tax	\$ 1.96	76%
 Town	 \$.63	 24%
	<u>==</u>	<u>==</u>
Total School/Town Taxes	\$ 2.59	100%

	Budget	Actual
State Liability	\$ 1,530,331.00	1,530,331.00
Local Liability	<u>1,210,645.00</u>	<u>1,210,645.00</u>
Total School Taxes	\$ 2,740,976.00	2,740,976.00
Total Town Taxes	<u>880,208.00*</u>	<u>881,858.83*</u>
Total School/ Town Taxes	<u><u>\$ 3,621,184.00</u></u>	<u><u>3,622,834.83</u></u>

* Difference is in rounding the tax rate to accommodate amount to be raised.

Collected by November 15, 2002	\$ 3,531,249.86
× School Percentage	<u>× .76</u>
Amount Due School District (20 days)	2,683,749.89
Balance Due School District (within 120 days)	<u>57,226.11</u>
Total School Tax	<u><u>\$ 2,740,976.00</u></u>

Taxes Collected by Nov. 15, 2002	\$ 3,531,251.22
Delinquent Taxes on Nov. 16, 2002	<u>91,584.97</u>
Taxes Collected	\$ 3,622,836.19
Over Collected	<u>(1.36)</u>
Total Taxes	<u><u>\$ 3,622,834.83</u></u>

TOWN PROPERTY

LAND, BUILDINGS, AND CEMETERIES

Town Office and	0.60 acres	Cate Cemetery	0.67 acres
Town Garage and	24.20 acres	Cutler Cemetery	2.70 acres
Town Fire Station and	1.00 acre	Doty Cemetery	2.80 acres
Town Forest	96.36 acres	Quaker Cemetery	0.42 acres
Elementary School and ...	18.00 acres	Tinkham Cemetery	0.20 acres
Recreation Field	12.00 acres	*Village Cemetery	2.70 acres
Coburn Covered Bridge		Wheeler Cemetery	1.30 acres

**Includes former Town Hall lot.*



VEHICLES, ETC.

(Information as of January 1, 2003)

		Mileage	Hours
2002	International 2574 Dump Truck		
	Sand Spreader and Plow and Wing	28,436	1,922
1999	International 4900 Dump Truck		
	Sand Spreader and Plow and Wing	52,443	4,424
1996	International 4900 Dump Truck		
	Sand Spreader and Plow and Wing	102,343	8,007
2000	Ford 550 Dump Truck		
	One Way Plow and Sand Spreader	29,641	N/A
1993	Caterpillar 928 Front End Loader	N/A	5,740
1990	Caterpillar 140G Grader	N/A	8,325
1998	MorBark Brush Chipper	N/A	537
1972	Ford 900 Fire Truck	34,495	N/A
1995	International Pumper / Tanker	14,291	933
1988	John Deere 210C Backhoe	N/A	3,219

TOWN SWEEP CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001 \$ 190,886.16

Income

Account Interest	2,592.96
CD Interest	2,340.61
2 Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN)	307,000.00
State Aid for Roads	112,702.32
Road Inventory Grant	1,122.00
County Road Culvert Grant	59,434.00
Traffic Fines.....	16,478.52
Grader Repairs & Rental Note.....	16,581.00
from Cemetery Trust Fund	11,811.91
from Act 200 Fund	1,048.64
from Sesquicentennial Fund.....	1,556.00
from Fairmont Farm Fund	15,719.62
State Current Use Hold Harmless	36,825.00
State Land/Access Program	886.00
State Pilot Program	844.00
School Share of Treasurer Expense	8,500.00
Fees and Licenses	37,865.83
Property Taxes	3,531,251.22
Delinquent Taxes, Int., Penalties	145,566.02
Misc. Income	689.55

Total Income 4,310,815.20

Expenses

Town's Portion of School Expenses	(2,799,471.64)
Repayment of TAN	(307,000.00)
Fairmont Admin Costs to State	(7,859.56)
Cemetery Trust Fund	(11,811.91)
Act 200 Fund	(1,048.64)
Warned Articles (as voted)	(138,519.00)
2002 Town Budget (actual)	(1,055,628.93)

Total Expenses (4,321,339.68)

Ending Balance* – December 31, 2002 \$ 180,361.68

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



Winter Crossroads, East Montpelier, 2003.

PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS

Dog State Rabies Program	\$ 523.00
Marriage and Civil Union Licenses	255.00
Fish & Wildlife	837.00



TOWN AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS SUMMARY*

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- * The Town and Fiduciary Funds are held in separate bank accounts. These funds may be spent only for the specific purposes for which they were intended and are not available for the general expenses of the Town.
- Town Funds are raised by taxes.
 - Fiduciary Funds come from various sources. Some monies might be provided from tax revenues as voted at Town Meeting.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 130,521.09
CD – Beginning Balance	\$ 80,492.34
CD interest earned	1,713.91
CD penalty correction posted by bank	616.44
CD deposit – 2002 Town Meeting, Art. 6	95,000.00
	<u>97,330.35</u>
CD – Ending Balance	177,822.69
Money Market – Beginning Balance	50,028.75
Money Market interest earned	783.97
	<u>783.97</u>
Money Market – Ending Balance	50,812.72
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 228,635.41</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE

Allocated Funds:		Contrib. Year
Fire Dept. Breathing Apparatus	\$ 25,000.00	1998–2002
Fire Dept. Trucks	95,000.00	1998–2002
Salt Shed*	30,000.00	2000–2002
Road Department Trucks	41,508.95	2001–2002
Road Department Heavy Equipment	15,000.00	2002
Paving	15,000.00	2002
Interest earned 2002	2,497.88	
Interest earned in prior years	4,628.58	
Dec. 31, 2002 Total **	<u>\$228,635.41</u>	

* Salt Shed balance was voted to be expended at 2002 Town Meeting (Art. 7).

** Total represents balance for Capital Reserve CD and Money Market combined.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2003–2008

Contributions to Capital Projects	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Fire Dept. Breathing App.....		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Fire Dept. Trucks		15,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Road Dept. Trucks	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000
Road Dept. Heavy Equip.	15,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	75,000
Paving	18,000	21,000	47,445	51,720	56,040	58,000
Total Annual Contributions:	\$58,000	112,000	128,445	132,720	137,040	214,000

SPECIAL BRIDGE AND CULVERT PROJECTS RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 1,063.28
Interest	<u>11.36</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 1,074.64</u></u>



CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001		
Bequest from Carlton C. Smith (CD)**	\$ 50,000.00	
Savings	<u>8,283.49</u>	
		\$ 58,283.49
Interest Earned		
CD	1,106.93	
Savings	<u>729.66</u>	
		<u>1,836.59</u>
		<u><u>\$ 60,120.08</u></u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002		
CD	\$ 50,000.00	
Savings	<u>10,102.08</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 60,120.08</u></u>

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



GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 31,206.25
Interest on CDs	1,448.74
Received from State of Vermont	7,973.00
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 40,627.99</u>



LAND CONSERVATION FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 32,249.48
Interest on 2 CDs	747.92
Voted – 2002 Town Meeting, Art. 13	9,999.00
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 42,996.40</u>



ACT 200 PLANNING FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 2,457.74
Interest	16.91
	<u>\$ 2,474.65</u>
Expenses	
Town Plan Survey: Printing and Distribution	(266.96)
Town Plan: Copyedit, Photocopies, Postage, Misc.	(781.68)
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 1,426.01</u>



VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 424.25
Interest	3.18
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 427.43</u>

TOWN FOREST FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001		\$ 41,326.42
CD – Beginning Balance	\$ 38,283.27	
CD interest earned	975.03	39,258.30
Savings – Beginning Balance	3,043.15	
Savings interest earned	27.44	3,070.59
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002		\$ 42,328.89



SESQUICENTENNIAL FUND

Beginning Balance – August 1998*		\$ 0.00
Deposits from 8/98 to 12/31/02)	7,813.56	
Interest from 8/98 to 12/31/02)	311.30	
Total Income		8,124.86
Expenses for 8/98 to 12/31/01**	(4,806.59)	
Expenses for 2002		
Restoration of Town Records	(1,556.00)	
State of VT tax and check	(3.50)	
Total Expenses		(6,366.06)
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002		\$1,758.77

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

** Includes costs of printing calendars, buttons, and envelopes; commissioning ceramic plates; and payment of State Sales Tax.



RESTORATION FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 770.62
Interest	5.79
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	\$ 776.41

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

FAIRMONT FARM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001		\$ 61,483.09
Payments from Fairmont Farms	36,974.28	
Interest	<u>1,153.40</u>	
		38,127.68
Expenses:		
Administrative Costs to Town	7,860.06	
Administrative Costs to VT Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs	<u>7,859.56</u>	
		<u>(15,719.62)</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002		<u><u>\$ 83,891.15</u></u>

NOTE RECEIVABLE

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

In 2001, the East Montpelier Selectboard appointed an East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund (EMRLF) Management Committee. The EMRLF Management Committee, with assistance from the Town Administrator, will be responsible for the operation of the Loan Fund (loan repayments) received from Fairmont Farms, Inc., as established by Grant Agreement 0197/95IG(22). The Town may make loans or grants available for eligible activities, including public facilities, public services, housing rehabilitation, or economic development.

For more information on this topic, see the annual report of the EMRLF Management Committee in this book.

SANDY PINES / VT EPA / SRF

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 1.00
Reimbursement – Housing Foundation, Inc.	2,000.00
Disbursement – Bond Note to Chittenden Bank	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 1.00</u></u>

Total amount of Loan – \$10,000 repayable over five (5) years (1998–2002) at zero (0%) percent interest.

Balance of Loan Due – December 31, 2001	\$ 2,000.00*
2002 Loan Payment received from Housing Foundation, Inc. and forwarded to Chittenden Bank	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Balance of Note Payable – December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 0.00</u></u>

SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 1.00</u></u>

Note: This account is used to hold and disburse funds related to engineering services and project estimates, plus loan repayment, for the sewage replacement project.

NOTE RECEIVABLE

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

Principal and interest payments shall begin September 1, 2004. Monthly installments shall be in the amount of \$1,319.20 each, with the balance of any remaining indebtedness due and payable on June 1, 2022.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001	\$ 76,318.05
Income	
Vote – 2002 Town Meeting, Art. 9	\$ 5,000.00
Sale of Lots and Perpetual Care	<u>3,100.00</u>
	8,100.00
Interest on Savings:	
East Montpelier Cemetery – 12/31/02	55.88
Howard Bank – For CD – 10/31/02	<u>39.41</u>
	95.29
Interest on CD's:	
Chittenden – 12/31/02	1,079.55
Banknorth – 10/31/02	<u>609.70</u>
	1,689.25
Care of Cemeteries Expense *	<u>(11,811.91)</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 74,390.68</u></u>

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS – BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002

Savings Accounts:	
East Montpelier Cemetery	\$ 2,623.39
Interest on Banknorth CD	<u>4,242.29</u>
	<u>\$ 6,865.68</u>
CD Accounts:	
Chittenden	47,525.00
Banknorth	<u>20,000.00</u>
	<u>67,525.00</u>
Total Perpetual Care Funds	<u><u>\$ 74,390.68</u></u>

*CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS

Mowing Payroll	\$ 2,980.26
Fence Painting and Repair	2,860.38
Tombstone Repair	300.00
Tombstone Cleaning	1,000.00
Parts and Supplies	431.38
Equipment Replacement Fund	291.94
Contingency/Miscellaneous	296.15
Doty Cemetery Fence	3,336.00
Veterans' Markers and Signs	<u>315.80</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 11,811.91

EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

The East Montpelier Cemetery Commission met six times during 2002. Pauline Coburn was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2002.

Cemetery upkeep is a continuous challenge. Gravestones were cleaned in portions of the Cutler cemetery. This program will continue when budgeted.

Work to replace the Village cemetery perimeter fence commenced. The old fence was removed. The brush that had been encroaching on the fence was cut and removed. The roots were also dug out and removed, and the new posts were installed. The commissioners thank the town road crew for chipping the brush and disposing of the old fence.

The materials required for the Doty fence have been purchased, but snow came before the installation could be completed.

Goals for the coming year include:

- Repairing fences at the Quaker cemetery.
- Repairing leaning and broken tombstones in the Tinkham cemetery.
- Improving the landscaping in the Quaker and Tinkham cemeteries.
- Completing installation of decorative fence on road frontage of Doty cemetery.
- Completing installation of new perimeter fence at the Village cemetery.
- Erecting signs to identify the Doty, Cutler, Cate, Village, Quaker, and Tinkham cemeteries.
- Discovering and identifying the Willard Cutler and Gray cemeteries.

There continues to be a decrease in the number of lot sales, and the return on our investments is limited. As a result, we must ask the town for \$5,000 in order to maintain the town cemeteries for the season ahead.

The commissioners thank:

Bradford Lane for continuing to mow the White cemetery.

John Flannery for assisting with the mowing at the Doty cemetery.

Conrad Ormsbee for the use of his three-point hitch posthole digger.

Gary Hudson for bush hogging the perimeter of the Village cemetery.

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

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST OF THE TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

School Dist. 65

Category	Property Count	ED Form 411 Listed Value	CUSE Value	Education Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Municipal Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Applied Ratio	Education Equalized Value	Municipal Equalized Value	COD	Average List Value Incl. State Exemption
Residential I	435	49,655,100	0	49,655,100	49,655,100	93.11	53,329,503	53,329,503	12.14	114,150
Residential II	345	59,217,106	502,123	58,714,983	58,714,983	92.84	63,751,635	63,751,635	7.74	178,705
Mobile Homes - U	62	1,246,700	0	1,246,700	1,246,700	93.36	1,335,368	1,335,368	18.00	20,108
Mobile Homes - L	54	3,209,900	0	3,209,900	3,209,900	93.36	3,438,196	3,438,196	18.75	59,443
Vacation I	5	477,200	0	477,200	477,200	93.36	511,140	511,140	0.00	95,440
Vacation II	2	465,600	0	465,600	465,600	93.36	498,715	498,715	0.00	232,800
Commercial	48	9,185,100	0	9,185,100	9,185,100	94.08	9,763,074	9,763,074	10.66	191,356
Commercial Apts.	3	1,992,000	0	1,992,000	1,992,000	94.08	2,117,347	2,117,347	0.00	664,000
Industrial Plants	4	2,842,500	0	2,842,500	2,842,500	94.08	3,021,365	3,021,365	0.00	710,625
Utilities - E	5	2,240,800	0	2,240,800	2,240,800	56.47	3,968,125	3,968,125	0.00	448,160
Utilities - O	1	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	94.08	5,315	5,315	0.00	5,000
Farms	18	3,807,998	791,726	3,016,272	3,016,272	94.08	4,002,733	4,002,733	0.00	343,343
Miscellaneous	136	5,373,283	210,473	5,162,810	5,162,810	94.08	5,700,953	5,700,953	18.01	48,088
Total	1,118	139,718,287	1,504,322	138,213,965	138,213,965		151,443,467	151,443,467		
Personal Property (Cable)				198,400	0	100.00	198,400	0		
Personal Property (Inventory)				Exempt	0	100.00	Exempt	0		
Personal Property (Machinery & Equipment)				Exempt	0	100.00	Exempt	0		
Total Personal Property				198,400	0		198,400	0		
Total Real and Personal Property				138,412,365	138,213,965		151,641,867	151,443,467		
Exemptions (Voted before June 30, 1997)							Exempt	32,419		
Stabilization Agreements (Voted before June 30, 1997)							Exempt	419,382		
Exemptions (Voted after June 30, 1997)							0	0		
Stabilization Agreements (Voted before June 30, 1997)							0	0		
GRAND TOTALS				\$138,412,365	\$138,213,965	92.27	\$151,641,867	\$151,895,268	13.48	Townwide COD
Actual Tax Rate				Effective Tax Rates (Equalized)						
Town (Municipal)		.63		Municipal Tax Rate	0.5795		Total School Taxes Assessed		\$2,742,367.07	
School (State + Local)		1.96		School Tax Rate	1.8084		Total Municipal Taxes Assessed		880,208.00	
Total Actual Tax Rate		2.59		Total Effective Tax Rate	2.3879		Certified to State / County Treasurer		\$151,642,000	

LISTERS REPORT

Another listing year, 2001–2002, has gone by and the Town again saw a large increase in the Grand list. The increase was due to 20 new homes constructed or in the process of being constructed. This, plus another 114 changes to properties such as garages, decks, sheds, etc, added to the Grand list. The total increase to the Grand list was \$2,668,644.00.

There were 47 sales of properties plus 38 other transfers between family members and other persons which did not constitute an exchange of money. We find that some properties are selling well above the assessed listed value. This has caused our CLA, Common Level of Appraisal, to drop from 98.69% to 92.27%. This is well above the 80% figure which would trigger a reappraisal of the Town. Our COD, Coefficient Of Dispersion, has changed from 11.22% to 13.48%. A 20% COD would also cause a reappraisal of the Town. As you have no doubt noted, many Towns and Cities are reappraising.

As you can see it was a busy year. In addition to the above property evaluations, we have the Land Use values to determine. We now have 67 parcels in the program. We also have the sales report to the State so that they can calculate the equalized Grand list for education. Also, we spend time with lawyers, real estate persons, buyers and sellers and our own tax payers interested in knowing how their property is assessed.

We thank all the property owners of the Town for their cooperation and courtesy during our visits. Because of the workload, appointments are made only to view the inside of properties. When we inspect outside improvements, we will leave a note that we have visited your property. We continue to take photos to update our listing cards.

We also thank the people in the office of the Town Clerk, Zoning Administrator Gene Troia, and our Town Administrator, Marlene Betit, without whom we could not have completed our work.

— ROSENDO CUETO
JAMES GOODALL
EARL MONTAGUE

RECREATION BOARD

Several projects that we've been talking about doing for years finally came to fruition this past year. The "one-way in/one-way out" driveway at the recreation field has helped traffic flow, but most importantly the new barrier fence provides a safer area to park cars and delineate the playing areas from traffic areas. Please help others understand how important it is to follow the directions at the field.

The town road crew has continued to help us with some clearing along the road as well as improve our driveway. Patrick McCoy has been hired to help keep our perimeter boundary clear. Patrick bushhogs and trims twice a year. With time more space will be available where we hope to add a play area for tots behind the softball field. Keeping this space open will also enable us to expand a walking trail around the field and connect with the school trails. There is a host of opportunity for multi-use at the field that we want to aggressively pursue.

This spring we had every field in use with the addition of spring soccer. Baseball and soccer worked well together — hats off to the coaches of the teams for their coordinating efforts. Pack a picnic and catch a baseball or soccer game some spring afternoon. We have a very talented group of young athletes in town.

The swim program continues to grow. First in Fitness provides quality lessons for all age groups, including adults. We encourage any town resident to take advantage of this "learn to swim" program that we sponsor in spring and summer.

New t-shirts debuted at Rally Day this year. The fun "fireworks" artwork is a real eye catcher and we offer them in a variety of sizes and great colors. The shirts make great gifts — they are available at the Town Clerk's office. Once again we would like to thank the Swenson family for providing such an incredible fireworks display. Their generosity is amazing and should remind us how lucky we are to be a part of this community.

The first annual Easter Egg hunt was lots of fun and the turn out was fabulous! It's always interesting to look for eggs in the snow but the sun was shining and spirits were bright. This annual event will grow each year so look for information through the school.

We thank Gene Troia and Jon Dunkling for their many years of service, advice, encouragement, and efforts. New members Patrick McCoy, Tim Bigelow and Brian Lusignan are a welcomed addition! We encourage new members any time and welcome ideas for recreation that will reach all members of our community. East Montpelier has a great deal to offer its residents. The playing fields can be used to host family gatherings, pick-up games and other organized events. Contact us if you would like to use them. Please get out and enjoy the wonderful surroundings that we are blessed with. Join us!

TERRI CONTI
JAN ALDRICH
CHRISSIE GEORGE

GINGER HOPKINS
ED DEEGAN
BRIAN LUSIGNAN
PATRICK MCCOY

DAVE BURLEY
ELLEN MAGURN
TIM BIGELOW

RECREATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2001

Checking Account	\$ 2,686.06
Savings Account	<u>584.95</u>

\$ 3,271.01

Income

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Swim Proceeds	1,275.00
Rally Day	1,157.00
Interest on Savings	<u>7.80</u>

5,439.80

Expenses

Swim Program	\$ 2,450.00
Easter Egg Event	87.31
Field Work Day	994.62
P & P Septic Service	630.00
P W McCoy Corp	725.00
Rally Day Shirts	1,839.00
Rally Day	225.93
Bank Charges	<u>102.00</u>

(7,053.86)

\$ 1,656.95

Ending Balance – December 31, 2002

Checking	\$ 1,656.95
Savings*	<u>0.00</u>

\$ 1,656.95

** Savings Account was closed and the balance of \$409.75 was transferred to Checking Account.*



EAST MONTPELIER CENSUS 2000

Total Population	2,578	%
Male	1,278	49.6
Female	1,300	50.4
Subtotals by Age		
Under 5 years	138	5.4
5 to 9 years	179	6.9
10 to 14 years	187	7.3
15 to 19 years	182	7.1
20 to 24 years	104	4.0
25 to 34 years	294	11.4
35 to 44 years	383	14.9
45 to 54 year	518	20.1
55 to 59 years	187	7.3
60 to 64 years	123	4.8
65 to 74 years	162	6.3
75 to 84 years	93	3.6
85 years and over	28	1.1
Median age = 40.8 years old		

*For detailed Census 2000 information,
responses to the 2002 Town Plan Survey, and much
more, see the East Montpelier Town Plan.*



PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission accomplished its main goal this year with the review and update of the Town Plan. In addition, we worked on our procedures to make your appearance before our board as easy as possible. We reviewed and approved permits for subdivisions, home occupations including several home day care businesses, and commercial sites including the new Morse Farm Ski Touring Center, Southgate Steeplejacks, and Vermont Concrete Cutting.

The East Montpelier Town Plan is a detailed mission statement and five-year community program. It chronicles a bit of our history, describes our present resources, envisions our future, and recommends steps to reach our goals. The Plan provides guidelines for our officials as they administer town business, apply zoning regulations, and draft capital and operating budgets. It plays an essential role in Act 250 hearings, representing our local interests. The Town Plan sub-committee of the Planning Commission met regularly to work on updating the Town Plan, incorporating comments from last spring's town-wide survey and from those townspeople who attended our formal and informal meetings. The plan was reviewed and reworked a number of times by the Planning Commission and was presented to the town at a public hearing in October for comments and suggestions. The draft plan was once again adjusted and then sent to the Selectboard for their input and public hearings. The Selectboard received the draft Town Plan on December 9 and will hold two public hearings within 120 days of that date. We will also be sending the plan to the Regional Planning Commission for review and approval. The Town Plan is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office and can be accessed on the internet at www.madriver.com/~fillion, our temporary web page (an official town website is planned). We wish to thank everyone who had a hand in writing this document.

As an outgrowth of our work on the Town Plan, in the coming year the Planning Commission will begin work on updating the zoning regulations to make them clearer and more consistent.

We wish to thank Gene Troia for his excellent work as Zoning Administrator for the past two years. We as a Planning Commission have enjoyed working with him and have come to count on his expertise in advising our commission.

The Planning Commission meets every first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. We encourage any citizen interested in our activities to attend our meetings.

— CAROL WELCH, *Chair*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There were 13 new home permit applications during the year — short of the 14 applications we had in 2001 and 26 new home applications in 2000. Even at this reduced rate our housing stock is growing at a much faster pace than the two new houses the city of Montpelier adds each year and the six houses Berlin adds each year. Total Permit applications for the year were 132. There were many additions garages porches and decks that people decided to add to their existing homesteads.

Zoning applications submitted in 2002:

- 11 New Dwellings
- 2 Replace/Set-up Mobile Home
- 10 Land Subdivisions
- 11 Access
- 22 Additions to Existing Structures
- 16 Garages
- 19 Shed/Barn/Shelter
- 21 Porch/Deck/Pool
- 3 Signs
- 5 Home Occupation
- 6 Commercial Building or Addition
- 2 Cell Tower
- 4 Change of Use

The price of land and the price of existing homes continues to increase in Town with strong demand for building lots and for single family homes.

— EUGENE TROIA, *Zoning Administrator*

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER PERMIT FEES

*Note: The following fees include \$7.00 permit recording
plus cost of publishing a warning where applicable.*

Access Permits	\$35.00
Addition, Residential	35.00
Agricultural Projects, Commercial	<i>No charge but written notification & approved State Permit required</i>
Agricultural Projects, Non-commercial	35.00
Board of Adjustment Hearing	75.00
Building Construction, Residential	75.00
	<i>plus any other applicable fees</i>
Copy of Town Plan	5.00
Copy of Zoning Regulations (<i>includes Subdivision Regulations</i>)	5.00
Decks and Porches	35.00
Fill or Excavation, Residential (<i>when State or Federal permit is required</i>)	35.00
Garage, Utility Shed, Accessory Units	35.00
Home Occupation	35.00
Planning Commission Hearing	75.00
Pools	35.00
Signs	35.00
Subdivision	10.00 per unit plus 75.00
Subdivision: Boundary Adjustment	75.00

Commercial Facilities

Commercial Applications (10,000 sq. ft. or less)	*	135.00
Commercial (more than 10,000 sq. ft.)	*	260.00
Commercial Additions (5,000 sq. ft. or less)	*	75.00
Commercial Additions (more than 5,000 sq. ft.)	*	95.00
Fill or Excavation (<i>when State and/or Federal permits are required</i>)		75.00

Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Wireless Telecommunications Interim Bylaw		5.00
Additions/Alterations when facility footprint is increased	* .12 per sq. ft. of compound footprint; 135.00 minimum	
Additions/Alterations when facility footprint is increased	* .12 per sq. ft. of compound footprint; 135.00 minimum	
Additions/Alterations when footprint is not increased	*	135.00

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

Sewage System Permit Fees

	<i>New Construction</i>	<i>Replacement</i>
Sewage Permit: Inground	85.00	45.00
Sewage Permit: Mound and Other Systems	135.00	70.00
System which requires a State Waste Water Permit	50.00	50.00
Recertification if not built in two years	25.00	25.00

SEWAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

In the year 2002 there were 21 applications for sewage disposal permits; 18 were approved. Three applications are pending, awaiting more information or revision of plans. Ten applications were for replacement of failed systems. One of the systems approved and installed was a peat Bio-Filter System. Seven applications for eight lots were for construction of new systems, one of which was an at-grade system. Four applications were to recertify previously approved systems.

	Number of Applications	Number of Lots	Type of System			Constructed in 2002
			Mound	In-ground	Other	
Replacement	10	10	2	7	1	5
New Construction	7	8	2	5	1	2
Recertification	4	-	-	-	-	-
Modification	0	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	21	18	4	12	2	7

Effective August 16, 2002, new legislation (S.27) was passed and incorporated into the Environmental Protection Rules, Wastewater and Potable Water Supply Rules. The legislation and new rules eliminate the 10-acre exemption for septic systems. Now every lot created after June 14, 2002 needs a state permit in addition to a town permit. Also, the new rules allow use of performance-based wastewater systems (systems which give additional treatment of wastewater after the septic tank). These systems allow the effluent to be discharged to soils that are more limiting, i.e., less distance to bedrock and higher seasonal high water table.

In short, use of performance-based systems will allow development on more marginal soils. However, these systems cannot be used in East Montpelier until the Town Plan is approved by the Regional Planning Commission and until the Town revises its sewage ordinance to incorporate the new rules. Until such time, the state permits must be compatible with the existing town sewage ordinance.

Another provision in the legislation allows for towns to take over the permitting of all small scale (less than 6,500 gallons per day) wastewater and potable water supply systems. The Dept. of Environmental Conservation is developing rules to guide the transfer of administration of permitting from the state to the towns. If towns do not opt to administer permitting, the state will be the sole permitting authority and town sewage ordinances will be superceded on July 1, 2007.

Remember that even though your septic system is out of sight, it should not be out of mind. A little attention and maintenance will keep it working well. Every homeowner should retain a septic service to regularly pump the septic tank and to check the septic tank effluent filter, distribution box, pump chamber, and controls if these are part of the system. The local yellow pages list six septic services. Check them out and retain one that will do a thorough job for a reasonable price. The service you choose should put your system on a pumping schedule based on your use of the system, no more or less often that needed.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

— RICHARD CZAPLINSKI, *Sewage Officer*

EAST MONTPELIER REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

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

During 2002, the Committee has worked to develop draft policies for Economic Development and Rental Housing Rehabilitation. A public forum was held on the Economic Development policies and these are ready to be given to the Selectboard. Work on Rental Housing policies will continue into 2003 and when these are complete, the Committee will work to develop policies for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. A second public forum will be held before the draft policies go to the Selectboard.

The principal provisions of the Economic Development policies are:

- The funds would be used to make loans – no limit is set on the amount of the loan; interest and terms would be negotiable.
- Any resident of East Montpelier can apply for a loan to support a business any where in Washington County.
- Any business in East Montpelier can apply for a loan, irrespective of the residence of the owner.
- Loan proceeds can be used for almost any business expense; eg. operating capital, inventory, purchase of equipment or real estate, improvements to business property, work to remedy code defects, etc.

The Committee meets at 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Office and the meetings are open to everyone. Information on the policies can be obtained by calling the Town Office at 223-3313. Marlene Betit, Town Administrator, serves as the coordinator for the committee and the keeper of the minutes and records.

Anyone who would like to be in the email list to receive meeting notices and agendas, copies of draft policies, and general information can send a request to: dacoburn@adelphia.net

— DAVID A. COBURN, *Chair*
BRUCE BJORNLUND
ED DEEGAN (resigned)
DAVID GRUNDY (resigned)
PAUL MANGHI
LYNN WINTERS

CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Conservation Fund Advisory Committee wants to extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the residents of East Montpelier for their continued support of conservation efforts in our town. Without this interest and commitment, we would not be able to enjoy many of the scenic, agricultural, and recreational opportunities to the extent that we can today. We also realize that without these efforts and contributions we would not be able to ensure that these lands will be protected for our children in the years to come. This past year, the committee has been focused on the Pratt/Brazier project; a combination of farm and woodland preservation, recreational possibilities and Mallory Brook protection. The 715-acre joint project is still under discussion among state, private, and federal agencies, and the outcome of these discussions has yet to be determined. The committee wants to acknowledge with appreciation the additional funding it received at Town Meeting, 2002.

There is still room for another committee member on the Conservation Fund Advisory Committee. Anyone interested should contact the Selectboard.

— SUE CHICKERING, *Chair*

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
Total Completed Projects		\$ 96,795	\$ 1,360,338	1,503
Pending Project		Town Funds	Total Amount	Acres
2002*	Pratt/Brazier	\$ 30,000 (pending)	\$ 1,000,000 (proposed)	715

** This year's project is still under negotiation and it is unclear as to whether it will come through or not.*

The Land Conservation Fund currently has a total of \$42,996.40

Committee Members

DENNIS CARVER, SUE CHICKERING, MICHAEL DWORKIN,
CHARLES JOHNSON, BRIAN LUSIGNAN, LEONARD WILSON

EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS

East Montpelier Trails (EMT) is a not-for-profit entity that works to build and maintain a multi-use trail system within the Town. It works with the Town but is an independent organization. We currently maintain approximately eight miles of trail and propose to add several miles in coming years. Funding is obtained from State grant programs, private donations, and other sources such as the Carlton Smith Fund. EMT consists of six to fifteen board members and meets about ten times per year. We currently have fifteen board members, though not all are active. If you have an interest in trails and want to become involved, we welcome new members. Or, you may want to join one of our half-day work parties — watch for notices in the “Signpost.”

In 2002, EMT spent much of its time planning for trail expansion. The primary long-term goals are to complete the section of the Cross-Vermont Trail through East Montpelier and to complete the “loop” through the Town. The loop would include the cross-Vermont Trail as its southern perimeter and would also include part of the Montpelier Trail network through Hubbard and North Branch Parks. The total loop would be approximately twenty miles long and provide a scenic mix of forest, open land, riverside, and expansive views. The proposed conservation of the Brazier and Pratt lands would help to add a significant segment to the eastern side of the loop, as well as some spur trails.

To aid in trail planning and maintenance, we are in the process of formulating a new map of the trail system in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. This is a collaborative project with Stone Environmental, Inc. (volunteer community service contribution) and U-32 High School. This new digital map will allow us to readily identify topography, physical features, cultural features, property boundaries, and landowners along proposed trail routes. It will also allow us to print customized maps for specific purposes (trail box brochures, trail planning, etc.). We hope to extend the collaboration with U-32 into the future to keep the database current while providing student opportunities for learning and community service.

Our current board is Chris Abrams, Sue Batchelder, Les Birnbaum, Jody Brown, Carley Claghorn, Carol Dickson (Secretary), Nona Estrin, Kim Kendall (Treasurer), Laura Medalie, Madeleine Mongan, Elaine Parker, Jamie Shanley (President), Mary Stone, Carroll Witham, and Sandy Woodbeck

For more information, contact Jamie Shanley (223-4856).

See you on the trails!

— JAMIE SHANLEY, *President*

FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

Our committee reviews requests for financial support from local non-profit organizations that nurture, protect, and enrich our community, and recommends appropriations to the selectboard. The funding we appropriate at town meeting acknowledges and encourages valuable local services and strengthens our community connections.

At last year's town meeting, the voters of East Montpelier agreed to spend \$7,950 as recommended by this committee to support 18 organizations that serve our residents. In response to a separately warned item, the voters also granted the Kellogg-Hubbard Library's request for \$6,290 for its operating expenses.

This year the Funding Request Committee recommends contributing to 15 organizations for a total of \$7,900, out of \$9,559 requested. In reviewing these applications, the committee considered such things as the nature of the services provided, the number of town residents served, the availability of other funding sources, and each organization's unique ability to meet critical community needs. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library has requested an increase in funding and the committee and selectboard have once again put this request before the voters as a separately warned item. For more information, see the library page in this report.

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

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

Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. (479-1053 or 800-639-1053) helps low-income people become economically self-sufficient, providing fuel, child care, food, job referrals, adult basic education, and more through the Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development Programs, Emergency Fuel Program, Family/Community Support Services, Farmworkers, Head Start and Early Head Start, Weatherization, Welfare-to-Work, Community Action Motors, and Working Wheels. In the most recent program year, CVCAC helped 87 individuals in 31 East Montpelier families. (\$400; \$400; **\$400**)

Central Vermont Council on Aging (479-0531) provides community and home-delivered meals, legal advice, transportation to and from doctors, senior advocacy, and a senior companions program to empower persons sixty years of age and older for independent living. (\$1,100; \$1,100; **\$900**)

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

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

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

Onion River Food Shelf, Inc. (223-6548) provides emergency meals for three days for those in need in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Calais, Marshfield, and Cabot. (**\$150**)

People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc. (479-1229) provides basic primary and preventative care to the uninsured and underinsured by conventional and holistic caregivers who volunteer their services. (\$500; \$500; **\$700**)

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for Central Vermont and North-east Kingdom (828-4770) matches retired and senior volunteers with organizations (hospitals, schools, and nonprofits) that can use their skills. Funds help offset travel expenses, insurance, and volunteer training. (\$275; \$275; **\$275**)

Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc. (563-2231) provides meals for seniors at a local site and Meals-on-Wheels for those unable to attend. (\$0; \$300; **\$400**)

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

Vermont Center for Independent Living (229-0501) is dedicated to helping disabled persons lead active and productive lives with as great a degree of independence as possible. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

Washington County Diversion Program (229-0536) offers first-time offenders a one-time opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses by compensating crime victims, volunteering community service hours to local organizations, and saving tax dollars that would have been spent in court. (\$150; \$150; **\$200**)

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

Wheels Transportation (223-2882) is a community transportation broker that matches ride requests with available resources: including buses, vans, volunteer drivers, car/vanpools, and financial assistance. (\$250; \$300; **\$400**)

2002 Committee Members

LYN BLACKWELL

RHODA CHICKERING

DEBORAH FILLION

TRACY PHILLIPS

ANNE SHERMAN

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

The FCSH Board recently received this letter from Benedict Koehler and Hilari Farrington and wanted to share it with East Montpelier residents.

In the past six months my wife and I have been fortunate enough to use the Four Corners Schoolhouse as a venue for two concerts by great Irish traditional musicians; in June for Lian O'Flynn, one of the world's foremost Vileann Pipers; and in September, for Mike and Mary Rafferty, father and daughter duo playing music from County Galway on flute and accordion. With devotees of these artists coming from throughout the state and as far as Toronto, both concerts were well attended, the music was unforgettable and enthusiastically received. So, I wanted to take the time to thank the Association and to share some thoughts on these events and the ways in which the venue itself contributed to their success.

In the field of folk and traditional music, I think we are seeing an increase in the phenomenon known as the house concert, whereby a music lover will arrange, on behalf of a touring performer, an intimate, unamplified concert for as many people as will fit in the living room. There are a number of advantages to all concerned; the audience, for the same ticket price they would pay otherwise, get to see the artists close up and hear what they really sound like live as opposed to what some soundman thinks they ought to sound like; and for the performer it is an opportunity to play without the distance imposed by a big stage, lighting, and amplification. Economically it is feasible because little or no money is being spent on publicity and on rental of the hall and sound system, and even if the money doesn't end up matching the pay for a "higher-profile" engagement, most acoustic musicians are happy to do house concerts because the special interaction and group rapport make the experience more rewarding for everyone.

Of course the feasibility of the arrangement is ultimately dictated by the size of one's living room, and our own being simply too small, we looked around for other possible spaces and decided that the Schoolhouse would do the job. In fact, it turned out to be so ideally suited that it got me thinking about smaller public spaces and their importance in the community.

The Schoolhouse works as a performance space for the same reasons that made it work as a schoolhouse. A freestanding building set apart from the distractions of the village, it accomodates no more than the maximum number of pupils one schoolmaster could effectively instruct and adequately supervise. The high ceiling creates a calm and uncrowded feeling while the hardwood floor and large window surfaces make the room acoustically "live" enough that the teacher — or performer — can be heard clearly by everyone present. Like most of the buildings of our forebears, it is a superb piece of practical design, perfectly suited to the purpose for which it was built and highly adaptable to similar uses in the present day, uses involving a medium-sized group of people assembling for purposes of instruction, discussion, or artistic expression.

I think the increasing popularity of house concerts can be seen as a reaction to a world in which bigger is better and where the automobile distances us from

our communities, the television cuts us off from our neighbors, and the internet can eat into the time that we formerly spent with our own families. We allow these erosions because they are the norm and because you can't keep the world from changing, but at the same time we all need to have real contact and the sharing of interests with our friends and neighbors, and this is why we need historical societies and book discussion groups and community choruses and snowmobile associations, and why all communities should be blessed with an attractive space of appropriate size in which such groups can meet.

Therefore, I truly believe the Four Corners Schoolhouse to be among East Montpelier's greatest assets and would like to thank the Association for making this wonderful space available to all of us.

Sincerely, Benedict Koehler and Hilari Farrington

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2000		\$ 4,536.89
Income		
Town Appropriation (Art. 11)	\$ 4,830.00	
WCSU (preschool use).....	3,750.00	
Rentals	1,135.00	
Interest	<u>12.65</u>	
		9,727.65
Expenses		
Electricity	\$ 726.10	
Fuel Oil	709.59	
Janitorial Services	2,030.00	
Insurance	577.00	
Mowing	280.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	733.87	
Postage	20.00	
Floors	<u>1,800.00</u>	
		(6,876.56)
Ending Balance – December 31, 2001		<u><u>\$ 7,387.98*</u></u>

**Committed funds: \$1,800.00 for completing floor sanding/refinishing of stage and moving/ construction of ramp; \$1,800.00 dedicated to programming.*

RACHEL Y. SENECHAL, *President*
HOBART GUION, *Vice-President*
MARION CODLING, *Clerk/Treasurer*
ELAINE MANGHI, *Scheduler*

PAUL CATE
STANLEY CHRISTENSEN
BECKY CRANDELL
DIANA FIELDER
DONNA HALL

CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Since last year's report the national recession of 2001 has "officially" ended. Unfortunately the Vermont economy lags the national economy, and the state and Central Vermont are in for a difficult period of time. Over 6,000 jobs have been lost statewide in the past year. Not to say that some businesses haven't added jobs but we are adding jobs in the single numbers and losing them in the hundreds. Two manufacturers in Central Vermont have closed down with a loss of over 60 jobs. One moved production to North Carolina and the other just closed the door. Bombardier Transportation is moth balling their plant pending new contracts. The statewide and regional unemployment rates have been creeping up but are still less than the national average. The disturbing thing about this is that those workers that have been laid off and found new employment have generally taken a position at a lower wage level than they previously worked at. CVEDC will be working with State officials to develop strategies for economic policy to move the State and Central Vermont forward over the next ten years. On the plus side interest rates are at historic low levels and may provide some impetus for growth in the next year.

While housing construction has been a driver of the national economy it continues to be an issue in Vermont. There is more demand for housing than there are units available. Most new construction is being done for the owner and there is little being built for the market. Cost and affordability at all levels are still an issue.

— CVEDC has approved six SBA 504 loans in the past year providing those businesses with long term, fixed rate financing that allowed them to expand. We also participated in several Vermont Economic Development Authority financings and assisted two businesses with applications to the Vermont Economic Progress Council for tax incentives.

— Workforce development is still at the forefront of CVEDC's efforts and we are working closely with area businesses and the CV Workforce Investment Board on this issue.

— The Small Business Development Center Specialist that works out of the CVEDC office continues to provide residents with information about starting a new business or in the case of an existing business, marketing, financing or other information to assist their business. Over 140 Central Vermont residents took advantage of this free service last year.

— Our web site continues to grow and we encourage you to visit the site at www.central-vt.com/cvedc, including a new commercial/industrial sites database.

We appreciate the support given to CVEDC by the Town of East Montpelier over the years and look forward to continuing our successful relationship in the future.

— RICHARD ANGNEY, *Executive Vice President*

CENTRAL VERMONT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

The Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund (CVRLF) was organized in 1995 to meet an identified need for microenterprise and business loans in the Central Vermont region to stimulate economic activity by making capital available to support enterprise development and the creation and retention of employment opportunities. It was originally established through an initiative of the Central VT Community Action Council (CVCAC) and structured through an Interlocal Agreement signed by 20 Central Vermont communities. As of January 1, 2002, the CVRLF reorganized itself as a nonprofit with a self-selecting board with up to twenty-three (23) director positions set aside for representatives of each Central Vermont community.

During the fiscal year reported, 79 businesses inquired about financing opportunities through the fund. Ten (10) submitted applications for consideration by the Loan Committee of the CVRLF. A total of nine (9) loans were disbursed totaling \$267,428.89, which in turn leveraged \$89,500 in other funding. Five (5) of the loans were made to start up businesses located in Waterbury, Warren, Williamstown, Waitsfield, and Berlin. The remaining four (4) loans were made to existing businesses.

Initial capitalization for the CVRLF came from a HUD Special Purpose Grant secured with the assistance of Senator Leahy. Additional funding has come directly from HUD and through the Vermont Community Development Program. CVRLF also received a \$50,000 technical assistance award from the US Department of Treasury's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Fund during the fiscal year.

Staffing for the CVRLF is provided under contract with Central Vermont Community Action and consists of Fund Manager, Emily Kaminsky, and new Loan Administrator, Susanne Henes.

Businesses operating in the Central Vermont area are eligible to apply for financing. Interested parties are encouraged to call Emily Kaminsky, Fund Manager at Central Vermont Community Action at 479-1053 to request a loan application and further information.

— EMILY KAMINSKY, *Fund Manager*

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

Library service area — The Kellogg-Hubbard Library's legal service area, as determined by the VT Department of Libraries, is Montpelier, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Calais, Worcester, and Berlin. In order to meet state standards we must serve residents of these communities without a service fee. It's not a big area but few communities in Vermont value their library more. We have the second highest library circulation statistics in Vermont, after Burlington. People of all ages, income levels, and education use this library which has been called "the people's university" and "a cornerstone of democracy."

Some 2002 Statistics

Number of materials borrowed: Average of 725 per day.

New library cards issued in 2002: 2,195. Total number of cards issued: 8,666.

Average daily attendance (number of people that come through the doors):

751.29

Individual use of public computer terminals: 84 per day.

Home deliveries: 851. Computer tutorials: 112. Meeting room bookings: 954.

Children's program attendance: 7,350. Adult-level program attendance: 2,754.

How the library is funded — The library is funded through three main sources: Private contributions and fundraising, tax support from the municipalities in our service area, and endowment income (from the original bequest from the Kellogg and Hubbard families and individual donors over the years). Because the library is run on a very tight budget with minimal staffing, each funding piece is crucial. We make every effort to find ways to save costs without sacrificing the personal service that makes people value this library so much.

Highlights of 2002 — Thanks to a Library Incentive Grant from the Freeman Foundation, we have added a new video collection, expanded offerings of audio books on tape and CD, bought more how-to books, and created a new Young Adult section. Your suggestions are always welcome. The grant also helped us offer programs on the Middle East, speakers from all sides of the political spectrum, programs on gardening and alternative medicine, noontime concerts, and more. Since the expansion, new meeting room facilities have been used free of charge by all kinds of community groups. To see the library catalog from your home computer, go to www.kellogghubbard.lib.vt.us, and click on "Search our catalog." Finally, the Kellogg-Hubbard and U-32 Bookmobile is being finished up in Massachusetts. We've been assured it will be on the road early in 2003!

East Montpelier Statistics as of December, 2002

Number of East Montpelier residents registered: 618. (*Note that several members of some families borrow on one family card, and some just use the library without borrowing.*) Number of materials borrowed: 15,349.

Cost if individuals purchased these materials on their own: \$383,729.

— HILARI FARRINGTON, *Director*

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The Beach has been undergoing an ambitious “rebuilding program” over the past two years. Under the supervision of new manager, Collin O’Neil, several important improvements were undertaken this past season, including:

- Installation of new grills
- Repainting and renovation of buildings
- Construction of a changing room
- Repair of the water system
- Initiation of canoe and kayak rentals
- Replacement of lost, stolen, or dilapidated picnic tables
- Resurfacing/maintenance of entrance road
- Repairs and improvements to hiking trails
- Extensive brush clearing.

These improvements, combined with warm, sunny weather, helped boost user fees significantly over figures for the previous year. The Board of Directors is committed to continuing to improve the overall recreational experience for beach-goers. This requires continuing investment in the facility for maintenance, operations and capital improvements. Accordingly, the Board has voted unanimously to raise municipal assessments from \$.31 per capita to \$.45 per capita. This figure remains below the District’s maximum authorized assessment and represents the first dues increase since 1990 when total operating costs were only about 60% of what they are now. More users and a more attractive facility will be the natural outgrowth of this process.

The following figures summarize the District’s financial operations from January 1, 2002, through year end:

Beginning Balance			\$ 9,875
<i>Revenues:</i>	Washington Electric	9,500	
	Seasons passes/user fees	6,748	
	Municipal assessments	4,106	
	Interest	80	
			20,434
<i>Expenditures:</i>	Personnel	\$ 14,891	
	Maintenance	5,337	
	Operating	4,775	
			25,003
Ending Balance			\$ 5,306

The District’s 2003 budget calls for revenue of \$21,960 and expenditures of \$23,608 drawing from the previous year’s reserves to make up the difference.

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

— RICHARD MILLAR, *Chair, Montpelier*

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The CVRPC is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. CVRPC provides a forum in which municipalities work together to address regional issues and opportunities. Its also offers its member communities professional assistance with local planning efforts.

This year, the Commission worked on several projects of regional and local interest, including a commercial and industrial sites database done in cooperation with the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and added to the www.central-vt.com web page. The Commission is continuing to focus on quality of life issues that need to be addressed in the Regional Plan, and is involved in the review of regionally significant Act 250 development projects and the local designation of village and growth centers. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee annually evaluates the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and makes recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's five year capital program. This year, the Commission worked on the update of the Regional Transportation Plan that also serves as the transportation element of the Regional Plan, both of which will be adopted in 2003. CVRPC also assisted each community with updating their rapid response plan for emergency management. CVRPC held workshops on disaster planning, mediation and Act 250, land use and property taxes, onsite septic rules, and water quality rules. CVRPC continues to be involved in the development of the Central Vermont bike and pedestrian path, and housing forums to develop solutions for the lack of adequate housing stock in the region.

CVRPC assisted East Montpelier through administration of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District of which the town is a member, provided assistance with review of the draft Town Plan, interpretation of Zoning Bylaws, traffic counts, and review of the plans for a State property site off Route 2.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, bicycle path suitability maps, and maps of the region's natural resources. CVRPC assisted in the development of model telecommunication facilities bylaws that can be used as a stand-alone ordinance or as an amendment to existing zoning bylaws. CVRPC also helped develop web-based planning tools which will guide officials in updating town plans and zoning ordinances and finding additional resources related to planning. The interactive Vermont Town Plan Guide can be accessed at <http://crs.uvm.edu/cpdp/planner>.

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

— SUSAN M. SINCLAIR, *Executive Director*
ED BLACKWELL, *Commissioner*

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Most government services used by Vermonters on a daily basis are those provided by its cities and towns. These include highways, police, fire, recreation, sewer and water. Vermont municipal officials are responsible for raising and expending nearly one-half of the non-federal taxes raised in the state.

In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to serve and strengthen the ability of these officials to provide quality services at affordable levels of taxation:

- **Advocacy representation before the State legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- **Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities.** In the past year, we have responded to over 21,000 telephone calls from local officials. Our Law Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered almost 3,000 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 400 copies of local government publications and distributed over 2,000 copies of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- **Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost.** These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to your employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear this year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was placed in receivership by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.67 per capita plus a \$250 service fee per year. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 38 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$2.8 million.

Individuals interested in finding out more about Vermont League of Cities and Towns can visit its website at www.vlct.org

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The CVSWMD mission is to provide leadership, education and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible. For more information and our full FY 2002 Annual Report, call us at 802-229-9383.

Waste Reduction Program

- DeTox Family Program—We led six household toxics workshops with parents of young children and scheduled 10 elementary schools for participation in the full eight-week program for the 2002–2003 school year.
- Hazardous Waste Reduction Pledge—208 households pledged to reduce their future use of household toxics, receiving a 10% discount on proper disposal.

Diversion Program

- Clothing Drop 'N Swap—Two events were held in FY 2002, drawing hundreds of area residents at each. On average, 60% of the clothing, shoes and linens dropped off are taken home by someone else—for free.
- Reuse Fund Grants—Five area businesses were awarded Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Fund Grants, which provide technical and financial support to individuals and new or developing reuse businesses.
- Recycling Collections—More than 890 tons of fibers (newspaper, magazines, office paper, boxboard) and containers (plastic, glass, tin/aluminum) were collected at nine District depots for recycling. Additional recyclables collected included 377 tons of metal and 340 tons of cardboard.
- Electronics Collections—The District partnered with the Computer Barn to hold six special computer collection events in FY 2002. As a result, the District began regular electronics collections at the Barre Town Wilson Recycling Depot.
- Auto Salvage Workshops—The District collaborated with the Agency of Natural Resources to hold eight free, non-regulatory compliance assistance workshops for auto salvage yards throughout the state; 53 yards participated.

Education/Outreach Program

- School Programs—The District sponsored Association of Vermont Recyclers educational theatre programs in six elementary schools.
- CVSWMD Web Site—The redesigned web site (www.cvswmd.com) was launched in FY 2002.
- Illegal Burning Education—The District's approach to this persistent problem is education first with radio and newspaper ads, and fliers and small informational displays in town halls, general stores, and libraries in both spring and fall.

Disposal Program

- Trash Disposal—More than 1,150 tons of trash were collected at three depots.
- Hazardous Waste Disposal—288 households and 12 businesses utilized the nine collections held May through October.
- Adopt-A-Site Cleanups—Five new illegal dump sites were cleaned and adopted this year thanks to 90 volunteers in 198 volunteer hours. The sites yielded 13 tons of trash, 1.3 tons of metal and 516 tires.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Call volume decreased by 86 calls to 3,188 in FY 2001-02, due in part to a change in the District's policy toward local and long-distance transfers. Montpelier and Barre City have both requested the first opportunity at transporting patients who reside in their areas. Even with the loss of these transfers, non-emergency transfer volume remained approximately the same as last year, indicating an increase in transfer volume district-wide.

The department's newest ambulance, A-5, was put into service as the primary duty rig in the East Barre station in June of 2001. The three primary trucks, A-1, A-4, and A-5, will each travel approximately 25,000 miles this year. A-3 and A-2 are used for emergency coverage and for back-up. The MICU rig is being refurbished and converted back to an ambulance. This unit (A-6) will provide the extra room required for equipment and personnel in a critical care transport.

The Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) is scheduled to begin operation in October 2002. This ambulance will be of great benefit to the hospital in the transporting of critically ill or injured patients. Presently, patients may wait from one to two hours for a critical care unit to arrive from Dartmouth-Hitchcock or Fletcher Allen Medical Centers, or the hospital would have to supply a nurse to ride with a local crew. The Barre Town MICU will be able to respond in twenty minutes or less with a registered nurse and paramedic aboard.

The Auxiliary crew has been invaluable in providing more timely response to requests for transport of non-emergency patients to and from the nursing homes and Central Vermont Medical Center. The availability of this crew for emergency coverage, while one or both of the duty crews are out, has provided more thorough coverage for the service. The Auxiliary crew is staffed by four part-time EMTs working in teams of two, 25 hours each week.

The EMS Explorer Program has expanded from 4 to 8 teenagers this year. One Explorer has become nationally certified as an Emergency Care Attendant; another Explorer is in the ECA program. The department has also applied for three community education grants. These funds will allow the department to purchase educational materials and to pay personnel to conduct community projects.

HISTORICAL RUN VOLUME

Fiscal Yr	Transfers	Emergencies
1994-95	445	769
1995-96	477	823
1996-97	627	1152
1997-98	894	1303
1998-99	1059	1453
1999-00	1381	1806
2000-01	1454	1814
2001-02	1401	1787

EMERGENCY CALLS (FY01-02)

Town	Total
Barre Town	475
Washington	34
Orange	82
Topsham	58
Berlin	315
East Montpelier	145
Calais	35
Plainfield	92

— DAVE JENNINGS, *EMS Director*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

This past year has been one of transition, as far as emergency preparedness is concerned. The entire nation has shifted from a stance of “it cannot happen in my community” to one of “it can and what if it happened in my community.” A great deal of the focus of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has shifted from natural disasters to homeland security, and the possibility of bio-terrorism.

2002 saw the creation of the Homeland Security Agency at the national level and the Vermont Homeland Security Taskforce. The latter is who the local emergency coordinator works with. The VHST started a weekly newsletter to local agencies and is beginning to offer courses and assistance to local coordinators. These resources are expected to increase as the new agencies get better organized.

East Montpelier’s Rapid Response Plan was reviewed in 2002 and found to be incomplete and inaccurate only a year after its acceptance. This is being addressed. Also being addressed is a Disaster Mitigation Plan, which must be in place by 2004. It is hoped we’ll have this plan in place by December of this year. I would like to thank all those individuals that assisted me throughout this past year and I look forward to working with you in 2003.

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



TOWN FIRE WARDEN

For the last few years I have tried to inform residents about the dangers of wild-fires beyond the simple burning of brush and grassland. When conditions are ripe, fires can spread at a rate that is difficult to believe, destroying wildlife and valuable timber resources. This past summer a wildfire near Guyette Road came very close to destroying a home situated on a wooded lot. Due to early detection and the fast action by the East Montpelier Fire Department, the home was saved. This fire was a reminder that “fire prevention” means not only being careful with outside burning but also avoiding conditions that allow fires to spread to houses, barns, and other buildings. Brush should be trimmed, roofs kept clear of accumulated leaves and needles, and tall grass mowed around all buildings. Remember the old adage — an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Permits are free but are required by state statute for all outside burning except for cooking/camp fires and when snow is on the ground. This year we were able to safely issue over 300 permits on days when risk was low. Permits are for natural materials only. It is illegal to burn painted wood, plywood, cardboard, plastic, garbage, and similar refuse. If you have any questions, please call so we can discuss them. The best times to call for permits are the evening before or first thing on the morning you desire to burn. Thank you.

For permits call: Fire Warden CHRIS REED 223-7707
Key Man BILL GEORGE 223-7741

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

The year 2002 was another busy year for the East Montpelier Fire Department. We responded to 74 fire calls and 179 emergency medical calls this year.

	Fire	Medical	Total
East Montpelier	39	123	162
Calais	15	48	63
Mutual Aid	20	8	28
	74	179	253

Membership has risen with four new members, including the addition of Jon Boucher, Sara Pearson, and Chris Quesnel. Cole Bliss turned 18 years old and has become a full-time member. We welcome them all.

Medical and motor vehicle accidents account for almost 68 percent of our emergency calls as a fire department.

We come to town meeting this year with a request for funding a new engine for the department. Our 1980 GMC engine is nearing its end of service. Its pump is past repair and would need a major rebuild. Rust is showing in many places, and would require a significant overhaul that we feel is not effective. The active life of a fire engine by national standards is 20 to 25 years in service. We have sent out bids for a Class 1 engine that is similar to the engine purchased in 1995. It will have a larger water tank, 1,250 gallons, providing more water on first arrival to a structure fire, a great advantage in rural fire fighting. A bid by Vermont Fire Technologies of Williamstown has been accepted contingent upon approval by voters at town meeting. We are asking for your support of the article requesting \$220,665 to purchase the new engine (\$146,900.00 from East Montpelier; \$73,765.00 from Calais). We have put the old engine up for sale and will use the proceeds to help equip the new engine.

We remind all residents to install smoke detectors in your homes — they are important fire prevention tools. And check the batteries every year!

As always, we thank you for your support.

RABIES CLINIC

Thursday, March 13, 2003

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

East Montpelier Fire Station

Rt. 14 (across from WEC)



\$7.00 per animal

Questions? Call 454-7147

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

Category	2002 Budgeted	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
Administrative	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,095.00	\$ 1,800.00
Audit	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Building 1	515.00	632.67	2,500.00
Building 2	1,500.00	75.96	1,500.00
Annual Fee Station 2	650.00	650.00	650.00
Bookkeeping	2,500.00	2,955.00	2,700.00
Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cellular Phone	280.00	651.86	300.00
Diesel	1,200.00	871.01	1,000.00
Dispatch	7,500.00	6,778.92	8,000.00
Dues	450.00	487.00	500.00
Electric Station 1	1,500.00	1,252.87	1,500.00
Electric Station 2	1,000.00	289.48	550.00
Snow Plowing	600.00	360.00	750.00
EMS Supplies	2,000.00	3,513.79	2,200.00
Equipment Repair	2,500.00	1,803.50	2,500.00
Firefighting Supplies	5,000.00	6,333.30	5,000.00
Gasoline	1,500.00	1,014.30	1,500.00
Heating Oil, Station 1	2,000.00	1,892.54	2,500.00
Heating LP, Station 2	2,500.00	1,179.90	2,000.00
Insurance	25,000.00	21,823.00	30,000.00
Legal	250.00	0.00	250.00
Bank Charges	100.00	164.16	150.00
Chaplain's Fund (Misc)	500.00	107.00	500.00
Misc	0	383.23	0
Office Supplies	1,700.00	1,758.41	1,700.00
Personal Gear	6,000.00	7,740.82	6,000.00
Postage	0	100.17	150.00
Radio Repair	1,300.00	582.00	1,300.00
Radio Replacement	3,000.00	1,786.00	3,000.00
Refreshments	900.00	1,344.18	1,300.00
Stipend	9,400.00	10,000.00	9,400.00
Telephone	650.00	545.78	650.00
Truck Repairs	8,000.00	12,544.28	8,000.00
Training	1,020.00	2,640.15	2,000.00
Truck Replacement (Capital Exp.)	10,000.00	10,000.00*	10,000.00
Rescue Truck (Loan Payment)	17,280.00	17,280.00	0
AED (Defibrulator) Lease Pay	—	—	2,950.00
Total Annual Budget	\$123,095.00	\$123,636.28	\$117,300.00

Separately Warned Amounts:

HEP B Shots	5,400.00	281.00**	0.00
Physicals	7,200.00	0.00**	0.00
Pumper Truck (E.M. warning = \$146,900.00)			\$ 220,665.00

* \$10,000 was transferred to Truck Replacement Account as Capital Reserve.

** \$12,600 was transferred to Capital Account — \$281 was expended in 2002.

Additional Unbudgeted Expenditures

from Rescue Truck Account	\$ 2,893.43
from Truck Replacement Account	4,803.01
from Donations Account	9,515.92
Personal Gear	7,200.00
Firefighting Supplies	928.30
Other	<u>1,642.62</u>
	<u>\$ 26,983.28</u>

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS CASH BASIS

	12/31/01	12/31/02
Unrestricted Assets		
Checking Account	\$ 11,280.46	19,262.94
Donations Account	8,859.24	4,884.05
Contingency Account	<u>37,115.16</u>	<u>37,629.50</u>
Ending Balance.....	57,254.86	61,776.49
Restricted Assets**		
Capital Account	341.89	14,034.41
Training Account	1,816.77	1,081.62
Rescue Truck Account	1,874.54	0.00
Truck Replacement Account	<u>705.93</u>	<u>11,307.39</u>
	4,739.13	26,423.42
Total Assets	<u>\$ 61,993.99</u>	<u>\$ 88,199.91</u>

** See also: Town's Capital Reserve contributions to Fire Dept. projects on page 36.

EMFD BUDGET SUMMARY

Beginning Balance (December 31, 2001)		\$ 61,975.
Revenues		
East Montpelier (75% of budget)	92,321.25	
Calais (25% of budget)	30,773.75	
East Montpelier: Hep B/Phys. articles	9,450.00	
Calais: Hep B/Phys. articles	3,150.00	
Calais: Truck and Hydrant articles	6,400.00	
Donations, interest, misc.	<u>24,749.96</u>	
		166,845.
Expenses		
Budgeted	113,636.28*	
Unbudgeted	<u>26,983.28</u>	
		(140,620.)
Ending Balance (December 31, 2002)		<u>\$ 88,200.</u>

* See note on previous page.

NOTE: EMFD accounts and audit are not reviewed by Town Auditors.

ENHANCED 911 BOARD

Statewide System Operations

The following information is from the period Jan.1, 2002 to Nov. 30, 2002:

Total 911 Calls Received	172,089
Total Cellular 911 Calls Received	52,171
Total Abandoned 911 Calls	10 % of total (average)
Average Time to Answer	4 seconds

The Vermont E-911 system continues to perform within established benchmarks.

East Montpelier Call Volume..... 133

The Enhanced 911 Board operates nine 911 call answering points, known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). They are located at the Springfield Police Department, the Hartford Police Department, the Montpelier Police Department, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office, the Saint Albans Police Department, the Shelburne Police Department, and the State Police Barracks at Williston, Rutland and Rockingham.

What You Should Know About Cellular Phones

It is important to remember that cellular phones are really only glorified radios. They are subject to interference from building walls, sunspots and the weather. Call processing is slower than it is for wire line phones. For example, when you place a call, it takes several seconds longer for your call to begin ringing than it does when you make a call from your regular phone. Cellular technology is not as reliable as your regular phone service. For example, if there is no "receiver" or tower nearby, your phone will not work. Calls may be cut off abruptly in mid conversation, causing you to have to dial aga in. Finally, even if your carrier has complied with federal enhanced 911 requirements, there are many factors that may prevent a 911 Operator from knowing exactly where you are. Always be prepared to give your location to the 911 Operator. Clearly, there are trade offs between greater mobility and call quality.

Cellular phones now account for approximately 40% of all calls to the Vermont E-911 system. About 20% of these are unintentional calls. These are instances in which the caller did not knowingly dial 911. Time spent on unintentional calls reduces our ability to process legitimate calls for help. There is an important step you can take to prevent this from happening to you. First, cellular phones are often pre-programmed by the manufacturer to dial 911 when a single button (usually 1 or 9) is pressed for a few seconds. Carrying your cell phone on your belt, in your pocket, or in your purse or briefcase can cause the pre-programmed button to be pressed accidentally, sending a false call to 911. Take a moment to see if this feature is activated on your phone, and if it is, set it to "off."

— MARLENE BETIT, *E-911 Coordinator*

— VITAL STATISTICS —

BIRTHS

Name of Child	Sex	Date of Birth	Parents
Maija Jean Pearson	F	October 31, 2001	Rochelle L. Ethington
Amanda Lyn Brown	F	December 24, 2001	Jodi-Lyn Laperle
Simon Erik Moon	M	January 14, 2002	Emily Kristina Nelson
Thomas Kendall Shanley	M	January 22, 2002	Kimberly Ann Kendall
Zai Indigo Glück	M	February 16, 2002	Elyse Andrea Coleman Hubacker
Nicholas Thomas Richards	M	February 16, 2002	Melissa Ann Meacham
Emily Claire Ferguson Ehret	F	March 13, 2002	Kristie Lynn Ferguson
Danielle Marie LaRose	F	March 20, 2002	Vickie Lea Corliss
Owen Charles Myka-Smith	M	May 20, 2002	Jennifer Lynn Myka
Emma Rose Edgley	F	May 23, 2002	Anne Alden Loucks
Cooper Mark Farnsworth	M	June 17, 2002	Jessyca Rose Manning
Molli Mychele Brown	F	July 19, 2002	Rebekah Janine Holmes
Seth Harold Deuso	M	August 1, 2002	Constance Anne Tonne
Averie Georgiana Brown	F	August 16, 2002	Kimberly Sarah Sheppard
Nevaeh Catherine West	F	August 28, 2002	Christine Ashley West
Caleb Richard Tousignant-Brown	M	September 22, 2002	Jessica Marie Tousignant
Brooke Elizabeth Forrend	F	September 25, 2002	Jamie Lynn Treadwell
Carmen Elizabeth Gallagher	F	November 28, 2002	Vanessa Jean Nadeau
			Elroy L. Pearson
			Travis Stowe Brown
			Erik David Moon
			James Bryan Shanley
			Rita René Glück
			Lawrence Allen Richards
			Glen Anthony Ehret
			Richard Allan LaRose
			Richard Scott Smith
			Raymond Jay Edgley
			Thomas Mark Farnsworth
			Robert Francis Brown
			Todd Allan Deuso
			Michael Anthony Brown
			Edward Henry Brown
			Jamie Allen Forrend
			Brian James Gallagher

MARRIAGES

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date of Marriage
Jeffrey Irving Paronto, Jr.	Williamstown	Jennifer Lee-Ann Fassett	East Montpelier	January 22, 2002
Richard Earle Rowell	East Montpelier	Nancy Kaye Hallock	East Montpelier	March 3, 2002
James Bryan Shanley	East Montpelier	Kimberley Ann Kendall	East Montpelier	May 17, 2002
Ty Christopher Rolland	East Montpelier	Nancy Lynn Audette	East Montpelier	May 4, 2002
George H. Wilson, V	East Montpelier	Shannon Garrity	Burlington	June 8, 2002
Ronald B. Hill	East Montpelier	M. Christine Cano	East Montpelier	June 15, 2002
Sterry P. Leno II	East Montpelier	Michele M. Boyd	East Montpelier	June 15, 2002
James Paul Robinson	East Montpelier	Jennifer Jo Karkruff	East Montpelier	June 22, 2002
Arthur Edwin Clark	East Montpelier	Amanda Ayers Enman	East Montpelier	June 29, 2002
Matthew James Curtis	East Montpelier	Julie Amber Dunbar	East Montpelier	July 20, 2002
Scott David Collins	East Montpelier	Patricia Elaine Liese Dorgan	East Montpelier	July 27, 2002
Dana H. Lawrence	East Montpelier	Nancy Thomas	East Montpelier	July 27, 2002
Brian M. Emmons	East Montpelier	Linda R. Cyr	East Montpelier	August 3, 2002
Mark Alan Rochefort	East Montpelier	Melanie Collard	Quebec, Canada	August 23, 2002
Shawn Gregory Chase	East Montpelier	Dawn Marie Seguin	East Montpelier	September 21, 2002
Spencer Tate Pryce	East Montpelier	Sara Elizabeth Guilmette	East Montpelier	September 28, 2002

CIVIL UNIONS

Party A	Residence	Party B	Residence	Date of Marriage
Melissa Mary Capers	Alexandria, VA	Brunilda Hernandez	Alexandria, VA	October 16, 2002

DEATHS

Name	Age	Date of Death
Lawrence C. Smith	75	January 21, 2002
Jake Brian Paton	39	January 22, 2002
Edith Maude Parker	91	February 10, 2002
Melissa Ann Richards	30	May 4, 2002
Dennis A. Lane	86	June 6, 2002
Stephen Dudley Nichols	61	June 26, 2002
Arsene LaPerle	93	July 4, 2002
Joseph E. Brown	61	July 16, 2002
Helen Delia Dwyer	80	July 18, 2002
Doris D. Blair	84	July 31, 2002
Virgil Henry Falldorf	82	September 10, 2002
Sidney W. Nelson Jr.	51	October 27, 2002
Richard C. Raymond	78	December 24, 2002

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

Year	Total Registered	AB Australian Ballot	FV AB/FV Percentage	Floor Vote
Town Meeting:				
2002	1,973	587	30% / 0%	0
2001	1,993	513	26% / 8%	156
2000	1,832	727	40% / 0%	0
1999	1,805	511	28% / 0%	0
1998	1,777	671	38% / 0%	0
1997	1,768	511	29% / 10%	173
1996	1,622	521	33% / 16%	263
1995	1,691	588	35% / 10%	170
1994	1,608	495	31% / 17%	265
1993	1,672	609	37% / 14%	228
1992	1,664	619	39% / 16%	256
1991	1,580	594	38% / 16%	250
1990	1,480	538	36% / 20%	300
1989	1,550	571	37% / 13%	199
1988	1,402	473	34% / 7%	105
1987	1,425	384	27% / 11%	160
Primary Election:				
2002	1,995	394	20%	
2000	1,892	724	38%	
1998	1,777	432	23%	
1996	1,689	145	9%	
1994	1,628	469	29%	
1992	1,537	345	23%	
1990	1,513	418	28%	
1988	1,456	711	49%	
1986	1,357	338	25%	
General Election:				
2002	2,029	1,300	64%	
2000	2,020	1,530	76%	
1998	1,806	1,299	72%	
1996	1,777	1,323	75%	
1994	1,682	1,190	71%	
1992	1,671	1,428	86%	
1990	1,572	1,152	73%	
1988	1,557	1,255	81%	
1986	1,422	1,062	75%	

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration is now done in several ways since the “Motor Voter Bill” came into effect as a requirement under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

When you renew your driver’s license or are obtaining a new driver’s license, you can register to vote by filling out the appropriate section on the Motor Vehicle License application used by the Department of Motor Vehicles. You can also register at the Department of Social Welfare, Department of Aging and Disabilities and the Department of Health, as well as at the Town Clerk’s Office.

You must be 18 years of age or older and take the Voter’s Oath if you have not taken it before. If you register by means of any of the State Departments listed above, that part of the form is sent to us by the Secretary of State’s Office, and the Town Clerk then processes it as before by presenting it to the Board of Civil Authority. After acceptance, the voter will receive a copy of his/her original application with the acceptance section completed.

The cut-off date for registering to vote in the State of Vermont is the second Saturday preceding any election. The Town Clerk’s Office is open from 10:00 a.m. until noon of that Saturday.

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

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

TOWN AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

The Town Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the indicated period and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, find they represent fairly the financial condition of the Town as reported herein. In addition, an independent review has been made and a report submitted by Jane M. Burroughs, C.P.A., of Fothergill, Segale, and Valley in Montpelier. The Management Recommendation Letter is printed here. Copies of the full report are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office.

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

The James P. Taylor Memorial Town Report Contest, sponsored by the University of Vermont Extension Service, evaluates annual reports from towns throughout the State. This year our 2001 Annual Report was submitted to the jury and moved to the second round of judging. Final results of the contest were not available at the time this year's Town Report went to press.

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

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLY EDWARDS
DEBORAH FILLION
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January 15, 2003

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

Dear Selectboard:

We have recently completed our audit of the Town of East Montpelier's year ended December 31, 2002 cash basis financial statements. We would like to take this opportunity to relay some of our observations, findings, and recommendations noted during this audit.

Financial Performance

The Town of East Montpelier ended the year with a cash basis General Fund fund balance of \$106,680; Special Revenue cash basis fund balance of \$442,185; and a Fiduciary cash basis fund balance of \$134,511.

General Fund

The General Fund balance of \$106,680 is undesignated and available for future expenditures. The General Fund revenues were greater than expenditures by \$31,391 which was \$106,680 better than budgeted. Exhibit C of the financial statements shows the budget to actual variances for the General Fund. Some of the larger variances were as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 880,208	\$ 911,334	\$ 31,126
Licenses and fees	24,900	37,866	12,966
Intergovernmental	208,025	219,191	11,166
Expenditures:			
Town officers	101,363	91,034	10,329
Summer roads	202,635	184,009	18,626
Repairs and maintenance	40,000	53,420	(13,420)
Gas, fuel, oil and grease	25,000	11,814	13,186

Special Revenue Fund

The Special Revenue funds consist of revenues restricted for various purposes. In the financial statements, Schedule 1 shows, in detail, the balance of these funds as of December 31, 2002 and Schedule 2 reflects the activity for the year.

Fiduciary Funds

The Fiduciary funds consist of the Carlton C. Smith Recreation Fund and the Cemetery Trust Fund. Schedule 3 and 4 show in detail the fund balances as of December 31, 2002 and the activity for the year.

Accounting/Recordkeeping

Overall, we were pleased with the Town's accounting and recordkeeping. The following are a few items we noted in the past and continue to recommend:

- Currently, each Special Revenue fund is accounted for separately in the accounting system. In addition, there is a cash account for each fund. We suggest that cash accounts be consolidated and the accounting systems continue to be utilized to track how much cash is for each fund. This would eliminate reconciling and tracking approximately 12 cash accounts. Additionally, consolidating the accounts could provide a larger rate of return due to additional investment opportunities.
- The revenue and expenses for some of the Special Revenue funds are being posted to the Fund Balance accounts. The revenues should be posted to the fund's revenue account and the expenditures should be posted to the fund's expenditure accounts. This will provide reports reflecting the beginning fund balance on the balance sheet and the current year's revenues and expenditures separately.
- The following accounts were not accounted for or kept current on the accounting system:
 - Sandy Pines Project special revenue fund

We suggest that all Town activity be reported on the accounting system and kept current so that management has available the accounting for all activities.

Cash versus Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting

Currently, your financial statements are presented on the cash basis of accounting. Normally, financial statements of Towns are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting reflects revenue when received

and expenditures when paid. The modified accrual basis reflects revenues when earned and expenditures when incurred with a few exceptions. We understand the Board is considering converting the Town's financials to the modified accrual basis in 2003.

Financial Reporting Model

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) approved GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. This Statement makes dramatic changes to the way you will be required to report financial information at year end. To be in compliance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles the following financial statements and supplemental information will be required.

- Management's discussion and analysis
- Government wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements
- Required supplemental information, if applicable.

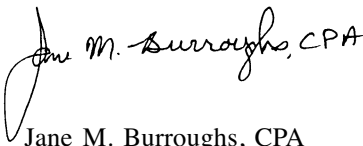
GASB 34 has different effective dates depending on the size of the entity. For your entity, it will be effective for the year beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2004.

We were pleased to see the Town's management is already working on this implementation.

If needed, we are available to assist in implementing any of these ideas. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank you and the staff of the Town of East Montpelier for their assistance during our audit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane M. Burroughs, CPA". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jane" being particularly prominent.

Jane M. Burroughs, CPA

~ WINTER ROADS ~

*Excerpts from the East Montpelier Historical Society's
"Winter Roads of Yore" Exhibit
Winter/Spring 2002 at the Town Offices*

About 1800, Vermont law stated that all males between the ages of 21 and 60, except ministers, teachers, and students, must work on the highways four days in spring and fall of each year. Travel on these roads meant walking or using horses or oxen.

1880s – 1929

Winter snows were rolled, or if drifted too deep for horses to wade through, were shoveled out of the way by men wielding shovels.



Luther Wheeler on a snow roller

Early 1900s

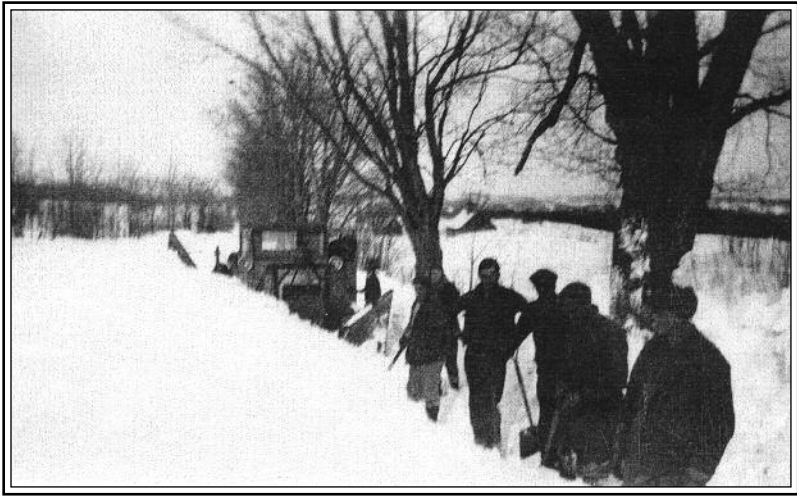
The first snow plows varied in design, but all were made to be pulled by horses or oxen and were made of wood.

Mid 1920s

Crawler tractors were used to power wooden plows. Built in a V with a wing on each side, these plows required a crew of three, one to drive the tractor and one to raise and lower each wing. All three men rode in the open air with no protection from the wind. Road speed: Six miles per hour, tops.

Mid 1890s – 1940s

It was realized that if blowing snow could be made to pile up away from roads, it would be easier to keep the roads open. The first snow fences for this purpose were made of local materials, posts and boards. By 1928, preassembled snow fence was purchased in rolls. Still, drifts in the road sometimes had to be shoveled out by large groups of men.



Men shoveling ahead of the plow, c. 1930

Late 1920s – 1930s

Some people started running their cars in the winter, and the availability of more effective steel snow plows helped town crews keep pace with the residents' desire to travel at will. However, plowing was still slow, done largely with tractors, and in 1938 the townspeople also voted to have the roads sanded.



*A winter Sunday outing, East Montpelier, 1935
(Myrtle, Conrad, Myrtie and Marilyn Ormsbee)*

1940s to present

In the 1940s, the increased size and power of trucks made it possible to use them in place of slower tractors. More recent equipment improvements have been gradual as has been the increase in winter travel. Perhaps the event that focused attention on winter roads the most was the start, in 1960, of busing school children.

REPORT OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT JULY 1, 2001 – JUNE 30, 2002



WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE REPORT

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to report on the educational and financial status of Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU). WCSU is comprised of Berlin, Calais, Doty, East Montpelier, Rumney Elementary Schools and U-32 Middle and High School. As a supervisory union, our goal is to provide the highest quality educational opportunities for approximately 2,000 students PreK through Grade 12.

To meet this goal we have focused on: improving curriculum, instruction and assessments; enhancing school climate and safety; recruiting and retaining high caliber staff; and providing educational and financial leadership to assist us in working more efficiently as an integrated PreK-12 educational system.

Vermont School Quality Standards

WCSU is committed to meeting and maintaining Vermont School Quality standards in all areas. These standards include implementing standards-based curriculum, instruction and assessments at all grade levels; collecting school and student data to create action plans to improve student performance; and reporting on school and student performance to the community.

Standards-based Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Under the leadership of Tim Flynn, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, teachers have continued to work to develop curriculum and assessments in their classrooms and courses that align with the Vermont Standards. WCSU teachers and administrators are committed to ensuring all students receive high quality standards-based instruction. WCSU has developed a comprehensive PreK-12 Assessment System. This system includes local, state, and national assessments. These assessments provide data to assess how well students in WCSU are doing, identify areas we need to address, and most importantly guide our instruction to ensure increased outcomes and accountability.

Reporting Student Progress

Each school prepares an annual School Report to provide parents and community members with student assessment results. These reports are mailed out to all residents in late February and are available in each school. You may also wish to view these results on the state website <http://maps.vcgi.org/schlrrpt/>. We are proud of our school and student achievements on the various state and national assessments and yet recognize there is still room for improvement. As a supervisory union, our commitment is to continuous improvement.

Strategic and Action Planning

Each school has developed a long-range strategic plan and an annual action plan. The purpose of these plans is to establish short and long-term goals for our schools and monitor our progress. School teams made up of staff, parents, community and school board members meet on a regular basis to review and revise plans. The teams review student performance and other school data to set targets and strategies to improve performance. Teams from each of our schools meet annually to review district data and to share resources. These joint supervisory union meetings have provided the opportunity to review supervisory union needs, trends and plan professional development throughout the supervisory union.

Professional Development

WCSU recognizes the importance of providing professional development opportunities. Over the past year, teachers, support staff, administrators, and board members participated in numerous professional development trainings, workshops and courses.

WCSU has a Professional Development Council comprised of teachers and administrators from each school. This council is responsible for planning professional development opportunities for staff to improve student performance. They have created a three-year plan focusing on four main areas: literacy, school climate, collegueship, and standards-based instruction and assessment.

Special Services/Early Intervention

Lee Sease, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, oversees our special education programs. There are currently 200 students receiving special education services in WCSU. Although we provide a continuum of services to meet the needs of students, our primary goal is to accommodate instruction within the classroom by working in collaboration with classroom teachers. In accordance with Act 117, each school has developed an Educational Support System and Educational Support Teams to provide early intervention and to ensure each student has the necessary support for academic success.

Early Education Programs

WCSU is extremely proud of its comprehensive Early Childhood Education Programs. These programs currently serves 98 children in its Family, Infant and Toddler Program (FIT), an Early Education Initiative Program (EEI), an Essential Early Education Program (EEE) and Preschool Programs located at Berlin, East Montpelier, Doty and Calais Elementary School.

In addition, all five elementary schools provide playgroups and home visits where appropriate. Much credit for these outstanding programs goes to Kate Rogers, Director of the Early Education Programs, for her expertise and commitment to young children, their families and to the entire preschool staff.

Medicaid Reimbursement/Summer School

Over the past three years, WCSU has actively pursued obtaining Medicaid reimbursement funds. These funds are currently supporting literacy instruction for PreK-3, social skills training, a home school coordinator, and an expanded summer school program. Last summer, approximately 100 students, who did not meet the Vermont standards in literacy and math, attended summer school programs in their home school. Further, with Medicaid funds, Consolidated Federal Grant funds and funds from the Community Connections Grant, we were able to collaborate with the Montpelier School District to expand our summer school programs. Last summer, we offered a Lab school to students and staff with a focus on reading comprehension.

Fiscal Services and Grants

Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator for WCSU, manages and oversees all the central office fiscal and business operations. We are fortunate to have Lori's fiscal experience and expertise. Lori works closely with central office and school administrators, school directors and town officials to develop and monitor school and central office budgets. I am pleased to report the financial status for all our schools and central office continues to be excellent.

Our goal is to ensure quality educational services for our students and contain costs. This year, we have scrutinized our budgets even more by level funding the central office budget and reducing school budgets in an effort to contain local taxes. We participate in joint bidding and purchasing, which has resulted in numerous cost savings for everyone. It is also important to note that although the WCSU budget includes costs for district-wide programs and preschool salaries and costs, each elementary school receives revenues back for these programs.

Over the past five years, Lori has overseen all financial aspects of the U-32 renovation and construction project. Although project costs came in higher than anticipated, we have been able to invest earnings and are pleased to report we will be returning money to taxpayers by reducing the bond payment over the next several years.

WCSU continues to actively pursue grant funding. These grants allow us to provide additional learning opportunities for students and provide staff development opportunities for staff, while not placing additional burdens on our taxpayers. Some of the most significant grants we have received in the past year include: Consolidated Federal Grants, IDEA B Preschool Grant, technology and assessment grants and most significantly the 21st Century Community Connections Grant.

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

Community Connections - 21st Century Grant

This is the second year of the Community Connections 21st Century Grant awarded to WCSU and the Montpelier School District. Annually both districts received a 1.5 million dollar grant to provide after school and summer school programs in each of our communities. The goals of this grant are to: 1) expand educational opportunities for students not meeting the standards and enhance enrichment opportunities for all students; 2) to reduce high-risk behavior in our youth, particular the use of drugs and alcohol; and 3) to expand the school's role as a resource available to all community members. We are most fortunate to have been awarded this exciting grant for a three-year period.

The Community Connections programs are available to all community members along with students in grades kindergarten through grade 12. Over the past year more than 800 students attended Community Connections programs. They participated in reading and homework help, foreign language, theater, recreational activities, computer skills and many more. Community Connection strives to offer a balance of educational, enrichment and life-skill building opportunities as well as a safe, supervised place to have fun. Credit for the success of this grant and the extensive program offerings goes to Ginny Burley, Executive Director, and the central and site coordinators and staff!

Technology

Each of our schools have developed technology plans to address short and long-range goals to better utilize technology within our schools. Dennis Beloin, Director of Technology at U-32 and WCSU Director of Technology has helped us coordinate and address technology needs throughout WCSU.

Under Dennis' leadership we have linked each of our schools and the central office through a wide-area network (WAN). This network allows all our schools to share and track student and personnel records and has improved our financial and accounting systems. Further, we have developed a WCSU web site with links to each of the excellent school web sites, along with links to school closing information and job recruiting postings. We encourage you to check out our web sites and give us feedback on how these sites can further meet the needs of our students and community.

WCSU District-Wide Committees

To help us work more efficiently as a PreK-12 educational system, we have established several district-wide committees with representatives from each school. Over the past few years we established a WCSU policy committee for the purpose of developing common policies, and WCSU transportation committee as a means to offer more efficient transportation services and a Blue Ribbon Teacher Evaluation Task Force. Last year we added an early education committee to review our early education programs and study full-day kindergarten as well as a foreign language committee to research and make recommendations to the boards, with regards to providing foreign language instruction in elementary

school. As a result of the work of these committees we now offer foreign language in four of our elementary schools and full day kindergarten at Rumney.

This year we have begun a WCSU technology committee to look at technology needs and costs across the supervisory union. Each committee meets on a regular basis and provides the boards with updates, draft policies, written reports and other information to assist them in programmatic and budgetary decisions. If you are interested in serving on any school or supervisory union committee please let us know.

U-32 State of the Art Facility

The past year has seen the completion of the U-32 addition and renovation project. This beautiful new and expanded state of the art facility enhances the educational opportunities we are able to provide for students and community members. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project making it a reality and providing an opportunity to link our five communities in an even greater way. If you haven't yet seen the completed facility, please stop by.

Quality Staff

Recruiting and maintaining quality staff continues to be a top priority. WCSU currently employs 206 certified staff and 168 support staff who, along with parents and the community at large, are responsible for the education of our approximately 2000 students in grades PreK-12.

Last fall WCSU recognized 61 professional and support staff for their 20 or more years of service in Washington Central Supervisory Union.

Credit for the many accomplishments I've listed in this report goes to the efforts and commitment of our outstanding professional and support staff as well as to our administrative leadership team. I feel fortunate to work with such outstanding, committed and caring educators who are truly here to serve our youth.

Parents and Community Involvement

Parents and community involvement is vital to quality schools and school improvement. I feel most grateful for the parents, community and board members for their on-going commitment, involvement and support to our children and schools. It takes our combined efforts to meet the diverse and growing needs of all of our students and provide them with the educational opportunities to become life-long learners and caring and responsible citizens. We are most fortunate to have such wonderful community members supporting our schools and children. Thank you all for helping us meet this important challenge. WCSU is committed to on-going improvement, and always welcomes your ideas and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBBE BROOK, *Superintendent of Schools*

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

To the Residents of the Towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester:

In our capacity as public schools, the districts of the Washington Central Supervisory Union are required to locate, identify, and evaluate any child or student from birth and up who may require special education and related services in order to access and benefit from public education.

The Federal special education regulations define a **child with a disability** as a child having mental retardation, a hearing impairment including deafness, a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment including blindness, emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, a health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who requires specialized instruction and related services.

If you know of a child who might have a disability as described, please contact the principal of your local district or contact William Lee Sease, at 229-0553 ext. 303, if you live in the towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, or Worcester.

Evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the procedures described in §§300.530-300.535 of the Federal Regulations for Special Education and in accordance with the State Regulations for Special Education outlining the procedures for special education evaluations.



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

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2002, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$950,362. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2002 with a \$123,363 general fund balance and a \$65,000 special education fund balance.

For fiscal year 2003, the supervisory union budgets total \$1,003,666 and it is expected that the year will end in balance.

At this time, it is expected that the supervisory union general fund and special education budgets for fiscal year 2004 will total \$1,003,666.

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

Respectfully submitted,

ROBBE BROOK
Superintendent of Schools



**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
FISCAL YEAR 2002–2003
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	Budget 2003	Proposed Budget 2004
Anticipated Revenues:		
Assessments (<i>see below</i>)	\$ 719,276	\$ 731,557
Earnings on Investments	20,000	20,000
State Placed Reimbursements	120,000	120,000
Early Education Program	96,390	72,109
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Total Anticipated Revenues	955,666	943,666
Fund Balance Usage	48,000	60,000
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Total Sources of Funds	\$ 1,003,666	\$ 1,003,666
Expenditures:		
Instructional Svcs – State Placed Students	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
Early Education Program	157,537	174,894
Special Area Admin. Services	140,597	138,217
Instruction Develop. Services	91,631	92,045
Technology	46,594	28,457
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	206,134	214,367
Fiscal Services	209,921	201,106
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	31,252	34,580
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Total Expenditures	\$ 1,003,666	\$ 1,003,666
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Total Use of Funds	\$ 1,003,666	\$ 1,003,666

WCSU FISCAL YEAR 2003–2004 BUDGET SUMMARY: ASSESSMENTS

School	Average		(See Note **)			Technology Assessment
	Daily Membership	ADM %	Admin. Assessment	Curriculum Assessment		
Berlin	259	15.7%	\$34,519	\$14,433	4,463	
Calais	124	7.5%	16,478	6,889	2,130	
East Montpelier	236	14.3%	31,481	13,163	4,069	
Middlesex	153	9.3%	20,411	8,534	2,638	
Worcester	79	4.8%	10,478	4,381	1,354	
Union 32	800	48.5%	106,780	44,645	13,803	
Totals	1,650	100.0%	\$220,147	\$92,045	\$ 28,457	

** Allocation based on purchased services.

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
SALARY & BENEFIT PROJECTION
AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2002**

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

	WSCU Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits		WSCU Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Beloin, Dennis	\$ 6,499	\$ 7,090	Hull, Joanne	\$ 36,519	\$ 48,267
Bibeau, Lori	62,943	80,004	Laquerre, Rosalie	30,527	43,752
Brook, Roberta	88,299	98,577	Larrow, Benton	11,479	12,978
Carlson, Martha	8,502	9,188	Maslyn, Jennette	7,465	8,067
Carr, Ann	29,420	37,013	Mason, Lee Ellen	36,394	41,853
Crandell, Rebecca	17,747	20,397	Mier, Louise	45,219	48,899
Crowningshield, Karyn	30,506	35,386	Miller, Josie	6,399	6,915
Cykon, Cynthia	27,465	29,714	Nichols-Fleming, Diane	22,495	25,733
Fielder, Diane	8,848	9,561	Parker, Bethany	18,891	21,811
Forbes, Lisa	4,275	4,620	Powers, Bess	28,963	40,429
Flynn, Timothy	67,527	81,832	Richardson, Melody	5,862	6,334
George, Danielle	9,500	10,267	Rogers, Kathy	37,878	43,397
Graves, Julie	31,609	44,672	Roya, Patricia	35,204	46,774
Harris-Vincent, Catherine	2,741	2,961	Sease, William	70,123	78,410
			TOTALS	\$ 789,299	944,901

Fiscal Services Assessment	Special Services Assessment	Early Education Assessment	Total Assessment	Comparison to FY02-03 Total
.....\$ 26,924	.....\$ 19,164	.....\$ 34,492	.....\$133,995	..... (\$1,855)
..... 12,852	..... 9,148	..... 19,545	..... 67,042	..... 5,667
..... 24,554	..... 17,477	..... 30,468	..... 121,212	..... 5,267
..... 10,120	..... 11,331	..... 7,933	..... 60,967	..... 3,852
..... 8,172	..... 5,817	..... 10,347	..... 40,549	..... (6,785)
..... 83,284	..... 59,280	..... 0	..... 307,792	..... 6,135
\$165,906	\$122,217	\$102,785	\$ 731,557	\$12,281

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY

Description	Actual 2001-2002	Budget 2002-2003	Projected 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004
REVENUES				
Tuition	\$ 107,984	\$ 142,000	\$ 94,964	\$ 92,000
Investment Income	76,401	40,000	42,400	40,000
Assessments	8,030,949	8,279,823	8,279,823	8,633,266
Miscellaneous Income	95,166	36,760	46,660	53,140
Special Education Income	697,005	565,131	691,682	600,681
Subtotal Revenues	\$9,007,505	\$9,063,714	\$9,155,529	\$9,419,087
Fund Balance		0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,007,505	\$9,063,714	\$9,155,529	\$9,419,087
EXPENSES				
Business Educ. Program	\$ 115,358	\$ 121,447	\$ 120,491	\$ 122,972
Driver Educ. Program	98,012	84,917	74,875	66,458
English Program	647,964	686,315	658,738	661,200
Acting, Dance, Visual Arts Prog.	174,336	181,498	189,703	205,489
Foreign Language Program	182,297	180,096	198,582	214,487
Technology Ed. Program	112,389	117,793	118,924	124,874
Living Arts Program	89,318	89,960	95,921	98,858
Music Program	151,264	176,289	183,327	191,225
Physical Educ. Program	229,283	236,629	243,892	246,541
Mathematics Program	448,796	482,227	507,673	539,487
Science Program	530,081	588,798	579,016	609,952
Social Studies Program	453,213	466,660	476,443	488,952
Misc. Instruc. – Schoolwide ..	211,261	159,231	179,955	183,597
Other Instruction – 504	26,574	26,283	25,423	27,352
Middle School Programs	23,414	24,240	24,240	24,450
Co-Curricular Activities	409,645	422,509	431,119	446,678
Other Prog. – Alternative	130,357	0	0	0
Guidance Services	312,021	334,108	339,292	345,631
Health Services	54,458	73,498	80,426	85,581
Educational Media Service	101,898	86,511	86,643	82,174
School Library Services	151,271	180,590	181,857	188,687
Technology Services	122,732	132,304	136,442	147,393
Board of Education Svcs	39,626	36,426	41,426	35,126
Office of Superintendent	146,701	151,687	151,687	165,228
Office of Principal Svcs	639,695	686,482	684,331	677,082
Fiscal Services	88,122	89,261	89,261	83,284
Auditing Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,730
Operation and Maintenance	794,690	796,633	899,051	843,015
Student Transportation Svcs	391,152	392,243	392,243	399,493
Transfers to Other Funds	972,920	856,676	856,676	856,676
Instructional Svc-Special Ed ..	1,300,589	1,199,803	1,339,185	1,254,415
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,152,037	\$9,063,714	\$9,389,442	\$9,419,087

U-32 HIGH SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projection As of December 1, 2002

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

	U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits		U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Angell, Paul	\$ 46,467	\$ 54,172	Cueto, Linda	\$ 14,540	\$ 18,137
Badeau, Carlene	29,570	36,023	Dailey, Cynthia	29,921	37,784
Barrows, Steve	42,536	54,943	Dalmasse, Denise	38,993	44,447
Bartlett, Derek	21,040	26,594	David, Beatrice	30,130	36,305
Barton, Cindy	9,897	10,752	Dean, Fletcher	15,427	23,628
Bazis, David	30,130	39,296	DeCicco, Sally	17,716	23,520
Beebe, Larry	47,327	60,173	Decker, Anne	14,378	15,620
Beloin, Dennis	51,985	65,784	DeForge, Joyce	45,912	53,566
Blake, Dorothy	76,808	90,606	Dentith, Susan	48,741	56,654
Book, Laura	14,831	25,169	Desch, Marguerite	42,966	50,350
Boomhower, Dan	45,912	53,566	Disenhaus, Nancy	48,741	54,706
Bruno, Barbarann	16,048	21,947	Ditmeyer, Christine	42,966	50,127
Buchovecky, Eric	40,632	52,865	Dolan, Paula	42,536	54,943
Budliger, Amy	35,965	42,708	Dorsey, Ellen	33,632	38,675
Cameron, Nathalie	12,595	17,310	Dunn, Janice	34,029	38,416
Carey, Bodo	39,465	51,591	Dunn, William	47,327	58,100
Caron, James	30,130	39,137	Eaton, Margaret	49,741	62,808
Cate, Tom	44,851	57,470	Emery, Paula	32,464	38,791
Cate, Weston III	18,704	24,980	Fair, Patricia	24,286	31,165
Chaloux, Sandra	37,400	43,091	Fisk, Stephen	10,818	11,752
Chaplin, Mark	48,741	61,717	Fitch, Leslie	32,677	44,650
Chase, Betty	13,363	17,451	Fletcher, David	22,086	30,897
Cioffi, Barbara	40,316	50,447	Fowler, Cathy	19,878	25,325
Cook, Vicki	14,751	19,029	French, Adam	28,963	35,065
Cooke, Ellen	41,765	54,102	French, William	14,540	19,499
Crossett, Paula	27,112	35,466	Fried, Myrna	3,868	4,202

	U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Gaffney, Sandra	\$ 17,041	\$ 23,046
Gandin, Dan	44,851	57,470
Gandin, Tracy	42,536	47,932
Garand, Laura	15,122	18,773
Garand, Travis	12,595	15,948
Garcia, Joan	21,667	27,000
Garrity, Leigh	40,632	52,565
Gora, Peter	17,041	22,228
Grace, Caroline	31,297	36,429
Grantz, Christopher	30,130	35,656
Greenberg, Joanne	28,396	33,763
Greene, Daniel	41,453	53,762
Hall, Diane	25,091	35,431
Hannigan, David	26,786	38,220
Heath, Stephanie	28,963	34,755
Heintz, Benjamin	32,474	43,801
Herrick, Amy	37,619	43,139
Hill, MaryEllen	19,698	31,468
Houston, Glenn	19,911	28,139
Hungerford, Richard	35,882	44,225
Huoppi, Ellen	15,683	20,746
Hurley, Kevin	22,288	32,115
Jenkins, Jamie	34,115	45,734
Johnson, Emily	20,275	24,843
Johnson-Aten, Bonnie	41,400	53,669
Joy, Denise	34,798	40,251
Kangas, Destiny	30,268	35,806
Keitel, Stephanie	48,741	61,717
Kiefer, Julie	37,132	46,971

	U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Klima, Judith	\$ 34,798	\$ 41,434
Kohn-Saxe, Barbara	37,098	48,973
Kopecky, A. Emel	22,183	24,100
Kopecky, Barry	52,039	63,726
Korecki-Moll, Barbara	38,298	48,244
Ksepka, Michelle	14,540	23,387
Law, Michael	47,322	57,862
Luce, Marie	23,758	33,910
Lunn, Jeneane	31,297	40,443
Mac Martin, Roxana	18,073	27,420
Macke, Michael	14,138	15,359
Malloy, Janilyn	45,912	56,555
Martin, Shawn	39,465	51,591
McCord, Denise	36,479	42,086
McKone, Thomas	47,327	60,173
McNaulty, William	20,274	24,396
Mehuron, Mary	40,632	51,443
Mercer, John	51,327	64,525
Mercer, Nancy	48,741	54,706
Michaud, Heather	29,963	41,688
Mitchell, Spencer	26,139	32,160
Mohlman, Bonnevieve	44,133	49,675
Mohlman, Joseph	48,742	59,644
Molina, Amanda	39,638	46,727
Newcomb, Sharon	14,198	17,454
Nichols, Ginger	17,472	28,041
Noone, Karen	48,741	61,717
Oakes, Dawn	16,697	21,823

	U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits		U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Olson, George	\$ 48,741	\$ 61,717	Stanton, Jenniffer	\$ 14,909	\$ 16,274
Palmer, Victoria	34,798	46,497	Otterman, Amy	25,161	31,235
Parrott-Safford, Diane	23,613	30,584	Stevenson, Ethan	37,132	42,799
Peck, Douglas	7,636	8,677	Stevens, Debra	14,540	18,137
Pelchar, Susan	29,353	42,489	St. Peter, Hollis	30,130	39,198
Pelletier, Kathleen	49,821	57,826	Terhune, Sarah	25,038	34,147
Pelloni, Mary	25,977	32,808	Tolassi, Jane	48,741	59,643
Pelton, Seth	18,078	21,498	Trombly-Holcomb, Arlene	26,201	38,892
Petrella, Albert	26,201	32,228	Truman, Diane	14,971	18,449
Pitchette, Mark	33,631	38,618	Valway, Kathleen	13,739	23,906
Poplawski, Virginia	16,379	25,486	Vandal, Norman	38,298	50,317
Post, Deborah	10,442	11,344	VanDeren, Lauren	26,873	37,466
Rackliff, Marilyn	29,921	37,784	Violette, Daniel	44,851	55,397
Randall, Nanci	18,443	24,681	Volinsky, Sarah	33,631	39,633
Reardon, Michael	42,966	49,167	Volpini, Carolyn	12,846	17,583
Rexford, Alan	48,741	59,643	Walker, Katherine	6,535	7,099
Rexford, Piper	48,741	54,706	Watson, Elaine	63,629	78,293
Riby-Williams, Emmanuel	14,831	25,169	Wheelock, Ann	18,856	25,055
Rice, David	14,540	22,660	Wiese, James	14,922	16,211
Roberts, Laura	18,073	23,355	Wiese, Kathy Topping	48,741	61,717
Satterlee, Bruce	11,183	11,315	Wilmott, Margaret	45,912	52,383
Saxe, Kenneth	41,799	47,128	Winston, Jonathan	56,025	70,396
Scribner, Susan	14,540	18,137	Woodfield, Eleanor	35,881	45,983
Sease, Naomi	14,540	19,499			
Segar, James	48,741	54,706			
Segar, Kathleen	17,728	29,219	TOTALS	\$ 4,983,332	6,246,394
Slopey, Brian	48,741	59,643			
Smetana, Jessica	12,734	20,688			
Snell, Lizabeth	45,912	58,524			

MESSAGE FROM THE EMES SCHOOL BOARD

Your school board continues to be an active board. We had many events and committees this past year, including WCSU Executive Board, EMES Capital Improvement, Literacy Action Team, Math Action Team, Climate/Health School Team, Technology Team and several hiring teams.

The board would like to welcome the following new staff members: Emma Waldo as our Spanish Teacher, Ellen Shedd and Gary Quackenbush as are 5/6th grade teachers, Maureen McDermet as our school counselor, Gary Gilman as our evening and summer custodian and Bob Lynde, our long-term substitute cook.

The board would also like to take this time to congratulate Lisa Garibaldi on two counts, first for receiving her masters degree in math through the Vermont Mathematics Initiatives and also on the birth of her daughter, Payton. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our principal, Carol Randall for completing the Vermont School Leadership Project at the Snelling Center for Government. Carol and Elaine Watson, U-32 Associate Principal, are working on 6th to 7th grade transition for all WCSU students as a result of their participation in the VSLP.

Our school implemented a foreign language program this year and it is going great. The children are enjoying it immensely and we are all learning the Spanish language. As you walk down the halls, you can't miss Emma Waldo's work, starting with the welcoming greeting in the front hall to closets, rooms, bathrooms, etc neatly labeled in Spanish.

At the beginning of our budget development process, we had 18 kindergarten students enrolled for the next school year. The board thought this would really give us the opportunity to offer families the option of full day kindergarten with one group of children in the current kindergarten classroom. It would give bigger blocks of instructional time to core subjects and provide children more learning opportunities through the day in a more relaxed atmosphere. Our kindergarten enrollment has increased, however, and a full day program may not be feasible for next year. We are designing other possibilities including a 70% program which is working well in our neighboring town of Calais.

Technology remains an important part of East Montpelier Elementary School. We are in the process of upgrading our WAN (Wide Area Network) lines to the schools in our district. When the WAN lines were installed to all elementary schools three years ago, we had very little traffic over the wires. There were only maybe 3 or four computers accessing the Internet at any give time from each site. Now with teachers using the Internet as a resource and tool to teach our children, the number of computers has grown to about 30 from each site. We also use the WAN for other things such as Payroll and accounting. Our current speed at each site (56k) does not work with this many computers, so we need to upgrade to the next step, a 384k line. Most schools will receive 50% of the money spent on this back through Erate.

Online student report cards are now a reality at our school. We appreciate the effort that has been invested by staff in working through the “glitches” in this project! This is the first step in having a student records database in the near future.

Budget development continues to be a difficult job for the board. It is very hard to meet the needs of the students, the state and federal requirements and the taxpayers. We requested input from the community during our annual potluck supper/forum in November. Community members offered advice and opinions at our regular meetings. We presented the final budget proposal, before it was adopted by the board and sent to the printer, during a forum in January. The board appreciates all of the input provided by our community. Our budget is up 3.46 % this year which includes a 19% health care increase and an additional student day. Health care costs have increased an average of 14% a year over the last five years. We know it was a rough year financially for some people and we also know that there are school programs needed to support student learning. Again, many items that were considered but not added to the FY04 proposed budget will need to be addressed in the future in order to provide our students the opportunity to reach the high academic standards in the *Vermont's Framework*. There are still many challenges facing us in the next few years.

The board would like to thank all the parent and community volunteers who help make our school so great. We urge community members to visit your school during the day and meet and greet the staff. The board also welcomes community members at our board meetings. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

JANICE ALDRICH, *Chair*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

One of the beliefs of the East Montpelier Elementary School is that we all share responsibility in working toward our mission and vision to make our school the best possible center for learning. My message this year highlights some ways in which students, families, staff and community members share in our continuous improvement efforts toward maximizing the effective use of our resources and growing as a learning community.

EMES students and their families demonstrate a commitment to learning. Two statements that consistently rate very highly on the annual student climate survey are “I have support for learning at home.” and “My family wants me to do well in school.” Our school has an excellent student daily attendance rate, almost 97% for the fourth year in a row. Parents and guardians are active contributors to solution seeking when their child experiences difficulties in school. Families enthusiastically participate in events where students demonstrate their progress as learners.

We are utilizing the expertise within our staff for professional development. This year, our paraeducators meet weekly for discussions and training led by members of our certified staff. Experienced personnel act as mentors to new staff members, teachers provide workshops in technology and most certified staff members are on action planning teams or supervisory union committees. Several staff members participate in a book study group and some teachers from U-32 serve as our consultants in math and literacy.

Community members bring energy and expertise to our school as volunteers during the school day, instructors and assistants in the outside of school time activities, coaches, dedicated members of the board of school directors and participants on Literacy, Math, Technology and Climate/Healthy School Action Planning Teams. This year, through the collaboration of volunteer planners, grant writers and members of East Montpelier town government, we made significant improvements to our school facility based on health, safety and cost savings.

We face many challenges in prioritizing use of our resources including instructional time, personnel, facility and funds to maximize learning. We are held to high standards and progress toward meeting our goals is sometimes slower than we plan. Thank you for sharing the very important responsibility of continuous improvement of your elementary school.

— CAROL RANDALL, *Principal*

EMES ENROLLMENT

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

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
East Montpelier School District

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of East Montpelier School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of East Montpelier School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

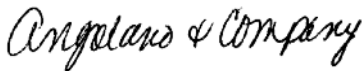
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and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

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of East Montpelier School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 12, 2002 on our consideration of East Montpelier School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its

compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of East Montpelier School District, Vermont taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of East Montpelier School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.



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July 12, 2002

TOWN AUDITORS' NOTE:

The East Montpelier School District accounts are independently audited by Angolano & Company. This cover letter accompanied their 31-page detailed report, copies of which are available for review at the School and Town Offices.

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projections As of December 1, 2002

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

	EMES Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
INSTRUCTIONAL		
Barrett, Maria	\$ 48,741	\$61,527
Berry, Michael	28,963	\$34,972
Bisson, Nancy	7,892	\$8,559
Christy, Kathryn	49,741	\$60,567
Cote, Gladys	45,912	\$54,789
Dunkling, Pamela	34,029	\$39,816
Finch, Christine	28,963	\$34,972
Gannon, Robin	48,741	\$61,527
Gariboldi, Lisa	34,798	\$44,285
Giammusso, Laura	32,464	\$37,641
Heiss-Holmes, Heidemarie	20,879	\$27,942
MacHarg, Jennifer	34,798	\$44,285
Moran, Steven	13,822	\$14,989
O'Hare, Jamie	48,741	\$59,478
Parker, Ann	14,922	\$15,637
Pastore, Carolyn	47,327	\$57,937
Pelkey, Barbara	14,304	\$15,512
Quackenbush, Gary	32,464	\$43,791
Rob, Mary Ann	14,922	\$16,182
Shedd, Ellen	31,297	\$42,217
Towne,, Stephen	30,268	\$40,592
Waldo, Emma	14,482	\$17,504
Weiss,Benjamin	30,130	\$36,244
Subtotal Teachers	\$ 708,600	870,965
Badger, Jane	16,493	\$20,983
Brister, Jude	7,332	\$7,989
Deforge, Susan	6,300	\$6,899
Hall, Linda	17,375	\$18,966
Subtotal Technical	\$ 47,500	54,837
Total Instructional	\$ 756,100	925,802
GUIDANCE		
Mcdermet, Maureen	26,905	\$31,137
Total Guidance	\$ 26,905	31,137

	Projected Salaries	Salaries & Benefits
HEALTH SERVICES		
Foster, Laurie	30,638	\$40,125
Total Health Services	\$ 30,638	40,125
LIBRARY		
Knoelder, Ellen	\$ 39,465	\$45,270
Brister, Jude	2,572	\$2,803
Total Library	\$ 42,037	48,073
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION		
Randall, Carol	\$ 65,379	\$79,656
Pauly, Marcia	18,504	\$20,196
Royce, Linda	26,880	\$33,511
Total Oper. & Maint.	\$110,763	133,363
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE		
Jackman, Alan	24,911	\$29,551
Storey, Tracy	32,048	\$44,825
Total Oper. & Maint.	\$ 56,959	74,376
SPECIAL EDUCATION 1210:		
Carter, Anne	\$ 48,741	\$61,527
Mason, Kathleen	35,965	\$45,493
Towne, Stephen	3,363	\$4,503
Wilcox, Joy	19,496	\$22,171
Subtotal Teachers	\$107,565	133,694
Deforge Susan	\$ 6,300	\$6,899
Farnham, Ruth	21,026	\$22,944
Humphries, Carol	15,674	\$17,113
Phillips, Doris.....	19,026	\$23,743
Stone, Katherine	15,259	\$19,639
Wirth, Elizabeth	9,266	\$13,060
Subtotal Technical	\$ 86,551	103,398
Total Special Education	\$194,116	237,092
Subtotal General Fund	\$1,217,518	1,489,968
FOOD SERVICES		
Royer, Christine	\$ 20,563	\$25,452
Total Food Services	\$ 20,563	25,452
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	<u>\$1,238,081</u>	<u>\$1,515,420</u>

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **BUDGET 2002-2003**

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Projected 2003	Budget 2004
REVENUES					
Property Tax – Elementary	\$ 496,394	\$ 491,572	\$ 542,919	\$ 542,919	\$ 589,131
Earnings on Investments	50,000	61,511	50,000	46,019	50,000
Interest Exp. on Investments	(40,000)	(34,891)	(40,000)	(26,247)	(40,000)
Misc. Income – Purch. Disc.	0	2,389	2,284	2,284	2,284
Misc. Income – Erate	0	0	0	0	0
General State Aid – Block Grant	1,100,716	1,114,116	1,142,755	1,117,744	1,117,552
General State Aid – Preschool	0	0	0	25,011	27,228
State Aid Sharing Pool	95,901	87,281	87,896	87,896	91,358
State Transportation Aid	35,882	36,564	35,024	35,024	35,729
State Transportation Aid – Prior Year	0	530	0	0	0
Capital Debt Aid	9,748	9,790	8,014	8,014	3,517
Mainstream Block Grant	110,681	110,681	114,359	114,359	120,812
Intensive Reimbursement	43,834	49,876	53,131	56,180	67,822
EEE (Early Essential Education).....	17,993	17,461	17,517	17,553	18,234
Subtotal Revenues	\$1,921,149	\$1,946,880	\$2,013,899	\$2,026,756	\$2,083,667
Fund Balance Usage	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,921,149	\$1,946,880	\$2,013,899	\$2,026,756	\$2,083,667

NOTE: Fund Balance Summary
Audited Fund Balance as of July 1, 2001
Use – FY01-02 (Fiscal Year 2001-2002)
Projected Fund Balance July 1, 2002

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **BUDGET 2003-2004**

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Projected 2003	Budget 2004
EXPENSES					
Instructional Services					
Salaries – Regular Professional	\$ 641,779	603,589	665,403	646,637	677,321
Salaries – Regular Technical	49,377	41,885	52,040	48,928	51,076
Salaries – Regular Retire	37,736	52,040	48,183	65,863	28,126
Salaries – Temporary	10,700	25,458	19,800	10,800	11,700
Health Benefits	83,678	85,875	91,010	99,173	120,709
Social Security/Medicare	51,297	49,858	53,873	53,410	53,737
Retirement Contributions	2,389	2,875	3,810	2,433	1,914
Section 125 Benefit	640	672	714	714	714
Workers Compensation	1,565	4,457	4,665	5,860	6,034
Unemployment Compensation	379	284	317	292	287
Tuition Reimbursement	11,000	12,096	11,000	11,000	11,000
Dental Benefits	5,024	5,501	5,501	5,502	5,501
Disability Benefits	4,124	2,441	3,616	3,601	3,775
Prof. Edu. Services – Inserv. Speakers	1,800	1,487	1,000	1,000	1,000
Prof. Edu. Services – Adm. Fee	3,431	1,713	4,770	4,770	5,365
General Supplies	30,810	32,380	30,810	30,810	29,550
Books and Periodicals	5,743	3,743	5,743	5,743	6,762
Computer Software	2,262	378	2,262	2,262	1,583
Equipment	1,573	1,216	1,573	1,573	0
Total Instructional Services	\$ 945,307	927,948	1,006,090	1,000,371	1,016,154

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Projected 2003	Budget 2004
Instructional Services – Enrichment					
Professional Svcs. – ELF	\$ 1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Professional Svcs. After School Prog.	1,000	663	0	0	0
General Supplies	2,600	1,416	2,000	2,000	1,000
Total Instructional Services – Enrichment	\$ 5,200	3,679	3,600	3,600	2,600
Guidance Services					
Salaries – Regular Professional	\$ 21,926	21,630	30,083	28,329	29,729
Health Benefits	1,784	0	2,506	0	0
Social Security/Medicare	1,660	1,655	2,275	2,167	2,274
Section 125 Benefit	32	32	34	34	34
Workers Compensation	46	134	180	227	219
Unemployment Compensation	11	9	12	10	11
Dental Benefits	191	191	254	254	254
Disability Benefits	132	0	156	140	146
General Supplies	60	200	60	60	380
Books and Periodicals	250	0	250	250	700
Total Guidance Services	\$ 26,092	23,851	35,810	31,471	33,747
Health Services					
Salaries – Regular Prof. Oth	\$ 28,422	27,426	30,083	30,638	31,925
Health Benefits	6,268	6,181	6,602	6,527	7,678
Social Security/Medicare	2,115	1,855	2,232	2,269	2,347
Section 125 Benefit	32	32	34	34	34
Workers Compensation	60	174	180	227	250
Unemployment Compensation	14	11	11	12	12
Dental Benefits	254	254	254	254	254

Disability Benefits	171	106	156	159	166
Travel	25	0	25	25	25
General Supplies	500	594	600	600	900
Books and Periodicals	221	21	190	190	190
Computer Software	350	0	0	0	0
Total Health Services	\$38,432	36,654	40,367	40,935	43,781
Curriculum Services					
Supervisory Union Serv-Curriculum	12,324	12,324	13,044	13,044	13,163
Total Curriculum Services	\$12,324	12,324	13,044	13,044	13,163
School Library Services					
Salaries – Regular – Professional	\$ 36,882	37,719	40,566	41,245	43,241
Salaries – Regular – Technical	2,281	2,341	2,460	2,587	2,703
Health Benefits	0	0	0	0	0
Social Security/Medicare.....	2,996	2,902	3,291	3,353	3,515
Section 125 Benefit.....	32	32	34	34	34
Workers Compensation.....	79	230	247	312	343
Unemployment Compensation	19	16	17	16	16
Dental Benefits	318	318	318	318	318
Disability Benefits	226	196	214	219	228
Repairs and Maintenance	2,000	1,479	2,000	2,000	2,000
General Supplies	1,300	1,192	1,400	1,400	1,400
Books and Periodicals	6,200	6,211	6,375	6,375	6,200
Audiovisual Materials.....	1,000	814	1,000	1,000	1,000
Computer Software	5,000	4,507	2,000	2,000	1,000
Equipment.....	500	692	750	750	0
Total School Library Services	\$ 58,833	58,649	60,672	61,609	61,998

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Projected 2003	Budget 2004
Technology Services					
Salaries – Regular – Technical	0	0	0	0	6,559
Health Benefits	0	0	0	0	0
Social Security/Medicare	0	0	0	0	502
Section 125 Benefit	0	0	0	0	10
Workers Compensation	0	0	0	0	48
Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	0	2
Tuition Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	300
Dental Benefits	0	0	0	0	64
Disability Benefits	0	0	0	0	32
Other Prof Services	0	312	0	0	0
Superv. Union Services	9,521	9,521	10,032	10,032	4,069
Repairs & Maintenance	3,000	3,614	3,000	3,000	6,200
Communications – Telephone	7,610	5,633	7,610	7,610	10,906
Travel	\$0	0	0	0	240
General Supplies	2,200	2,293	2,700	2,700	3,500
Computer Software	1,000	0	3,000	3,000	3,100
Equipment – Replacement	5,400	\$5,982	4,000	4,000	3,000
Total Technology Services	\$ 28,731	27,355	30,342	30,342	38,532
Board of Education Svcs.					
Technical Svc. School Bd.	\$ 727	727	750	740	750
Official Svc. Tax Collect	5,700	5,500	5,700	8,500	8,500
Professional Educ. Svcs.	1,000	279	1,000	1,000	1,000
Legal Services	750	5,843	2,000	2,000	2,000
Fidelity Bond Premiums	80	80	90	100	100

Supplies	0	0	0	0
Dues & Fees	1,200	1,600	1,200	1,300
Total Board of Education Svcs.	\$ 9,457	14,029	10,740	13,540
Office of Superintendent				
Supervisory Union Serv. – Supt.....	\$ 29,720	29,720	30,307	31,481
Total Office of Superintendent	\$ 29,720	29,720	30,307	31,481
Office of the Principal				
Salaries – Regular – Admin.	\$ 57,455	59,981	65,379	66,752
Salaries – Regular – Clerical	42,345	45,837	45,735	48,261
Health Benefits	12,102	11,358	12,012	13,622
Social Security/Medicare	7,561	7,968	8,414	8,679
Retirement Contribution	0	1,242	1,805	847
Section 125 Benefit	96	96	102	102
Workers Compensation	211	611	669	843
Unemployment Compensation	50	41	45	43
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	1,834	1,500	1,500
Dental Benefits	318	318	318	318
Disability Benefits	595	425	575	595
Rentals & Leases – Copier.....	8,100	8,006	8,100	8,100
Communications – Postage	1,200	1,224	1,200	1,250
Advertising	1,400	2,908	1,400	1,000
Travel	250	0	250	250
General Supplies	2,695	3,342	3,185	2,737
Total Office of the Principal	\$ 135,878	145,191	150,689	154,957

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Projected 2003	Budget 2004
Fiscal Services					
Supervisory Union Services	\$ 26,415	26,415	26,580	26,580	24,554
Total Fiscal Services	\$ 26,415	26,415	26,580	26,580	24,554
Auditing Services					
Audit Services	\$ 1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,957
Total Auditing Services	\$ 1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,957
Operation and Maintenance – Plant					
Salaries – Regular Service	\$ 45,590	41,818	50,510	56,959	57,009
Salaries – Temporary	7,360	11,518	4,000	6,000	1,600
Health Benefits	9,730	8,632	9,708	11,282	10,602
Social Security/Medicare	4,051	4,019	4,170	4,816	4,484
Retirement Contributions	0	568	1,211	961	961
Section 125 Benefit	64	64	68	68	68
Workers Compensation	113	325	327	413	459
Unemployment Compensation	27	22	22	24	22
Disability Benefits	274	269	263	296	296
Other Professional Svcs.	0	5,454	0	0	0
Water Testing and Sewer	2,500	2,761	2,500	2,500	2,500
Disposal Services	3,000	2,254	3,000	3,000	3,000
Snow Plowing	2,500	2,422	2,500	2,500	2,500
Lawn Care Services	900	1,388	900	900	900
Repairs and Maintenance	7,885	11,135	9,400	9,400	3,500
Repairs and Maint. – Tractor	500	77	500	500	500
Other Purchased Svc – Early Edu.	3,000	2,886	3,000	3,000	3,315
Insurance	3,900	3,570	3,900	3,900	3,900

Travel	500	549	500	500	500
General Supplies	11,790	11,867	11,790	11,790	12,644
Electricity	30,973	28,270	30,973	30,973	30,973
Oil	8,580	5,501	10,000	2,500	3,000
Other Energy – Wood Chips	1,500	0	1,500	4,000	4,500
Equipment and Tractor.....	4,700	4,004	4,900	4,900	0
Total Operation and Maint. – Plant	\$ 149,437	149,373	155,642	161,182	147,233
Student Transportation Services					
Student Transportation Services	\$ 83,446	75,629	76,140	76,140	67,089
Student Transp. Services – Field Trips.....	3,145	1,677	3,145	3,145	2,015
Total Student Transportation Services	\$ 86,591	77,306	79,285	79,285	69,104
Debt Service					
Interest	\$ 23,480	23,277	19,440	19,440	16,560
Principal.....	60,000	60,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Wood Chip & Health & Safety Pro	0	0	0	0	17,338
Total Debt Service	\$ 83,480	83,277	59,440	59,440	73,898
Fund Transfers					
Fund Transfer – Food Services & Floor	\$ 2,000	14,750	3,000	3,000	1,000
Total Fund Transfers	\$ 2,000	14,750	3,000	3,000	1,000
Instr. Services – Student Sup. Services					
Salaries – Regular Professional.....	\$ 104,582	105,852	110,151	110,158	114,785
Salaries – Regular Technical	81,734	85,171	83,743	87,021	88,847
Salaries – Temporary	4,000	2,807	3,000	3,000	3,000

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Projected 2003	Budget 2004
Health Benefits	18,926	18,167	20,678	25,484	27,763
Social Security/Medicare	14,427	14,390	14,909	15,142	15,587
Retirement Contribution	0	1,990	2,837	0	0
Section 125 Benefit	288	224	306	306	306
Workers Compensation.....	401	1,165	1,177	1,486	1,618
Unemployment Compensation	95	77	79	74	77
Tuition Reimbursement	1,700	2,516	1,700	1,700	1,700
Dental Benefits	604	604	604	604	604
Disability Benefits	1,118	694	1,008	862	889
Other Professional Svs – Psych/SLP	2,200	2,625	2,200	2,200	2,200
Other Professional Svs – Gr 2	0	0	7,500	7,500	29,000
Supervisory Un Serv – Special Ed.	17,903	17,903	18,078	18,078	17,477
General Supplies	3,000	3,010	3,000	3,000	2,980
Books and Periodicals	0	0	0	0	323
Equipment.....	1,000	0	0	0	0
Total Instr. Services – Student Sup. Svc.	\$ 251,978	257,195	270,970	276,615	307,156
EEE (Early Essential Education)					
Other Professional Services	\$ 17,993	17,461	17,517	17,553	18,234
Supervisory Un Serv – Early Ed.	11,881	11,881	17,904	17,904	30,468
Total EEE	\$ 29,874	29,342	35,421	35,457	48,702
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,921,149	1,918,958	2,013,899	2,018,577	2,083,667

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **East Montpelier Elementary School** in East Montpelier on **Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 9:30* A.M.** to act on the following:

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. Will the School District adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,083,667.00 for the operation of the school for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the audited fund balance as of June 30, 2003 be held in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of funding operations and/or capital improvements [24 VSA § 2804]?

ARTICLE 6. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds and notes, not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year [16 VSA § 562(9)]?

ARTICLE 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the East Montpelier School District authorize the Board of School Directors to negotiate and enter into a student transportation contract extension with Transportation Rentals, Inc. for the school years commencing July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2005?

ARTICLE 9. Shall East Montpelier School District borrow a sum not to exceed \$34,830, for a three year note; to purchase a portable computer lab?

A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2003 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting [as required by 17 V.S.A. § 2680(g)] will be held at the East Montpelier Elementary School Cafeteria at 9:30 A.M.

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

School Directors

JANICE ALDRICH, *Chair*

NANCY THOMAS, *Vice Chair*

ANNA SAXMAN, *Clerk*

LUCY FERRADA

ROBERT J. RIGGEN

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

**ABSTRACT OF MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2002 TOWN MEETING**

SCHOOL

- Art. 1. Voted by Australian Ballot and elected Martin K. Miller, Moderator.
- Art. 2. Voted and elected School Directors for EMES (by Australian Ballot):
School Director – 3 Years Janice Aldrich
School Director – 2 Years Nancy Thomas
U-32 School Director – 3 Years Tony Klein
- Art. 3. Voted to hear report of School Directors: Noted school report on pages 96–98 in Town Report; discussed informal carousel meetings held with WCSU; completion of ASP support staff negotiations concluding with contract for 3 years; invitation to townspeople to attend school board meetings; Community Connections Grant and associated activities discussed; School Principal presented three main areas for increased achievement for all children: mathematics, concepts and problem solving, and literary. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 4. Voted for School District to adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,013,899.00 for the operation of the school. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 5. Voted to have the audited fund balance held in reserve to be expended on funding operations and capital improvements. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 6. Voted to have School Board borrow money in anticipation of revenues. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 7. Voted to borrow a sum not to exceed \$77,958.00 (subject to reduction from available grants-in-aid) to make health and safety improvements to the Elementary School Building, to be paid over a term not to exceed five years. Passed by voice vote.
- Art . 8. Voted to borrow a sum not to exceed \$143,050.00 (subject to reductions from available grants-in-aid and donations) to expand the Elementary School Building woodchip storage facility, to be repaid over a term not to exceed five (5) years. Passed by voice vote.
- Art . 9. Voted to transact any other business:
- Wes Cate commended the school board and noted to the townspeople how school decision making and the voting process has changed over the years (currently only through representation). Discussed bill in the legislature to allow people the right to vote directly on the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**ABSTRACT OF MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2002 TOWN MEETING**

TOWN

Art. 1. Voted and elected the following:

Moderator – 1 Year	Marty Miller
Selectman – 3 Years	Tom Brazier
Lister – 3 Years	Rosendo Cueto
Auditor – 2 Years	Deborah Fillion
Auditor – 3 Years	Tracy M. Phillips
Trustee of Public Funds – 3 Years	Virginia Hopkins
Town Law Agent – 1 Year	Dennis Carver
Town Grand Juror – 1 Year	Tim Carver
First Constable – 1 Year	Dennis Carver
Second Constable – 1 Year	Timothy Meehan
Cemetery Commissioner – 1 Year	Pauline Coburn
Planning Commission – 3 Years.....	Marilyn “Lyn” Blackwell
Planning Commission – 3 Years	Richmond “Rick” Hopkins
Planning Commission – 3 Years	Kenneth Santor
School Director – 3 Years	Janice Aldrich
School Director – 2 Years	Nancy Thomas
U-32 School Director – 3 Years	Tony Klein

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

Art. 3. Voted to have taxes paid to Treasurer on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday,
November 15, 2002. Passed by voice vote.

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

Art. 5. Voted to have Town raise the sum of \$741,688.84 for laying out and re-
pairing highways and other necessary Town expenses. Passed by Aus-
tralian Ballot 482–84.

Art. 6. Voted to have Town appropriate sum of \$95,000 for Capital Reserve
Fund. Passed by Australian Ballot 403–151.

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the Selectboard to expend \$30,000 from the Capital
Reserve Fund to build a Salt Shed adjacent to the Town Garage. Passed
by Australian Ballot 431–126.

Art. 8. Voted to appropriate \$6,290 for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library for Gen-
eral Operating expenses during 2002. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 9. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,000 to the East Montpelier
Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of town ceme-
teries during 2002. Passed by voice vote.

- Art. 10. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,830 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Assoc. 2002 operating expenses. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 11. Voted to raise \$7,950 recommended by Funding Request Study Committee for various service organizations. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 12. Voted to expend funds in the amount of \$20,000 from the Town Forest Fund for the East Montpelier Elementary School woodchip storage facility. Passed by Australian Ballot 458–107.
- Art. 13. Voted to raise a sum not to exceed \$9,999 to add to the existing Conservation Fund. After a slide show by Nona Estrin and much discussion, article passed by voice vote.
- Art. 14. Voted to raise the sum of \$4,050 in a one time allocation to provide Hepatitis B inoculations for all members of the East Montpelier Fire Department. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 15. Voted to raise the sum of \$5,400 in a one time appropriation to provide physical exams and respiratory exams for all members of the East Montpelier Fire Department to comply with National Fire Protection Association requirements. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 16. Warned request to exempt from taxation the former railroad station property on Route 14 (now owned by East Montpelier Trails, Inc. and East Montpelier Gully Jumpers, Inc.) was amended to include “so long as it is used for non-profit recreational purposes.” After discussion, passed as amended by voice vote.
- Art. 17. Warned request to authorize the Selectboard to expend funds from the Town Forest Fund for purposes other than Town Forest maintenance and expenses was amended to include “so long as the money is taken from funds that do not impede the operations of the Town Forest” and “subject to final Town approval.” Passed as amended by voice vote.
- Art. 18. Voted to transact other business:
- Between 2002–2022, the Town will receive repayment of \$700,000 Community Development Program Block Grants from Fairmont Farms and Sandy Pines. Revolving Loan Fund Committee asked for guidance and input from voters and encouraged people to complete their survey.
 - Dave Grundy presented a non-binding advisory resolution in reference to changing Vermont’s voting law for Statewide elections when no candidate receives a majority to an instant run-off voting system.
 - Recommendation that the Selectboard consider exploring ways to increase town discussion on Conservation Fund decisions.
 - Question regarding possible changes in town procedures due to the 2000 census data indicating a population over 2500 which changes the town status from a rural town to an urban municipality.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

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

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

The legal voters of the Berlin Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2003 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Calais Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Calais Town Hall on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2003 from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2003 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middlesex Town Hall in Middlesex on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2003 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Worcester Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Doty Memorial School on Tuesday, the 4th of March 2003 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. To elect an Auditor for a term of two (2) years.

ARTICLE 5. To elect an Auditor for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 6. To fix the annual compensation of district officers.

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

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$9,419,087.00 for the 2003 - 2004 school year?

ARTICLE 8. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2003 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school? (24 VSA § 2804.)?

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

ARTICLE 10. Shall the U-32 School District authorize the Board of School Directors to negotiate and enter into a student transportation contract extension with Transportation Rentals, Inc. for the school years commencing July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2005?

A meeting will be held on February 25, 2003 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting [as required by 17 VSA § 2680(g)] will be held at U-32 in room 131 and will begin at 6:00 P.M.

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

— Deborah Wolf, *Clerk*

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

ANTHONY (TONY) KLEIN, *Chair (East Montpelier)*

VIRGINIA BURLEY, *Vice Chair (East Montpelier)*

STUART SAVAGE, *Clerk (Calais)*

MARK BERRY (*Berlin*)

LAURIE LABARTHE (*Worcester*)

ROBERT LACLAIR (*Middlesex*)

THOMAS WILLIAMS (*Berlin*)

ANIMAL LICENSES

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

The fees for licensing a dog or *wolf-hybrid will be as follows:

1. Neutered or spayed dogs or wolf-hybrids	\$4.00
Plus a \$1 fee for State Rabies Program	1.00
Total	\$5.00
2. All unneutered dogs or wolf-hybrids	\$8.00
Plus a \$1 fee for State Rabies Program	1.00
Total	\$9.00

* As per 20 V.S.A. §3581, January 1, 1995.

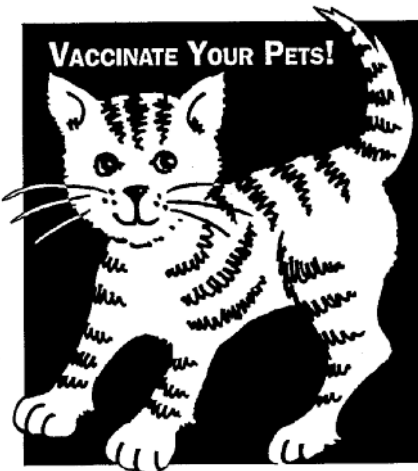
- A 50% penalty is charged for dogs/wolf-hybrids owned and not licensed by April 1st.
- To be licensed, all dogs/wolf-hybrids must be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age.
- A dog/wolf-hybrid under one year of age must be revaccinated within 12 months and then every 24 months thereafter.
- A certificate or certified copy stating the dog/wolf-hybrid has, within 24 months, been vaccinated against rabies by a duly licensed veterinarian shall be presented to the Town Clerk. (V.S.A. Title 20, Section 3581)

RABIES CLINIC
Thursday, March 13, 2003
See page 69 for details.

2002: Town Issued 523 Dog Tags

These licenses generated \$3,393.

The Town realized \$2,870 as \$523 was sent to the Vermont Rabies Program.



RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.

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

Questions?
Call 1-800-4-RABIES

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ON TOWN BOARDS

The Town frequently looks for qualified individuals to serve on the Commissions or Boards listed below. In addition, there are other positions, as well as special committees, which may be appointed by the Selectboard periodically to study specific topics.

If you're interested in getting involved, please fill out and return this form to **Town Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 157, East Montpelier, VT 05651.**

Name _____

Address _____
Street Town Zip

Present Employer _____

Address _____
Street Town Zip

Phone _____
Home Work

- Interest in serving on:**
- ☐ Conservation Fund Advisory Committee
 - ☐ Forest Committee
 - ☐ EM Revolving Loan Fund Committee
 - ☐ Funding Request Study Committee
 - ☐ Rally Day Committee
 - ☐ Zoning Administrator
 - ☐ Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - ☐ Other _____

Background/Experience: _____

Previous Boards or Committees served on: _____

Interests: _____

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

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

*Change of Name From: _____

To: _____

Change of Address to: _____

Signature of Property Owner/Voter

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

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