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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.

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

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2005
9:30 a.m. at the East Montpelier Elementary School

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

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

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Town/School Meeting — Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Australian Ballot Voting

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

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

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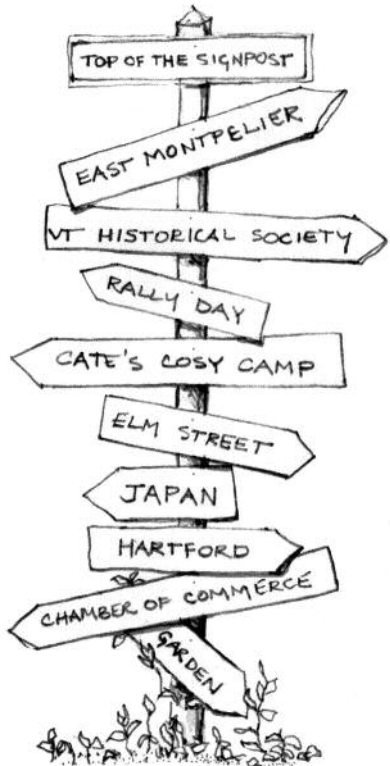
MODERATOR for 1 year	MARTY MILLER
SELECTMAN for 3 years	TOM BRAZIER
LISTER for 3 years	ROSENDO CUETO
AUDITOR for 3 years	PAULINE COBURN
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for 3 years	MARY ANNE CERASOLI
TOWN LAW AGENT for 1 year	NO CANDIDATE
TOWN GRAND JUROR for 1 year	BURR MORSE
FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year	NO CANDIDATE
SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year	PAUL W. HAYNES
PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years	MARILYN "LYN" BLACKWELL
(Vote for not more than Three)	LOIS E. FLANDERS
	RICHMOND "RICK" HOPKINS
	MARK LANE
	KEN SANTOR
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 5 years	ELLIOTT A. MORSE
SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years	JANICE ALDRICH
SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years	JULIA LONGHI HAYNES
(Vote for not more than One)	BILL KAPLAN
U-32 SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years	SUSAN CHICKERING
(Vote for not more than One)	RICHARD W. CURTIS, JR.

Jean M. Cate

March 20, 1924 – June 2, 2004

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

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



TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

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

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

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

Selectboard: 3 years

Expires 2005 Thomas Brazier

Expires 2006 Martha Holden

Expires 2007 Edith Miller

Listers: 3 years

Expires 2005 Rosendo Cueto, Jr.

Expires 2006 Ross Hazel

Expires 2007 Earl Montague

Auditors: 3 years

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

Expires 2005 (resigned) Tracy M. Phillips

Expires 2006 Shirley M. King

Expires 2007 Deborah Fillion

Trustees of Public Funds: 3 years

Expires 2005 Virginia Hopkins

Expires 2006 Teresa "Terri" Conti

Expires 2007 Sylvia Tosi

First Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2005 Dennis Carver

Second Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2005 Timothy Meehan

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

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

Elementary School Directors:

Expires 2005; 3 years Janice Aldrich

Expires 2005; 2 years Julia Longhi Haynes

Expires 2006; 3 years Joe Buley, Jr.

Expires 2007; 3 years Matthew Curtis

Expires 2007; 2 years Brian Bishop

U-32 School Directors: 3 years

Expires 2007 Virginia "Ginny" Burley

Expires 2005 Sue Chickering

Planning Commission: 3 years

Expires 2005 Marilyn "Lyn" Blackwell

Expires 2005 Richmond "Rick" Hopkins

Expires 2005 Kenneth Santor

Expires 2006 Deborah Fillion

Expires 2006 John "Jack" Pauly

Expires 2006 Tracy M. Phillips

Expires 2007 Tim Carver

Expires 2007 Robert Chickering

Expires 2007 Carol Welch

Cemetery Commissioners: 5 years

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

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

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

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

Town Board for the Abatement of Taxes:

Board of Civil Authority plus Listers and Town Treasurer

APPOINTED

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

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

Forest Committee: 3 years

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3 years

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

Recreation Board: 3 years

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

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: 3 years

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

Funding Request Study Committee: 1 year; Expires 2005

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

East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund Committee: No term set

Dave Coburn, Chair	Bruce Bjornland
Paul Manghi	Lynn Winters

Rally Day Committee: 1 year; Expires 2005 Jean Cate

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

Village Septic Committee: No term set

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

East Montpelier Fire Department Facilities Steering Committee: No term set

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

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

March 1, 2005

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

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

Moderator, 1 year term, Town & School District
Selectboard, 3 year term
Lister, 3 year term
Auditor, 3 year term
Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term
Town Law Agent, 1 year term
Town Grand Juror, 1 year term
First Constable, 1 year term
Second Constable, 1 year term
Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term
School Director, 3 year term
School Director, 2 year term
U-32 School Director, 3 year term

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

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

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

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

- ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise \$111,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Fund. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise \$15,942 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (Petitioned Article to be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to add to the existing Conservation Fund. (Petitioned Article to be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$10,500 towards replacing the heating system in the Templeton Road Station of the East Montpelier Fire Department. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$3,750 towards body work on Engine #3 of the East Montpelier Fire Department.
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$7,000 to be expended by the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of town cemeteries during 2005.
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$1,500 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Association 2005 operating expenses.
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations:
- a) Battered Women's Services and Shelter \$ 675
 - b) Central Vermont Community Action Council400
 - c) Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice2,800
 - d) Central Vermont Council on Aging1,464
 - e) Family Center of Washington County300
 - f) Green Mountain Transit (formerly Wheels)1,000
 - g) Green Up Vermont100
 - h) People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc.950
 - i) Project Independence500
 - j) Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc.500
 - k) U-32 Project Graduation200
 - l) Washington County Diversion Program300
 - m) Washington County Youth Services Bureau400
- TOTAL.....\$ 9,589

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

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

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

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

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

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

2) 18 month cycle:

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

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

3) 12 month fiscal year beginning July:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

East Montpelier Selectboard:

THOMAS BRAZIER, *Chair*

EDITH MILLER

MARTHA HOLDEN

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

Attest: Sylvia M. Tosi, Town Clerk



Templeton Road

SELECTBOARD REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

— TIMOTHY MEEHAN



TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CASH FUND BALANCE RECONCILIATION

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

* 7 cents surplus reflects actual cash on hand

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

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

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

TAXPAYER NOTE

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

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER **2005 REVENUE**

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

Vtrans Grant for Putnam Road Culvert.....	73,024.20
Equipment Loan Proceeds.....	87,400.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TAX RECEIPTS	\$ 487,212.28

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

TAXES:

Current Taxes:

Selectboard Budget	911,354.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Money Articles	139,752.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Taxes	1,051,106.38	871,033.94	(180,072.44)	\$1,060,183.16

Delinquent Taxes:

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

TOTAL TAXES

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

TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

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

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER 2005 BUDGET

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Town Officers:

	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Actual YTD 12/31/04	Under (Over)	Proposed 2005
Town Clerk	\$ 33,405.84	34,407.88	34,407.88	0	35,440.12
Assistant Town Clerk - Coburn	0	0		0	0
Assistant Town Clerk - Conti	19,138.52	21,443.80	21,452.47	(8.67)	21,765.46
Substitute Town Clerk	2,166.37	4,545.80	4,151.86	393.94	4,682.17
Auditors	2,020.70	2,600.00	2,157.50	442.50	2,600.00
Selectboard	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0	2,250.00
Town Administrator	20,237.24	27,864.72	27,864.72	0	28,700.66
Salary Pool	0	0	0	0	700.00
Municipal Assistant	630.00	0	0	0	739.00
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	750.00	0	750.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	9,648.20	12,000.00	20,274.89	(8,274.89)	10,000.00
Comprehensive Salary Evaluation	0	0		0	
Total Town Officers	90,246.87	105,862.20	113,309.32	(7,447.12)	107,627.41

Employee Benefits:

Social Security/Medicare.....	18,026.20	19,655.04	19,793.51	(138.47)	22,669.00
Municipal Retirement	9,391.02	10,225.64	9,478.86	746.78	11,821.00
Long-Term Disability Insurance.....	173.13	708.00	875.80	(167.80)	980.00
Unemployment	2,514.14	2,526.00	2,526.00	0	533.00
Health Insurance	31,695.98	32,548.80	40,596.59	(8,047.79)	52,993.00
Total Employee Benefits	61,800.47	65,663.48	73,270.76	(7,607.28)	88,996.00

Law Enforcement:

State Troopers	9,269.03	18,972.00	16,818.84	2,153.16	20,284.80
Community Advisory Board	0	50.00	50.00	0	50.00

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

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

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

1. Planning Grant - See Revenue

	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Actual YTD 12/31/04	Under (Over)	Proposed 2005
Board of Adjustment:					
Secretary	1,087.50	0	125.00	(125.00)	0
Hearing Notification/Advertising	789.60	790.00	565.38	224.62	0
Mailing & Misc.	120.10	120.00	0	120.00	210.00
Educational/Training	90.00	210.00	40.00	170.00	330.00
Sub-Total Board of Adjustment.....	2,087.20	1,120.00	730.38	389.62	540.00
Total Planning & Zoning	10,958.58	21,445.00	19,403.20	2,041.80	20,574.34
Sewage Officer - Payroll	1,296.00	1,690.00	1,944.00	(254.00)	2,300.00
Mailing & Mileage	155.11	250.00	193.50	56.50	250.00
Total Sewage Officer	1,451.11	1,940.00	2,137.50	(197.50)	2,550.00
Listers:					
Salaries.....	10,165.00	14,500.00	9,800.00	4,700.00	17,000.00
Supplies	47.00	500.00	65.88	434.12	500.00
Services.....	0	500.00	0	500.00	500.00
Total Listers	10,212.00	15,500.00	9,865.88	5,634.12	18,000.00
Tax Appeals/Abatements	0	800.00	0	800.00	800.00
Loans & Interest					
Tax Anticipation Interest	3,863.61	4,000.00	5,525.32	(1,525.32)	6,000.00
Equipment Loan Payment	0	30,298.66	30,881.33	(582.67)	30,299.00
Fire Truck ²	51,900.00	0		0	0
Total Loans & Interest	55,763.61	34,298.66	36,406.65	(2,107.99)	36,299.00

2. See Equipment Loan Proceeds

Dues & Budget Requests:

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

3. See Equipment Loan Proceeds

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

HIGHWAY EXPENSES:

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

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

Other Road Expenses:

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

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

VOTED ARTICLES:

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

8. & 9. 2004 and 2005 Petitioned Articles

10. 2004 Petitioned Article; See below for 2005

FUNDING REQUESTS:

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

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

DUE IN 2005

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

Debt Service:

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

NOTES:

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

TOWN SALARIES AND BENEFITS PAID

		Salary	Total*
TOWN OFFICE			
Sylvia Tosi		\$ 34,407.88	\$ 45,217.94
Teresa Conti		21,577.47	26,505.07
Marlene Betit		27,864.72	32,513.57
Virginia Hopkins		1,653.36	1,779.85
Maryanne Cerasoli		2,773.50	2,985.66
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		\$ 88,276.93	\$ 109,002.09
ROADS			
	Overtime Hours		
Michael Garand	432.0	44,788.40	61,007.50
Anthony C. Williams	384.0	34,820.19	47,751.93
Frank Campbell, II	361.5	32,673.26	43,658.87
Jeffrey Booth	2.5	3,789.00	4,078.86
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$ 116,070.85	\$ 156,497.16
OTHER			
Thomas H. Brazier		750.00	807.38
Martha Holden		750.00	807.38
Edith Miller		750.00	807.38
Norma Raymond		20,274.89	21,825.92
Rosendo Cueto		7,720.00	8,310.58
Ross Hazel		1,455.00	1,566.31
Richard Czaplinski		1,944.00	2,092.72
Diana Chace		1,934.88	2,082.90
Dean Monteith		3,306.25	3,559.19
Deborah Fillion		6,301.31	6,783.37
Tracy M. Phillips		610.00	656.67
Shirley King		155.00	166.86
Timothy Meehan		500.00	538.25
Dennis Carver		500.00	538.25
Chris Reed		750.00	807.38
James Goodall		350.00	376.78
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		\$ 48,051.33	\$ 51,727.32
CEMETERY			
Elliott Morse		1,623.00	1,747.17
Allen Ploof		1,142.50	1,229.91
William Ploof		397.50	427.92
		<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL CEMETERY		\$ 3,163.00	\$ 3,405.00
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TOTAL TOWN & CEMETERY		\$ 255,562.11	\$ 320,631.57
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* Benefit packages may include: FICA (Social Security), Medicare, Retirement, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, payment in lieu of Health Insurance, and/or Uniforms. Other costs of the employer for Federal/State Unemployment and Workers' Compensation Insurance are not included as benefits. These costs for 2004 were \$2,526.00 for Unemployment and \$9,503.93 for Workers' Comp.

DELINQUENT TAXES

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

SUMMARY:

Delinquent Taxes

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

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

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

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

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

2004 TAXES RAISED

Tax Rates

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

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

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

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

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Sources of Taxes Collected

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

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

— Sylvia Tosi, Town Clerk

2004 DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES

Amount calculated due to School District as follows:

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

Homestead Tax Rate **\$ 2.47**

Non-Residential Rate **\$ 2.49**



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



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



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



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

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

TOWN PROPERTY

LAND, BUILDINGS, AND CEMETERIES

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

VEHICLES, ETC.

(Information as of January 1, 2005)

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

Road Equipment Net Asset Value = \$289,712.63

TOWN SWEEP CHECKING ACCOUNT

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

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

PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS

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



TOWN AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS SUMMARY*

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

- Town Funds are raised by taxes.
- Fiduciary Funds come from various sources. Some monies might be provided from tax revenues as voted at Town Meeting.

SPECIAL BRIDGE AND CULVERT PROJECTS RESERVE FUND

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



LAND CONSERVATION FUND

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



CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND

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

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

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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

CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE

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

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

2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

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

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

Article 7, 2004 Town Meeting (\$54,000 approved)	<u><u>\$ 53,804</u></u>
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Purchase of New 16 Yard Dump Truck

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

Total 2004 Capital Reserve Distribution	<u><u>\$ 150,370</u></u>
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Capital Reserve Program

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

Capital Improvement Program

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

NOTES:

2006 Heavy Equipment – Grader Replacement after trade-in expected to be \$225,000. \$45,000 to finance.

2008 Heavy Equipment – Excavator Replacement.

2009 Heavy Equipment – Front End Loader Replacement. \$100,000 total cost estimate after trade-in. \$0 to finance.

2009 Road Department Buildings – Sand Shed.

2010 Heavy Equipment – Backhoe Replacement. \$100,000.00 total cost estimate after trade-in. \$0 to finance.

2011 Fire Department Trucks – \$270,000 engine @ 75% for East Montpelier for \$202,500.

GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND

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



2004 MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT

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



VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

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



EAST MONTPELIER FIREWORKS FUND *

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

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

TOWN FOREST FUND

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



SESQUICENTENNIAL FUND

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

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



RESTORATION FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003		\$ 287.84
Interest50
Expenses: Restoration of Town Records		<u>(288.34)</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2004		<u><u>\$ 0.00</u></u>

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

FAIRMONT FARM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

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

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

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

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

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

SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

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

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

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

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



CEMETERY TRUST FUND

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

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2004

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

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS

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

EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

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

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

Goals for the coming year include:

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

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

The commissioners thank:

Bradford Lane and Robert Vivian for continuing to mow the White cemetery.
William & Catherine Swift for cleaning up the Clark Cemetery.
Pauline Coburn for hosting the commission meetings.
Elliott Morse and Allen Ploof for donating their labor for the final fall mowing.

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

2004 PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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

LISTERS REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— ROSENDO CUETO
EARL MONTAGUE
ROSS HAZEL

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

SEWAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

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

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

* Two replacement systems were at-grade type.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— RICHARD CZAPLINSKI, *Sewage Officer*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

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

Zoning applications submitted in 2004:

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

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

— DEBORAH FILLION, *Interim Zoning Administrator*

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER PERMIT FEES

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

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

Commercial Facilities

includes hearing fee

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

Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

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

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

Sewage System Permit Fees

New Construction

Replacement

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EAST MONTPELIER REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conservation Fund Summary

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

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

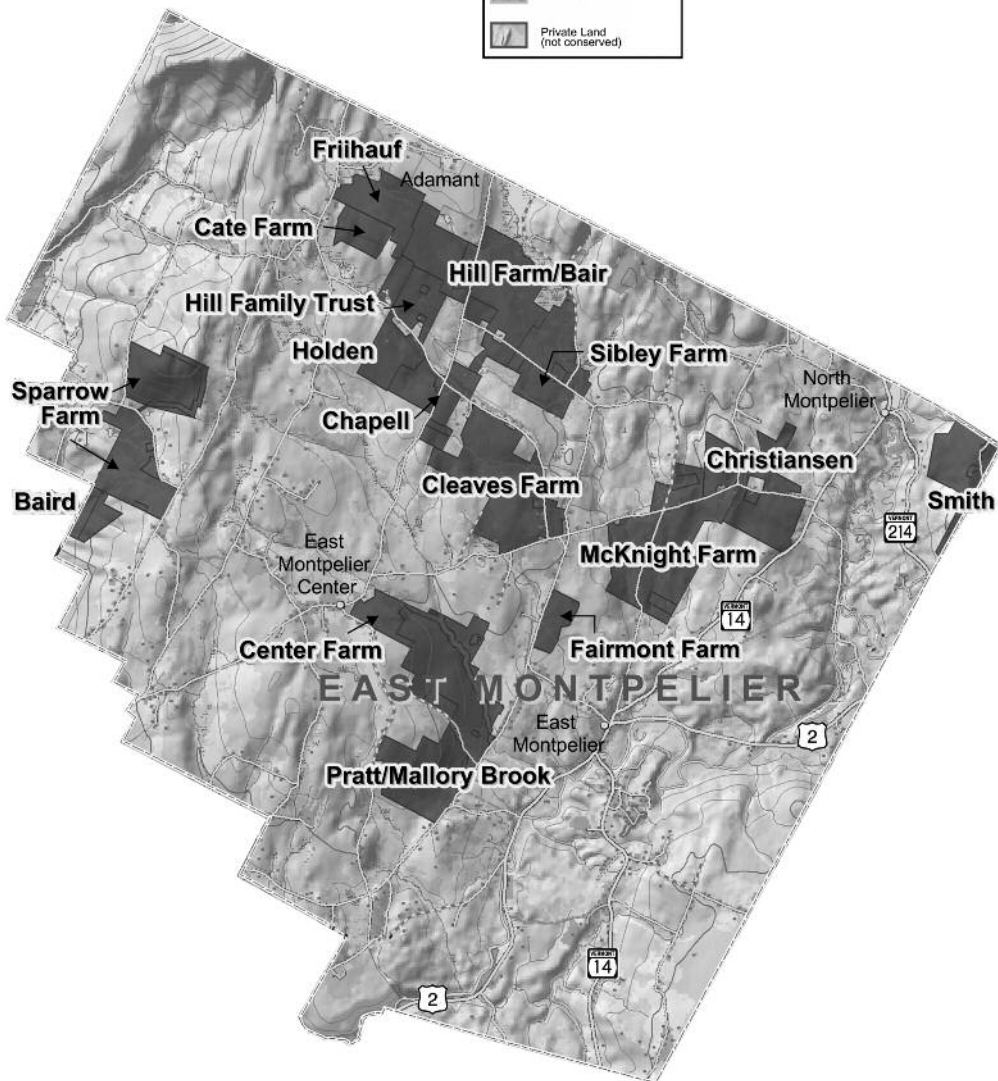
— SUE CHICKERING, *Chair*
DENNIS CARVER
AUSTIN CLEAVES
MICHAEL DWORKIN
ARLENE GOODRICH
CHARLES JOHNSON
BRIAN LUSIGNAN

Conserved Lands in East Montpelier



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RECREATION BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECREATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003

Checking Account	\$ 2,083.13
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Income

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

Expenses

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

Ending Balance – December 31, 2004

Checking Account	\$ 4,292.79
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EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS

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

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

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

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

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

— JAMIE SHANLEY, *President*

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

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Funding Committee Members

LYN BLACKWELL
WESTON CATE
RHODA CHICKERING
TRACY PHILLIPS
ANNE SHERMAN

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Board Members and Officers:

STANLEY CHRISTENSEN 223-5424

BECKY CRANDELL 223-1292

PAULINE COBURN 223-6886, *Treasurer*

BARBARA DALL 229-4870

DIANA FIELDER 223-6548

HOBIE GUION 223-1808, *Vice President*

ELAINE MANGHI 229-5811, *Scheduler*

EDIE MILLER 229-0677, *Selectboard Representative*

ROSE RILEY 223-5772, *Clerk*

RACHEL SENECHAL 223-0539, *President*

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2003 \$ 6,582.72

Income

Town Appropriation (2004 Article 12)	\$ 1,500.00
WCSU (preschool use)	3,315.00
Rentals	1,675.00
Donation	50.00
Carlton C. Smith Fund	<u>3,000.00</u>
(for painting outside of building)	

9,540.00

Expenses

Electricity	\$ 689.92
Fuel Oil	742.18
Janitorial Services	2,347.50
Insurance	909.00
Mowing & Snow Plowing	210.00
Supplies & Postage	147.24
Miscellaneous	<u>261.00</u>

(5,306.84)

Subtotal \$ 10,815.88

Invested in a CD at Chittenden Bank \$ 3,000.00
(reserved for painting building)

Ending Checking Account Balance – Dec. 31, 2004 \$ 7,815.88



Photo: Deborah Fillion

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

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

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

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

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

Children coming to the library after school: 135 per day

Reference questions answered: 33,381

Attendance at library-sponsored programs: 13,145

Library cards issued: Almost 12,000

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

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

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

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

— HILARI FARRINGTON, *Director*

MID-COUNTY ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steering Committee:

JOYCE ROGERS WOLKOMIR

PAM BOCKES

JIM HANNA

GAIL ANDERSON

ELLA MAY SPEER

CENTRAL VERMONT STATE POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

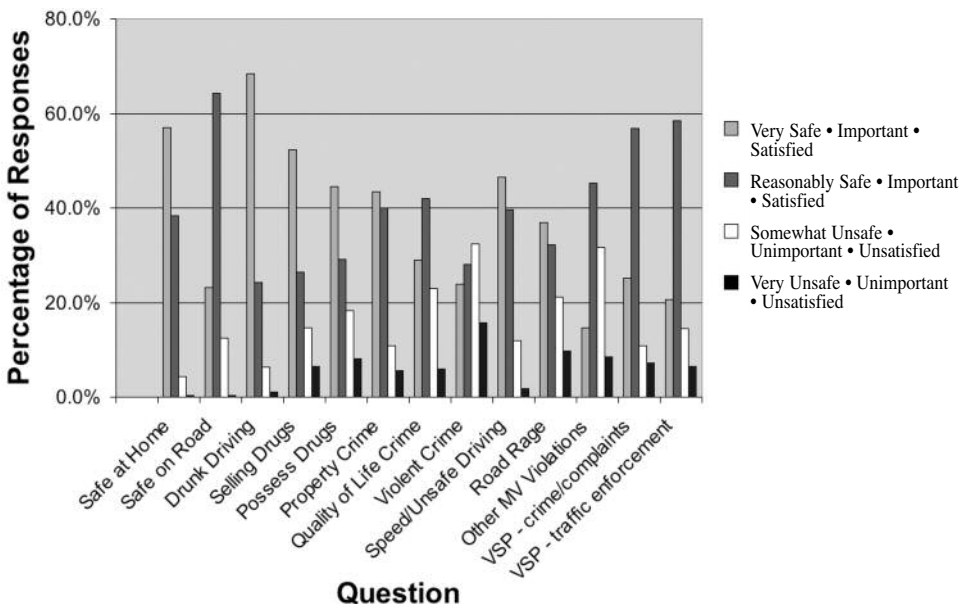
CVSPCAB completed its first full year in October. The highlight of this last year was the preparation of the 2004 Public Safety Survey that was distributed to the citizens of the 18 towns of the Middlesex State Police Barracks coverage area. The results of this survey were presented to the public and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

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

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

East Montpelier Representatives: DON WELCH
CAROL WELCH

EAST MONTPELIER RESULTS OF 2004 SURVEY



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



EAST MONTPELIER BROADBAND PROJECT

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

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

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



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

at training and riding along with the crews. The post charter requires that they be completely self-sufficient; the Town only supplies the meeting place and the medical training. They conducted a very successful fund raiser last year to purchase equipment and uniforms for themselves. They also donated several pieces of equipment to the service. Anyone 14 years or older, and having completed the eighth grade are welcome to attend a meeting and see what EMS Exploring is all about.

Vermont EMS instituted an upgrade in the EMT-Intermediate training this year. The training will allow the Intermediate to use more advanced drug therapies and procedures for respiratory, cardiac and diabetic patients, making these personnel a more valuable asset to the EMS Department.

The EMS Department received two Homeland Security Grants this year. The first grant for \$19,500 allowed us to purchase a second Life Pac 12 defibrillator in anticipation of the introduction this year of Paramedics. The second grant was awarded for \$34,000 toward the department's purchase of a third Life Pac 12 for the second paramedic unit stationed in Berlin, as well as, a Mass Casualty Incident trailer capable of administering care to 75 patients (50 adult, 25 child). The MCI trailer will be of great benefit to the department as well the Central Vermont area. EMS will concentrate on new communication equipment for the ambulances and various types of advanced life support equipment as other grant opportunities come up.

— DAVID JENNINGS, *EMS Director*



TOWN FIRE WARDEN

Wildland fire prevention means not only being careful with outside burning, but also avoiding the conditions that allow fires to spread endangering valuable timber, houses, barns and other outbuildings. Brush should be trimmed, roofs kept clear of accumulated leaves and needles, and tall grass mowed around all buildings.

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 issue 352 permits on days when fire risk was low. Fire permits can only be written for burning natural materials. It is illegal to burn painted wood, plywood, cardboard, plastics, garbage and similar refuse. If you have 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 Burn Permits Call: CHRIS REED, *Fire Warden* 223-7707
 BILL GEORGE, *Key Man* . . . 223-7741

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

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

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

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

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS CASH BASIS

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

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

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

EMFD BUDGET SUMMARY

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

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

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST — 2004 EQUALIZATION STUDY

School Dist. 65

Category	Property Count	ED Form 411 Listed Value	CUSE Value	Education Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Municipal Listed Value Excl. CUSE	Applied Ratio	Education Equalized Value	Municipal Equalized Value	COD	Average List Value Incl. State Exemption
Residential I	441	51,043,700	0	51,043,700	51,043,700	79.45	64,246,318	64,246,318	12.12	115,745
Residential II	363	63,517,823	461,518	63,056,305	63,056,305	73.45	86,375,700	86,375,700	16.16	183,165
Mobile Homes - U	62	1,325,200	0	1,325,200	1,325,200	101.66	1,303,561	1,303,561	12.76	21,374
Mobile Homes - L	50	3,014,900	0	3,014,900	3,014,900	82.19	3,668,208	3,668,208	10.34	60,298
Vacation I	5	493,500	0	493,500	493,500	79.34	622,007	622,007	—	98,700
Vacation II	2	225,000	0	225,000	225,000	79.34	283,590	283,590	—	112,500
Commercial	49	9,451,300	0	9,451,300	9,451,300	79.81	11,842,250	11,842,250	20.02	192,884
Commercial Apts.	3	1,992,000	0	1,992,000	1,992,000	79.81	2,495,928	2,495,928	0.00	664,000
Industrial Plants	3	2,670,500	0	2,670,500	2,670,500	79.81	3,346,072	3,346,072	0.00	890,167
Utilities - E	5	3,821,800	0	3,821,800	3,821,800	95.35	4,008,180	4,008,180	0.00	764,360
Utilities - O	2	53,000	0	53,000	53,000	79.81	66,408	66,408	0.00	26,500
Farms	15	2,526,648	324,442	2,202,206	2,202,206	79.81	3,129,370	3,129,370	0.00	376,327
Miscellaneous	135	5,297,153	173,594	5,123,559	5,123,559	79.81	6,617,697	6,617,697	18.47	47,204
Total	1,135	145,432,524	959,554	144,472,970	144,472,970	77.38	\$188,005,289	\$188,005,289	16.85	COD
Personal Property (Cable)				198,400	0	100.00	198,400	0		
Personal Property (Inventory)				Exempt	0	100.00	Exempt	0		
Personal Property (Machinery & Equipment)				Exempt	0	100.00	Exempt	0		
Total Personal Property				198,400	0		198,400	0		Townwide
GRAND TOTALS Real and Personal Property				\$144,671,370	\$144,472,970	77.38	\$188,203,689	\$188,005,289	16.85	COD
Listed Value of Contracts and Exemptions										
Total Approved VEPC:	0	Total Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed. Tax):	0	Certified to County					\$188,204,000
Total Approved TIF District:	0	Total Special Exemptions Value:	0	Certified to State					\$188,204,000
Total Non-Approved Exemptions:	0	Total Land Use Reduction Value:	7,112,176							
Total Grandfathered Exemptions:	430,400	Total Veterans Exemptions:	80,000							

— VITAL STATISTICS —

BIRTHS

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

MARRIAGES

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

DEATHS

Name	Age	Date of Death
Franklin York	91	January 24, 2004
Alice Marie Wright	57	February 19, 2004
Robert Richard Cutler	78	February 20, 2004
Eula Brown	94	March 7, 2004
Paul William Crossan	58	April 7, 2004
Irene C. Clark	91	April 18, 2004
Ernest Winthrop Dodge	85	May 13, 2004
Jean M. Cate	80	June 2, 2004
Elizabeth L. Hudson	81	July 26, 2004
Gerald A. Ibey	88	September 26, 2004
Terry J. Trono	56	September 29, 2004
Elaine M. Wagner	70	September 30, 2004
Genevieve Chapell	74	October 15, 2004
Judith Jones	62	November 20, 2004
Ruth A. Burbach	9	November 22, 2004
Esther D. Bresnahan	94	December 2, 2004
Lois C. Hanna	69	December 9, 2004
Susan S. Clayton	93	December 16, 2004

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

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

VOTER REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
DEBORAH FILLION
PAULINE COBURN
SHIRLEY KING



FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

Certified Public Accountants



John E. (Jeff) Fothergill, CPA
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Donald J. Murray, CPA

January 24, 2005

To The Selectboard
Town of East Montpelier
East Montpelier, Vermont

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

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

Sincerely,

Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs

Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs

EAST MONTPELIER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

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

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

Professional Development and Professional Learning Communities

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

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

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

Early Education Programs

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

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

Elementary Programs

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

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

U-32

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

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

Special Services

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

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

Medicaid Reimbursement and Grant Funds

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

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

Community Connections

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

Fiscal Services

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

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

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

Technology

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

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

Central Office Facilities

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

Quality Staff and Administrators

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

Parent and Community Involvement

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

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

— ROBBE BROOK, *Superintendent of Schools*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— ROBBE BROOK, *Superintendent of Schools*

WCSU FISCAL YEAR 2005–2006 BUDGET SUMMARY: ASSESSMENTS

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

** Allocation based on purchased services.

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
FISCAL YEAR 2005–2006
BUDGET SUMMARY

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

Increase (Decrease): \$125,975

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

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

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

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

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

inc(dec) from last year	\$124,853	\$185,842
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U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY

Description	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget
REVENUES	2003-2004	2004-2005	2004-2005	2005-2006
Tuition	\$ 139,436	\$ 140,773	\$ 140,773	\$140,618
Investment Income	22,582	38,000	23,797	20,000
Assessments	8,633,266	9,196,849	9,196,849	9,721,062
Miscellaneous Income	104,945	53,640	53,640	58,413
Transfer from Construction Fund ..	253,090	0	106,512	81,049
Special Education Income	829,081	567,029	943,262	900,699
Subtotal Revenues	\$9,982,400	\$9,996,291	\$10,464,833	\$10,921,841
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,982,400	\$9,996,291	\$ 10,464,833	\$10,921,841
EXPENSES				
Business Educ.	\$ 122,246	\$ 127,876	\$ 126,765	\$133,898
Driver Educ.	72,614	76,831	75,382	78,761
English	647,893	686,281	633,925	676,218
Acting, Dance, Visual Arts.....	198,754	219,576	222,250	236,916
Foreign Language	219,389	231,830	239,216	256,139
Technology Ed.	125,717	131,532	132,899	145,406
Living Arts	91,526	94,791	88,842	98,364
Music	177,066	182,019	181,964	190,031
Physical Ed.	253,921	267,734	263,000	288,700
Mathematics	524,443	551,363	559,302	613,459
Science	589,367	620,473	642,858	679,337
Social Studies	488,430	500,222	444,431	470,399
Instructional – Schoolwide	187,507	288,111	282,673	297,753
Other Instruction – 504	10,320	33,798	4,500	4,500
Middle School Programs	24,954	27,075	27,075	28,790
Co-Curricular Activities	425,697	483,137	483,868	539,055
Guidance Services.....	341,266	364,560	364,214	383,374
Health Services	84,045	88,544	87,452	91,677
Media Service	77,083	81,807	77,777	88,912
School Library Services.....	188,767	202,839	204,177	215,703
Technology Services	162,943	164,189	163,701	203,153
Board of Education	35,136	35,126	36,826	40,726
Office of Superintendent.....	151,425	171,030	171,030	199,836
Office of Principal	730,529	698,792	763,133	808,917
Fiscal Services	83,284	94,513	94,513	109,378
Auditing Services.....	2,600	3,700	3,700	3,700
Operation and Maintenance	850,327	918,698	912,645	943,891
Student Transportation Svcs	396,030	407,191	400,064	390,265
Transfers to Other Funds	1,109,766	978,738	1,085,250	1,059,787
Special Education	1,453,814	1,263,915	1,623,262	1,644,796
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,826,859	\$9,996,291	\$10,396,694	\$10,921,841
U32 Cost per Equalized Pupils				
Historical Trends	Budget FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05	Budget FY06
Local Ed. Spending Per State Formula	\$8,106,567	\$8,403,724	\$9,016,259	\$9,537,343
U32 Equalized Pupils: Ave. Daily Membership	879.91	883.71	922.04	943.44
Local Ed. Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$9,213	\$9,510	\$9,779	\$10,109
% Increase In Spending Per Equalized Pupil		3.22%	2.83%	3.38%

U-32 HIGH SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projection As of December 1, 2004

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

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE EMES SCHOOL BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

JANICE ALDRICH, *Chair*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— CAROL RANDALL, *Principal*

EMES ENROLLMENT

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

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
East Montpelier School District

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

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

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

United States of America.

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

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

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

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



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July 22, 2004

TOWN AUDITORS' NOTE:

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

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projections As of December 1, 2004

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

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

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Randall, Carol.....	69,756	81,675
Badger, Jane.....	21,996	28,021
Royce, Linda	29,540	38,475

TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN.....	121,292	148,171
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OPER. & MAINTENANCE

Fletcher, David	26,559	36,840
Storey, Tracy.....	34,911	49,965

TOTAL OPER. & MAINT	61,470	86,805
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SPECIAL EDUC.

Carter, Anne	51,899	67,366
Mason, Kathleen.....	43,160	50,023
Wilcox, Joy	23,507	26,626

Subtotal Teachers.....	118,566	144,015
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Deforge, Susan	15,275	16,727
Farnham, Ruth	20,194	28,873
Gregoire, Charlene	13,760	16,121
Hall, Linda	7,593	8,333
Humphries, Carol	17,446	19,108
Jaworski, Elizabeth.....	16,524	18,006
Phillips, Doris	20,194	26,052
Sisson, Carrie.....	7,485	10,154
Stone, Katherine	17,200	22,781
Wirth, Elizabeth.....	13,420	14,630

Subtotal Technical	149,091	180,785
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TOTAL SPECIAL EDU.....	267,657	324,800
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SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	1,272,362	1,626,474
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FOOD SERVICES

Lynde, Robert	19,939	25,774
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TOTAL FOOD SERV.....	19,939	25,774
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TITLE I POSITIONS

Anderson, Carol.....	17,262	20,344
Gregoire, Charlene	3,440	4,022
Sisson, Carrie.....	7,485	10,154

TOTAL TITLE I.....	28,187	34,520
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TOTAL SALARIES

& BENEFITS.....	\$1,320,488	\$1,686,768
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inc(dec) from 2003

\$24,494

\$51,984

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **BUDGET 2005-2006**

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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL						
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.....	66,752	66,752	68,755	70,949	65,000	-3,755
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL	48,261	51,623	52,153	52,136	53,332	1,179
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	0	811	0	800	600	600
HEALTH BENEFITS	13,622	16,597	16,513	11,765	20,539	4,026
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	8,679	8,909	9,136	9,427	8,943	-193
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	847	844	886	886	917	31
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	102	102	108	108	108	0
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	901	1,035	1,093	1,269	1,187	94
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	43	45	45	60	59	14
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,500	565	750	140	1,200	450
DENTAL BENEFITS	318	648	648	648	810	162
DISABILITY BENEFITS	595	514	626	631	615	-11
RENTALS & LEASES/REPAIRS-COPIER	8,100	9,088	7,994	7,994	7,994	0
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	1,250	1,719	1,400	1,400	1,600	200
ADVERTISING	1,000	1,748	800	3,300	1,200	400
TRAVEL	250	13	0	0	200	200
GENERAL SUPPLIES	2,737	2,842	2,535	2,535	1,185	-1,350
DUES & FEES	0	664	0	610	400	400
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$ 154,957	164,519	163,442	164,658	165,889	2,447
						1.5%
FISCAL SERVICES						
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	24,554	24,554	24,201	24,201	28,024	3,823
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 24,554	24,554	24,201	24,201	28,024	3,823
						15.8%
AUDITING SERVICES						
AUDIT SERVICES	1,957	1,900	2,600	2,600	2,600	0
TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES	\$ 1,957	1,900	2,600	2,600	2,600	0
						0.0%

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

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

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

School Directors

JANICE ALDRICH, *Chair*

JOE BULEY, *Vice Chair*

JULIA LONGHI-HAYNES, *Clerk*

MATHEW CURTIS

BRIAN BISHOP

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

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— Deborah Wolf, *Clerk*

- SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**
VIRGINIA BURLEY, *Chair (East Montpelier)*
ROB LACLAIR, *Vice Chair (Middlesex)*
ALLEN GILBERT, *Clerk (Worcester)*
MARK BERRY (*Berlin*)
STUART SAVAGE (*Calais*)
SUSAN H. CHICKERING (*East Montpelier*)
THOMAS WILLIAMS (*Berlin*)

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2004 TOWN MEETING
TOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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

SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

ANIMAL LICENSES

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

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

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

Spaying or neutering certificates from veterinarian must be exhibited.

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

A current rabies vaccination means that:

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

RABIES CLINIC

Wed., March 16, 2005

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at

**Fire Station 2 on Rt.14 N
across from Town Offices**

2004: Town Issued 515 Dog Tags

These licenses generated \$3,260.

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



RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.

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

Questions?

Call 1-800-4-RABIES

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 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.

~ NOTES ~

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EDUCATION SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL

January 17, 2005 Estimates



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