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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.

Marlene Betit	Town Administrator
Bruce Bjornlund	Revolving Loan Fund Committee
Jennifer Boyer	Rally Day Committee
Dave Burley	Wastewater Advisory Committee
Dennis Carver	First Constable
Tim Carver	Town Grand Juror
Wes Cate	Funding Request Study Committee
Mary Anne Cerasoli	Assistant Town Clerk
Diana Chace	Acting Zoning Administrator
Rhoda Chickering	Rally Day Committee
Dave Coburn	Revolving Loan Fund Committee
Richard Czaplinski	Sewage Officer
Deborah Fillion	Interim Zoning Administrator
Julia Longhi Haynes	EMES School Director
Ginger Hopkins	Trustee of Public Funds
Bill George	Rally Day Committee
Jane Grinde	Zoning Administrator
Paul Manghi	Revolving Loan Fund Committee
Tracy Phillips	Funding Request Study Committee
Chris Reed	Health Officer
Rachel Senechal	Rally Day Committee
Fred Strong	Zoning Board of Adjustment
Lynn Winters	Revolving Loan Fund Committee
Janet Allen	Rally Day Committee
Ginger Hopkins	Assistant Town Clerk

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2006

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 7, 2006, 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 School District will be first on the Agenda at the Forum, as well as Town Meeting, followed by the Town.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Town/School Meeting — Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Australian Ballot Voting

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

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

OFFICE FILED FOR:

TOWN MODERATOR for 1 year MICHAEL DWORKIN

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR for 1 year MICHAEL DWORKIN

SELECTMAN for 3 years TIM CARVER

(Vote for not more than one) STEPHEN JEROME

TOWN CLERK for 3 years TERESA "TERRI" CONTI

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

TOWN TREASURER for 3 years TERESA "TERRI" CONTI

(Vote for not more than one) RICHARD W. CURTIS, Jr.

LISTER for 3 years ROSS HAZEL

AUDITOR for 3 years DON WELCH

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for 3 years TERESA "TERRI" CONTI

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

TOWN LAW AGENT for 1 year DENNIS CARVER

TOWN GRAND JUROR for 1 year BURR MORSE

FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year TIM MEEHAN

SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year PAUL HAYNES

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR for 1 year DENNIS CARVER

PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years MARK LANE

(Vote for not more than three) KEVIN McCOLLISTER

JOHN "JACK" PAULY

TRACY M. PHILLIPS

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 5 years MAURICE CERUTTI

SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years JULIE ROCHAT

SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years MARLENE BETIT

Thanks, Sylvia!

For many of us, it's hard to imagine the Town Clerk's Office without Sylvia Tosi sitting behind the big desk or being the voice on the other end of the phone line. For 23 years, she has served us as Town Clerk and Treasurer with just the right mix of friendliness, fairness, humor, and discretion. No matter how busy the office, and no matter who you are, she always takes time to listen and help. The vault may be full of town archives, but Sylvia is the living memory of more than two decades of our history. Times have changed and new technologies continue to transform the day to day tasks in the office, but the spirit of the Town Clerk has always been there in Sylvia. We wish her happy travels, time with grandchildren, and a wonderful retirement.

Representing the Town at the "Take Pride in America" awards with Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan and actress Linda Evans, 1989.



Tax talk with lister Rosie Cueto.



With Miss Vermont Hannah Nelson, 2001.



State bicentennial celebration with Paulie Coburn & Gladys Dunkling.



Rally Day's 2005 Citizen of the Year: Cheers!

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

Moderator: 1 year term; Expires 2006 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 2006 Martha Holden

Expires 2007 Edith Miller

Expires 2008 Thomas Brazier

Listers: 3 years

Expires 2006 Ross Hazel

Expires 2007 Earl Montague

Expires 2008 Rosendo Cueto, Jr.

Auditors: 3 years

Expires 2006 Shirley M. King

Expires 2007 Deborah Fillion

Expires 2008 Pauline Coburn

Trustees of Public Funds: 3 years

Expires 2006 Teresa “Terri” Conti

Expires 2007 Sylvia Tosi

Expires 2008 Mary Anne Cerasoli

First Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2006 Timothy Meehan

Second Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2006 Paul W. Haynes

Town Law Agent: 1 year term; Expires 2006 Dennis Carver

Town Grand Juror: 1 year term; Expires 2006 Burr Morse

Elementary School Directors:

Expires 2006; 3 years Joe Buley, Jr.

Expires 2006; 2 years Brian Bishop

Expires 2007; 3 years Matthew Curtis

Expires 2007; 2 years Bill Kaplan

Expires 2008; 3 years Janice Aldrich

U-32 School Directors: 3 years

Expires 2007 Virginia “Ginny” Burley

Expires 2008 Sue Chickering

Planning Commission: 3 years

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

Expires 2008 Marilyn “Lyn” Blackwell

Expires 2008 Richmond “Rick” Hopkins

Expires 2008 Kenneth Santor

Cemetery Commissioners: 5 years

Expires 2006	Maurice Cerutti
Expires 2007	Pauline Coburn
Expires 2008	Frederick C. Strong
Expires 2009	Gary Hudson
Expires 2010	Elliott Morse

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; exp. 2006)	Sylvia M. Tosi
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer	Teresa “Terri” Conti
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer	Jane Grinde
Town Administrator (resigned Dec. 2005)	Marlene Betit
Road Foreman	Mike Garand
Town Attorney	Bruce Bjornlund
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year; 2006)	Norma Raymond
Zoning Administrator (1 year; 2006)	Ross Haverstick
Acting Zoning Administrator (1 year; 2006)	Deborah Fillion
Sewage Officer (1 year; 2006)	Carl Etnier
Sewage Officer (resigned Oct. 2005; appointed as Acting)	Richard Czaplinski
Town Health Officer (3 years; exp.12/31/05)	Chris Reed
Town Service Officer (1 year; 2006)	Susan Kittredge
Animal Control Officer (1 year; 2006)	Tim Meehan
Assistant Animal Control Officer (1 year; 2006)	Elliott Morse
Pound Keeper (1 year; 2006)	Tim Meehan
Town Fire Warden (5 years; 2009)	Chris Reed
Assistant Fire Warden (5 years; 2009)	Bill George
Assistant Fire Warden (5 years; 2010)	John Boucher
Emergency Management Coordinator (1 year; 2006)	Bill George
Town Tree Warden (1 year; 2006)	Paul Cate
Regional Planning, Town Representative (1 year; 2006)	Tim Carver
Alternate (1 year; 2006)	Tracy M. Phillips
Transportation Advisory Committee Rep (1 year; 2006)	Frank Pratt
Central Vermont Transit Authority Board Rep. (3 years; 2006)	David Grundy
Solid Waste District Representative (1 year; 2006)	Steve Jerome
Alternate (1 year; 2006)	Ginny Callan

Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Rep. (3 years; 2006) Chris Grimard
 Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc. Rep. (1 year; 2006) Tom Brazier
 Green Up Coordinator (1 year; 2006) Bill Merrylees
 Fence Viewer (1 year; 2006) Marcia Pauly
 Fence Viewer (1 year; 2006) Mark Lane
 Inspector of Coal, Wood and Shingles (1 year; 2006) Austin Cleaves

State Police Community Advisory Board: 1 year; expires 2006

Don Welch Carol Welch Ann Karlene Kroll Stephen Kroll

Forest Committee: 3 years

Harry “Burr” Morse, Jr. (2006) Steven J. Sinclair (2006)
 Paul Cate, *Chair* (2007) Earle Ellingwood (2007)
 Rick Barstow (2008) Chris Grimard (2008) Mark Lane (2008)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3 years

Rich Curtis, *Chair* (2006) Patrick Biggam (2006) Mark Lane (2006)
 Jeff Cueto (2007) Clifton King (2007) Wm. Gray Ricker, IV (2007)
 Sandy Conti (2008) Steven Kappel (2008) Fred Strong (2008; resigned)

Recreation Board: 3 years

Terri Conti, *Co-Chair* (2006) Patrick McCoy, *Co-Chair* (2006)
 Jan Aldrich (2008) Tim Bigelow (2008) Ed Deegan (2006)
 Active members: Dave Burley, Ellen McGurn, Brian Lusignan

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: 3 years

Arlene Goodrich (2006) Charles Johnson (2006)
 Dennis Carver (2007) Austin Cleaves (2007) Michael Dworkin (2007)
 Brian Lusignan (2008) Susan Chickering, *Chair* (2008)

Funding Request Study Committee: 1 year; Expires 2006

Lyn Blackwell, *Chair* Rhoda Chickering Anne V. Sherman
 Allen Ploof Frank Pratt

Rally Day Committee: 1 year; Expires 2006

Matthew Curtis, *Co-Chair* Janice Waterman, *Treasurer*
 Deborah Fillion, *Co-Chair* Sylvia Tosi Hobie Guion
 Cliff King Shirley King Sally Longhi Bill Merrylees
 Darlene Grundy Colin McCaffrey Julia Haynes Bill Jordan
 Barbara Brown Sara Pearson Erica Zimmerman

Wastewater Advisory Committee: No term set

Richard Czaplinski, *Chair* Tim Carver Bill George
 Art Montague Bob Morey Jeff Biron Carl Etnier

East Montpelier Fire Department Facilities Steering Committee: No term set

Andy Shapiro, *Chair* Edie Miller Diana Chace Bill George
 Rick Barstow Kathleen Audy Bruce Bjornlund Rick Hopkins
 Brian Phillips Frank Pratt ***Calais Reps: Bob Cleary; Dave Parah***

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 7, 2006

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 seventh (7th) day of March, 2006, 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.)
Town Moderator, 1 year term
School District Moderator, 1 year term
Selectboard, 3 year term
Town Clerk, 3 year term
Town Treasurer, 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
Delinquent Tax Collector, 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
- ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon.
- ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$976,674.00 as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. (To be voted by Australian Ballot.)
- ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$405,041.19 as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007. (To be voted by Australian Ballot.)
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise \$80,000.00 for the Capital Reserve Fund. (To be voted by Australian Ballot.)

- ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to:
- 1) finance an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 toward the purchase of a new grader;
 - 2) to expend an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 from the existing Capital Reserve Fund towards said purchase. (To be voted by Australian Ballot.)
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to finance an amount not to exceed \$17,880.00 to fund the twenty percent (20%) of the Muddy Brook paving project that is not covered by State grants.
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the calendar year 2006 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount, and received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building on or before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2006.
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the transition 6 months, January 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007, to be paid to the Treasurer without discount, and received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building on or before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2007.
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town authorize twice-a-year installments of property tax payments to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount, on September 15th and March 15th starting on Friday, September 15, 2007. As of July 1, 2007 the Town's budget will cover the fiscal year from July 1 – June 30 as authorized by the voters at the 2005 Town Meeting (Article 18).
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town authorize the collection of interest on overdue taxes after the due date of the first installment in the amount of 1% per month or a fraction thereof in accordance with 32 V.S.A. §4873.
- ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to add to the existing Conservation Fund.
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$18,750 to pay the costs of planning a new and/or renovated East Montpelier Fire Department facility. This sum will be used for schematic design and cost estimating, investigation of land suitability, and other preliminary

expenses. Appropriated funds will be expended with the approval of the Selectboard. The appropriation will be made only if approved by both Calais and East Montpelier. (Request of EMFD Facilities Committee.)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise \$16,923 for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$9,500 to be expended by the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during 2006.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$2,250 to be expended by the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during 1/1/2007 through 6/30/2007?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$2,500 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Association 2006 operating expenses.

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town raise a sum not to exceed \$1,500 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Association 1/1/2007 through 6/30/2007 operating expenses?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town’s Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations for 2006?

a) Battered Women’s Services and Shelter	\$ 675
b) Central Vermont Community Action Council	400
c) Central Vermont Council on Aging.....	1,464
d) Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	2,800
e) Green Mountain Transit	1,000
f) Green Up Vermont.....	100
g) HomeShare of CentralVermont	250
h) Onion River Food Shelf, Inc.....	150
i) People’s Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc.....	950
j) Retired Senior Volunteer Program	275
k) Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County	200
l) Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc.	500
m) U-32 Project Graduation	200
n) Washington County Diversion Program	300
o) Washington County Youth Services Bureau	400
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	\$9,664

- ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town Raise \$200.00 for U-32 Project Graduation for 1/1/2007 through 6/30/2007?
- ARTICLE 22: 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 23: Any sum of \$15,000.00 or over has to be voted on by Austalian ballot instead of the \$25,000.00 as previously approved on the floor under Article 15 of last year's Town Meeting 2005. (Petitioned Article.)
- ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept and to spend grant funding received during 2006 and 2007 without a vote of the Town.
- ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters of the Town of East Montpelier instruct the Governor and our State Representatives and Senators to oppose:
- any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education";
 - the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund; and
 - the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Fund?
- ARTICLE 26: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

A Public Informational Hearing concerning the Australian Ballot Articles and pre-Town Meeting forum to discuss all other Articles and meet candidates for offices will be held at the East Montpelier Elementary School on February 25, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., to which the citizens of the Town are invited.

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of February, 2006.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

MARTHA HOLDEN, *Chair*

EDITH MILLER

THOMAS BRAZIER

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, 2nd day of Feb. A.D. 2006 at 3:30 p.m.
Received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: Sylvia M. Tosi, Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD REPORT

A written report is linear black marks in lines marching down a page. Time, the physicists tell us, is not linear, neither is life; and certainly the life of your Selectboard is not linear. This is a way of saying that the order in which this report takes form does not reflect importance or priority. Everything is important. Every matter we address is a priority in its time. That said, we start our report with two areas where we went beyond what was discussed at Town Meeting 2005.

Sylvia, our treasured Town Clerk and Treasurer, is retiring. This reverberates in many dimensions, removing a rock of stability upon which we have all depended. We are also changing from calendar year to fiscal year, and from cash basis to modified accrual. We recognize that bookkeeping skills may not seem the most important factor in a popular election for the pivotal and crucial positions of Town Clerk and Treasurer. So, we have entered into a no-fixed-term contract with a local accounting firm to support the Town Treasurer by doing whatever bookkeeping tasks might be useful. This will help to make the transition in bookkeeping and accounting an easier undertaking.

Have you driven down Templeton Road recently? Have you given yourself the treat of stopping by the partially-renovated Town Garage? We overspent what was authorized at Town Meeting. In the middle of the project, fuel and construction costs sky-rocketed. We felt that it was best to “do it right” despite the increased costs. Good quality work is a good investment in the long run, there was little hope that costs would come down, and it made no sense to leave that phase of the project incomplete through the winter. This has meant that our beginning balance for 2006 (the cash on hand left over from 2005) is substantially lower than it usually is, which has a noticeable impact on our “bottom line.” Many thanks to Frank Pratt and to all the townsfolk who joined or co-operated with Frank in keeping the costs down, with the bonus of putting smiles on the faces of our hard-working Road Heroes.

We are also fortunate to have highly qualified and dedicated newcomers to the Zoning Administrator and Sewage Officer positions. In part through their presence and support, the Wastewater Advisory Committee, commissioned to address the wastewater issues in both East and North Montpelier villages, is poised to help the residents of our two villages assess their long term septic needs and to develop possible solutions to a situation which is not, no matter what, going to get better on its own.

Equally hard-working is the East Montpelier Fire Department Facilities Study Committee. Do we need a new fire station? One, or two? Where? These are questions we are all going to have a chance to discuss. Meanwhile this group is polling the members of the fire department, visiting other facilities, looking at the options, and asking that we raise money for further planning.

In 2005 we also initiated one of the periodic sweeps of places in town where solid waste raises issues of health or safety. We thank the townspeople we visited for their cooperation and understanding. We hope to maintain the momen-

tum and to make more progress this coming Spring. If you have any questions or concerns about solid waste in the town, call one of us, or one of our representatives on the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Advisory Committee. Speaking of which, if you are interested in serving on the CVSWMD Advisory Committee, or the EMFD Facilities Study Committee or on the Wastewater Advisory Committee, or any other committee, get in touch with the Town office: the broader the input, the better the result.

It has come to our attention that state law provides for the office of collector of delinquent taxes (CDT) to be elected unless it is carried out by the local constable. Until 20 years ago, the constable did the work of the CDT. In 1985 a new constable was elected who did not want to take on the job of CDT. The Selectboard at that time appointed Norma Raymond, a practice which subsequent Selectboards have continued.

We thank Dennis Carver for bringing this to our attention. Norma Raymond has indicated that she will be a write-in candidate.

Sewage, safety, solid waste, personnel, elections, and, yes, roads and bridges. We continue to hover near the top of the Agency of Transportation's wish list in terms of the East Village intersections and bridges in and near both villages. We do hope to get a grant for the paving of Muddy Brook Road. Unpaved, it takes a disproportionate share of our Road Crew's time. Paving it will free them up, giving them more time and resources for keeping the rest of our hard-used roads in good shape.

Grants for roads is a reminder of the years of stalwart service by Marlene Betit, our recently departed Town Administrator. She moved on to other challenges in mid-December and we thank her for her intelligence, diligence, and good humor over the years. We are delighted to have Lisa Rice, a town resident and mother of four, now serving as Town Administrator. We look forward to the creative process of adjustment such transitions encourage. Lisa's office hours are 9 to 1:30 Mon.–Thurs. and 9 to noon on Friday; stop by and get acquainted.

See you on Saturday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. for the Town Forum and Tuesday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. for the Town Meeting, we hope!

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



MOVING TO A NEW FISCAL YEAR IN EAST MONTPELIER

At the 2005 annual Town Meeting, East Montpelier voters authorized two major changes in the way the Town budgets and collects its tax revenues.

The voters authorized changing the Town's budget year from a calendar year (January 1 – December 31) to a fiscal year starting July 1 and ending June 30.

The voters also authorized that taxes should be collected in two installments starting in the spring of 2007. It was voted that we would continue to collect one installment in November with the second payment due on April 1st.

Since March of last year, the Town Treasurer has done an informal survey of how and when other towns handle the billing and collection of property taxes using two installments. Using her research, the Treasurer recommends that the two payment dates in East Montpelier be changed to September 15th and March 15th. You will vote on these proposed collection dates in Article 11.

Moving from a calendar to a different fiscal year requires a transition. This is how it will work in East Montpelier:

Voters are presented with two budgets at the 2006 Town Meeting. The first is for the last year for which we will have a calendar year budget – that is for January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. Citizens will pay taxes for this budget period, as usual, on November 15, 2006. Article 3 authorizes the amount of this budget and will be voted by Australian ballot. Article 9 authorizes the collection date and will be voted on the floor.

Secondly, voters will vote on a “transition” budget for the six months between January 1, 2007 and June 30, 2007. The amount of that six month budget will be voted by Australian ballot in Article 4. Article 10 proposes that that payment be made on March 15, 2007 and will be voted on the floor.

As of July 1, 2007, the Town will be on the new fiscal year. A year from now, in March, 2007, the voters will consider the July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 budget, and we will start paying taxes in two installments. As mentioned above, the recommendation of the Town Treasurer is stated in Article 11— that starting in 2007 and for all following years, property taxes for fiscal years starting July 1 be collected in two installments, on September 15th and March 15th.

Budget Period	Payment Date	Article Number(s)
Jan.1 – Dec.31 2006	Nov.15, 2006	3 and 9
Jan.1 – Jun.30, 2007	Mar.15, 2007	4 and 10
Jul.1, 2007 – Jun.30, 2008	Sep.15, 2007	11 (Authorizes dates. Budget will
	Mar.15 2008	be voted at 2007 Town Meeting.)

One last item is addressed in Article 12. Under our current system of one yearly payment of taxes, those in default (who have not made payment by November 15th) are subject to a one time penalty of 8% and a 1% monthly charge for each month the taxes are in arrears as provided by state law. Once we move to two installments per year, state law allows the 1% monthly charge to go into effect after the first installment. The 8% penalty WILL NOT be imposed until after the final installment is due in March.

Voting for Article 12 will allow the Treasurer to assess the 1% monthly late fee on those who do not pay their first installment of yearly taxes.

We will discuss these issues thoroughly at the February 25th pre-Town Meeting Forum and at the March 7th Town Meeting.

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TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

Remembering this past year, the hurricane that hit Louisiana was our biggest disaster and those people are still unable to go back to their homes, if ever. We here in Vermont saw little effect of any hurricane compared to this. Time will heal all of this disaster but it will never be the same as it was.

In our town, things are changing also in the coming year, but not in the same manner. My retirement after twenty-four years as Town Clerk/Treasurer and one year as Assistant Clerk/Treasurer in 1982 will be the biggest change.

The town will be having our bookkeeping done by an outside entity in order to help with the transition of the cash basis to a modified accrual system and changing from a calendar year to a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year. This will mean an eighteen month period to be covered before the final transition is complete and our new fiscal year will begin on July 1, 2007.

Another change taking place is the billing of your taxes which will be done on one tax bill with two stubs for submitting your taxes due in two installments. **Any payments not received for the first payment due, will be sent interest due notices.** If the total or final installment is not paid on the second due date, the amount due will then become delinquent and turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector. For more information, see "MOVING TO A NEW FISCAL YEAR IN EAST MONTPELIER" on pp. 13-14.

Our TAX DUE DATE will be changing to two dates in 2006-7. This will be in an Article of the Warning for Town Meeting on March 7, 2006.

At present, our Land Records since last year have expanded from Book 86 to Book 91 which is presently being filled with Warranties and Mortgage deeds and other miscellaneous documents. Each book holds a total of 600 pages. Income from recording documents dropped off from last year at \$21,213 to \$19,091 for 2005. Refinancing has slowed down due to the increasing borrowing rates. A total of 717 documents were received from Jan. 1, 2005 through Dec. 31, 2005 which is lower than the 902 figure for 2004.

Microfilming of Land Records Book 76 through 85 took place at \$65 per book. Land Record Book 16 was restored at a cost of \$939 at Joseph J. Marotti Co. Inc., a conservation laboratory located in Milton, VT.

Another change as required by the State of Vermont, mandated by the Federal HAVA requirements, is in regard to the Checklist which is now on the State Checklist Program.

When names are added to our Checklist, access can now be made to surrounding towns to check and see if they are on any other checklist in the State and then this town is advised that this name must be taken off their checklist as they are now on the East Montpelier Checklist. In the same manner, we receive notice from other towns that certain names must be taken off our checklist. At year-end, we have 2,034 on our checklist. So if you know you are on another VT town's checklist, as soon as you are registered here, you're name will be removed from

the previous town of residence's checklist. This Mandate is affecting all states in the Union which eventually will lead to being able to access checklists of other states in some manner, maybe only by the State though.

Progress has been made in adding more information regarding the Zoning and Planning permits including access permit records. Sewage Permits have been entered for 2005 back to 1998, totaling 209 permits. To date, a total of 1478 permits, including septic permits have been entered. Going back into history on these older permits takes more time as properties have to be identified with the present property owner and the property ID number given as well as the new 911 mailing address which wasn't used on older permits.

Property Taxes in the amount of \$3,748,772.46 were collected as of November 15, 2005. Unpaid delinquent taxes in the amount of \$180,017.63 were turned over to our Delinquent Tax Collector. As some of you may be aware, for those who did not file their HS-131 form, by April 15, 2005, a 1% penalty fee was noted on your amended tax bill after we were notified by the State Tax Dept. that your HS-131 form had been filed after 4-15-05. **Please make sure you file your HS-131 by 4-18-06. It has to be filed annually. Free electronic filing of this form is available at www.state.vt.us/tax.**

A reminder in regard to payment of your taxes, please make sure there is sufficient money available in your account as checks are quite often deposited the same day they are received, especially if it is brought in personally. Also, payment must be received in the office by 5 p.m. of the final due date. NO post-marked tax payments dated the final due date but received after that date are accepted. These are turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector. Any taxes not paid by the FIRST due date will be charged a 1% interest per month until collected.

In finishing this report, I have enjoyed my many years here in my position. I'm looking forward to having some time off and doing some traveling out west and maybe go to Italy where my husband still has cousins living in Verona. I may still work part-time as Assistant Clerk/Treasurer for a while until things get transitioned. It will seem strange for a while to not do the things I've done for 25 years. You aren't aware how attached you become to your job until you come to actually realize you're leaving. I have knowledge in my head that will be there for eternity, where it will take some new person a few moments in time to find it in the records when I could come up with it in my head in a few seconds. Our records have become easier to access with the Zoning & Planning Programs we now have, so I'm sure things will go well with finding records.

As in the past, the Town Municipal office staff is always glad to be of help to you with any questions you may have or if you need to do research of your property for your own information, please call or come in anytime

— SYLVIA M. TOSI, *Town Clerk & Treasurer – CVC/CVT*

CASH FUND BALANCE RECONCILIATION

Actual Revenues & Expenses:	2004	2005
Beginning Balance	\$ 87,944.70	\$ 146,404.49
Total Revenues	1,441,294.61	1,312,354.89
Total Expenses	(1,382,834.82)	(1,435,523.96)
Surplus	<u>\$ 146,404.49</u>	<u>\$ 23,235.42</u>

December 31, Assets:	2004	2005
Cash Drawer	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Checking Account	27,000.00	27,000.00
Money Market Sweep Account	251,888.44	154,646.62
Total Assets	<u>\$ 279,013.44</u>	<u>\$ 181,771.62</u>

Cash/Fund Balance Reconciliation:	2004	2005
Total Cash	\$ 279,013.44	\$ 154,646.62
Less Taxes Owed to School	(128,858.33)	(132,628.38)
Transfer in & out of Special Accounts:		
Capital Reserves	(2,138.60)	—
Cemetery Fund	(1,525.00)	1,245.17
Special Bridge & Culvert Fund	(1.62)	(1.62)
Forest Fund	1.13	1.13
Held Withholdings:		
Hunting and Fishing License	(86.00)	(27.50)
Misc: Act 200	(.53)	—
Reconciled Cash Surplus	<u>\$ 146,404.49</u>	<u>\$ 23,235.42</u>

NOTE: The Town of East Montpelier currently 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 Wednesday, November 15, 2006 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 REVENUES

CASH & RECEIPTS:	2005 BUDGET YEAR			SELECTBOARD PROPOSAL	
	Budget 2005	Actual YTD 12/31/05	Over (Under)	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-June 2007
TOTAL CASH ON HAND:	\$ 146,505.49	\$146,405.49	\$0.00	\$23,235.42**	
<i>** Low beginning balance is due to unanticipated expenses on Town Garage.</i>					
NON-TAX RECEIPTS:					
Recording/copy fees	\$18,000.00	\$19,098.00	\$1,098.00	\$18,000.00	\$9,000.00
Vault fees	3,500.00	4,684.70	1,184.70	4,000.00	2,000.00
Zoning fees	6,300.00	5,873.00	(427.00)	5,500.00	3,000.00
Sewage fees	2,200.00	2,068.00	(132.00)	2,000.00	1,200.00
Dog licenses.....	2,600.00	2,560.00	(40.00)	2,600.00	2,000.00
Liquor licenses.....	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Late H131 filer fees	200.00	376.09	176.09	200.00	0.00
Education retention fees	3,000.00	3,638.00	638.00	3,500.00	0.00
School Share town expenses	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	0.00
State aid highways.....	115,000.00	124,063.04	9,063.04	125,000.00	60,000.00
Miscellaneous income	1,000.00	3,270.63	2,270.63	1,500.00	500.00
Interest/sweep account.....	3,500.00	11,745.07	8,245.07	5,000.00	500.00
Interest/delinquent taxes	9,000.00	5,195.53	(3,804.47)	6,000.00	3,000.00
Penalty delinquent taxes	10,000.00	10,930.49	930.49	10,000.00	5,000.00
Current use hold harmless	33,000.00	51,577.00	18,577.00	40,000.00	0.00
Legal fees.....	1,800.00	0.00	(1,800.00)	0.00	0.00
Traffic fines.....	16,000.00	27,490.78	11,490.78	20,000.00	10,000.00
VCDP management income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State PILOT program/Land access.....	750.00	2,503.00	1,753.00	2,500.00	0.00
Green Up	275.00	250.00	(25.00)	250.00	250.00
2004 Municipal Planning Grant	3,420.00	5,594.29	2,174.29	0.00	0.00
Better Back road Grant - Coburn Road.....	6,900.00	7,000.00	100.00	0.00	0.00

Vtrans grant for County Rd paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vtrans grant for Muddy Brook Rd paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wastewater study reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
CAPRES/ Garage renov. Funds.....	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TAX RECEIPTS	\$ 275,045.00	\$326,517.62	\$51,472.62	\$346,170.00
				\$101,550.00

TAXES:

Current Taxes:				
Selectboard Budget	888,402.16			\$506,591.19
Other Money Articles	171,718.00			3,950.00
Total Current Taxes	\$1,060,183.16	\$842,940.01	(\$217,243.15)	\$510,541.19

Delinquent Taxes:

Current Year	N/A	51,689.00	N/A	N/A
Prior Years	N/A	91,209.00	N/A	N/A
Total Delinquent Taxes	N/A	\$142,897.26	142,897.26	N/A

TOTAL TAXES

	\$1,060,183.16	\$985,837.27	(\$74,345.89)	\$1,495,916.42
				\$510,541.19
GRAND TOTAL CASH & RECEIPTS	\$1,335,228.16	\$1,458,760.38	(\$22,873.27)	\$1,842,086.42
				\$612,091.19

TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

Selectboard w/o Articles	2005	2006	2007
Less: Cash on Hand	\$1,245,739.15	\$1,346,079.42	\$506,591.19
	146,404.46	23,235.42	0.00
Subtotal	1,099,334.69	1,322,844.00	506,591.19
Less: Proposed Non-Tax Receipts	245,045.00	346,170.00	101,550.00
Municipal Proposed for Tax w/o articles	854,289.69	976,674.00	405,041.19
Plus: Articles	171,781.00	149,837.00	3,950.00
Total Town Taxes	\$1,026,070.69	\$1,126,511.00	\$408,991.19

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER EXPENDITURES

	2005 BUDGET YEAR			SELECTBOARD PROPOSAL	
	Budget 2005	Actual YTD 12/31/05	Over (Under)	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-June 2007
GENERAL EXPENSES:					
Town Officers:					
Town Clerk	\$ 35,440.12	\$35,440.08	0.04	\$36,326.08	\$19,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk - Conti	21,765.46	21,612.14	153.32	22,639.40	11,900.00
Substitute (Asst. II) Town Clerk	4,682.17	4,012.02	670.15	4,800.00	2,500.00
Auditors	2,600.00	2,422.50	177.50	2,916.00	2,916.00
Selectboard	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	0.00
Town Administrator	28,700.66	28,616.04	84.62	25,688.00	13,500.00
Salary Pool.....	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Assistant	739.00	132.00	607.00	750.00	0.00
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000.00	9,913.59	86.41	10,000.00	5,000.00
Total Town Officers	\$107,627.41	\$105,148.37	\$2,479.04	\$106,119.48	\$54,816.00
Employee Benefits:					
Social Security/Medicare.....	22,669.00	21,861.83	807.17	22,700.00	11,000.00
Municipal Retirement	11,821.00	11,734.98	86.02	12,869.16	6,646.00
Long-Term Disability Insurance.....	980.00	944.43	35.57	1,040.00	600.00
Unemployment	533.00	534.00	(1.00)	550.00	0.00
Health Insurance	52,993.00	47,429.26	5,563.74	58,918.23	30,000.00
Total Employee Benefits	\$88,996.00	\$82,504.50	\$6,491.50	\$96,077.39	\$48,246.00
Law Enforcement:					
State Troopers	20,284.80	17,208.45	3,076.35	20,698.80	10,600.00
Community Advisory Board	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
1st Constable	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
2nd Constable/Animal Control Off.	500.00	1,000.00	(500.00)	0.00	0.00

Constables/Animal Control Officers	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
E-9-1-1 Dispatch	4,585.00	4,389.25	4,677.00	2,338.50
Total Law Enforcement	\$25,919.80	\$22,647.70	\$27,475.80	\$12,938.50
Town Meeting & Elections:				
Ballot Clerks	400.00	385.00	1,100.00	400.00
Town Report Printing	2,850.00	2,739.50	3,186.00	3,320.00
Ballot Equipment	1,250.00	1,285.55	3,400.00	1,250.00
Total Town Mtg./Elec.	\$4,500.00	\$4,410.05	\$7,686.00	\$4,970.00
Electricity:				
Town Office	1,376.00	1,500.05	1,600.00	800.00
Street Lights	4,325.00	4,341.90	4,400.00	2,200.00
Town Garage	2,750.00	1,752.85	2,400.00	1,400.00
Total Electricity	\$8,451.00	\$7,594.80	\$8,400.00	\$4,400.00
Telephone:				
Town Office	2,600.00	2,241.44	2,300.00	1,200.00
Town Garage	1,500.00	1,147.08	1,200.00	600.00
Total Telephone	\$4,100.00	\$3,388.52	\$3,500.00	\$1,800.00
Insurance & Bonds	\$24,000.00	\$24,575.33	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Legal Fees	\$ 3,500.00	\$1,144.40	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Accounting Services:				
Conversion to modified accrual	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional Services	0.00	2,325.00	2,500.00	0.00
Contracted Bookkeeping Services	0.00	0.00	18,600.00	9,500.00
Outside (Independent) Audit	6,500.00	7,400.00	7,400.00	8,000.00
Total Accounting Services	\$7,500.00	\$9,725.00	\$28,500.00	\$17,500.00

	Budget 2005	Actual YTD 12/31/05	Over (Under)	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-June 2007
Land Acquisition Studies	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00
Office Supplies:					
Postage	3,620.00	3,060.72	559.28	3,800.00	2,000.00
Restoration	1,000.00	939.00	61.00	1,500.00	750.00
Supplies	6,500.00	6,490.23	9.77	7,000.00	3,700.00
Copier (equipment) Lease	1,701.00	1,643.59	57.41	1,704.00	825.00
Equipment purchase	400.00	332.25	67.75	2,340.00	500.00
Total Office Supplies	\$13,221.00	\$12,465.79	\$755.21	\$16,344.00	\$7,775.00
Printing & Advertising	\$2,500.00	\$2,844.43	(\$344.43)	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Computer:					
Services	3,957.00	4,163.19	(206.19)	3,800.00	2,000.00
Tax Maps linked to NEMRC, ARCVIEW	8,200.00	7,500.00	700.00	500.00	500.00
Equipment/Software	1,360.00	1,250.12	109.88	3,880.00	2,050.00
Total Computer	\$13,517.00	\$12,913.31	\$603.69	\$8,180.00	\$4,550.00
Municipal Building:					
Payroll (ground maintenance)	500.00	530.00	(30.00)	600.00	200.00
Water Cooler	200.00	175.00	25.00	200.00	100.00
Rubbish/Recycling	300.00	330.90	(30.90)	500.00	250.00
Water	900.00	739.53	160.47	900.00	450.00
Custodial	2,000.00	2,110.69	(110.69)	2,200.00	1,100.00
Fuel	2,000.00	1,684.96	315.04	2,500.00	1,250.00
General Expenses	1,000.00	1,055.47	(55.47)	1,000.00	500.00
Septic Maintenance	400.00	655.00	(255.00)	500.00	500.00
Landscaping	1,550.00	1,735.85	(185.85)	500.00	0.00

Exit/Emerg. Lighting, fire alarm, GFCI	12,175.00	148.85	12,026.15	7,000.00	0.00
Repairs	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	5,000.00
Total Municipal Building	\$21,825.00	\$9,166.25	\$12,658.75	\$16,700.00	\$9,350.00
Other Office Expense					
General	850.00	1,261.66	(411.66)	1,000.00	500.00
Tax Map Maintenance	1,325.00	1,075.00	250.00	1,650.00	0.00
In Service Training	800.00	950.00	(150.00)	2,000.00	500.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$2,975.00	\$3,286.66	(\$311.66)	\$4,650.00	\$1,000.00
Planning & Zoning:					
Zoning Payroll	11,000.00	11,202.38	(202.38)	11,500.00	6,760.00
Mailing and Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	330.00	160.00
Education/Training	250.00	30.00	220.00	650.00	300.00
Advertising	1,330.00	1,005.50	324.50	1,100.00	550.00
Mileage Expense & Misc.	385.00	277.32	107.68	385.00	200.00
Sub-Total Zoning Administration	12,965.00	12,515.20	449.80	13,965.00	7,970.00
Planning Commission					
Draft Zoning Regs ¹	6,499.34	5,286.53	1,212.81	1,000.00	0.00
Mailing and Miscellaneous ²	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
Educational/Training ²	450.00	145.00	305.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-Total Planning Commission	7,069.34	5,431.53	1,637.81	1,000.00	0.00
Board of Adjustment					
Mailing and Miscellaneous ²	210.00	119.00	91.00	0.00	0.00
Educational/Training ²	330.00	50.00	280.00	0.00	0.00
Sub Total Board of Adjustment	540.00	169.00	371.00	0.00	0.00
Total Planning & Zoning	\$20,574.34	\$18,115.73	\$2,458.61	\$14,965.00	\$7,970.00

¹ see Revenue - 2004 Municipal Planning Grant² Consolidated above in Zoning Administration

	Budget 2005	Actual YTD 12/31/05	Over (Under)	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-June 2007
Wastewater Treatment					
Wastewater Facilities Study ³	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	5,000.00
Sewage Officer - Payroll	2,300.00	1,536.75	763.25	2,300.00	1,150.00
Mailing & Mileage	250.00	357.23	(107.23)	350.00	175.00
Total Wastewater Treatment	\$2,550.00	\$1,893.98	\$656.02	\$22,650.00	\$6,325.00
³ see Revenue - Wastewater Planning Advance Proceeds					
Listers:					
Salaries	17,000.00	11,120.00	5,880.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
Supplies	500.00	48.00	452.00	2,500.00	1,350.00
Services	500.00	24.80	475.20	1,500.00	750.00
Total Listers	\$18,000.00	\$11,192.80	\$6,807.20	\$24,000.00	\$12,100.00
Tax Appeals/Abatements	\$800.00	\$639.38	\$160.62	\$500.00	\$0.00
Loans & Interest:					
Tax Anticipation Interest	6,000.00	6,622.21	(622.21)	6,500.00	0.00
Equipment Loan Payment	30,299.00	30,298.66	0.34	29,717.00	0.00
Total Loans & Interest	\$36,299.00	\$36,920.87	(\$621.87)	\$36,217.00	\$0.00
Dues & Budget Requests:					
CV Regional Planning Comm.	2,192.00	2,191.30	0.70	2,450.00	0.00
EMES Payment	0.00	3,664.89	(3,664.89)	3,700.00	0.00
Northern VT Resource Council	75.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
CV Economic Development ⁴	900.00	1,800.00	(900.00)	900.00	0.00
Washington County Expense	17,500.00	18,258.00	(758.00)	19,363.00	20,000.00
Vt. League Cities & Towns	2,460.00	2,460.00	0.00	2,546.00	2,600.00
Recreation Board	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00

Wrightsville Beach Dist.....	1,160.10	1,160.10	0.00	1,160.10	1,160.00
Ambulance Service.....	62,450.00	62,088.00	362.00	63,000.00	12,600.00
CV Solid Waste Mgt. Dist.....	5,700.00	5,567.10	132.90	8,218.16	0.00
Fire Department ⁵	102,337.50	102,337.50	0.00	107,175.00	37,547.69*
Displaced Canine Services.....	800.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
Total Dues & Budget Requests	\$198,574.60	\$203,401.89	(\$4,827.29)	\$212,387.26	\$76,907.69

⁴ 2005 dues were overpaid; error will be corrected when tax rate is set.

⁵ 2007 payment is two-thirds of EMFD's 6-month budget to reflect the Selectboard's practice of paying in 3 installments.

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$611,430.15	\$573,979.76	\$37,450.39	\$665,351.93	\$273,648.19
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HIGHWAY EXPENSES:

Summer Roads:

Labor.....	73,401.00	74,978.23	(1,577.23)	76,000.00	38,169.00
Operations.....	25,750.00	20,110.67	5,639.33	28,000.00	13,400.00
Chloride.....	27,000.00	11,702.43	15,297.57	26,000.00	14,100.00
Gravel.....	83,000.00	56,437.00	26,563.00	85,000.00	43,575.00
Guardrail.....	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	4,700.00	0.00
Pavement Crack Sealing.....	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,500.00	0.00
Muddy Brook Road Paving/Guardrail ⁶	0.00	0.00	0.00	71,520.00	0.00
Total Summer Roads	\$223,651.00	\$163,228.33	\$60,422.67	\$301,720.00	\$109,244.00

⁶ \$71,520 - Vtrans Reimb. contingent on funding; see Revenue page.

Winter Roads:

Labor.....	76,398.00	73,643.77	2,754.23	77,724.49	39,750.00
Operations.....	4,200.00	1,924.57	2,275.43	4,410.00	2,184.00
Salt.....	32,000.00	32,654.04	(654.04)	33,600.00	16,640.00
Sand.....	48,000.00	53,837.44	(5,837.44)	50,400.00	25,000.00
Total Winter Roads	\$160,598.00	\$162,059.82	(\$1,461.82)	\$166,134.49	\$83,574.00

	Budget 2005	Actual YTD 12/31/05	Over (Under)	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-June 2007
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance:					
Misc. Repairs & Maintenance	44,000.00	21,888.18		46,200.00	22,800.00
1999 Dump Truck		8,903.45			
2000 1 Ton Truck		11,230.14			
2001 Ten Wheeler		6,998.08			
2005 Ten Wheeler		856.94			
1967 Ford Truck (Chloride)		32.88			
Chipper		229.89			
Grader		18,524.64			
Loader		1,432.84			
Excavator		1,045.21			
Backhoe		597.00			
Total Equipment	\$44,000.00	\$71,739.25	(\$27,739.25)	\$46,200.00	\$22,800.00
Other Road Expenses:					
Gas, Fuel, Oil & Grease	25,000.00	37,303.05	(12,303.05)	40,000.00	13,125.00
'97 Paving Bond	102,960.00	102,960.00	0.00	98,685.00	2,200.00
York Rake Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,888.00	0.00
Town Garage Renovation	75,000.00	149,942.58	(74,942.58)	20,000.00	350.00
Green-Up Day	600.00	308.40	291.60	600.00	350.00
Signs	1,500.00	1,347.61	152.39	1,500.00	780.00
In Service Training	1,000.00	874.16	125.84	1,000.00	520.00
Total Other Road Exp.	\$206,060.00	\$292,735.80	(\$86,675.80)	\$166,673.00	\$17,325.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET	\$634,309.00	\$689,763.20	(\$55,454.20)	\$680,727.49	\$232,943.00
TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET	\$1,245,739.15	\$1,263,742.96	(\$18,003.81)	\$1,346,079.42	\$506,591.19
VOTED ARTICLES:					
Capital Reserve Fund	111,000.00	111,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	0.00
EMFD Heating System	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

EMFD Engine #3.....	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMFD Facility Planning		0.00		18,750.00	0.00
Four Corners Schoolhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
Cemetery Commission	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	9,500.00	2,250.00
Conservation Fund.....	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Community Connections ⁷	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
K-H. Library Operating Support ⁸	15,942.00	15,942.00	0.00	16,923.00	0.00
Total of Individual Voted Articles	\$162,192.00	\$162,192.00	\$0.00	\$140,173.00	\$3,750.00

^{7&8} *Petitioned Articles***FUNDING REQUESTS:**

Project Graduation U-32	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
C.V. Home Health & Hospice	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00	0.00
C.V. Community Action	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
Wash. County Youth Serv.	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
C.V. Council on Aging	1,464.00	1,464.00	0.00	1,464.00	0.00
Retired Senior Volunteers	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	0.00
Battered Women's Serv/Shelter	675.00	675.00	0.00	675.00	0.00
Project Independence.....	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
People's Health Clinic	950.00	950.00	0.00	950.00	0.00
Twin Valley Senior Center, Inc.....	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Court Diversion Program	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team - Wash. Co.	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
HomeShare of Central Vermont	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
Family Center Wash.County.....	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Green Mtn. Transit (formerly Wheels).....	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Onion River Food Shelf	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
Total of Funding Request Article	\$9,589.00	\$9,589.00	\$0.00	\$9,664.00	\$200.00
TOTAL VOTED ARTICLES	\$171,781.00	\$171,781.00	\$0.00	\$149,837.00	\$3,950.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,417,520.15	\$1,435,523.96	(\$18,003.81)	\$1,495,916.42	\$510,541.19

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

DUE IN 2006



Notes Payable	2006 Balance	Interest Rate	Interest Amount	Principal	2006 Total	2007 Est'd.	2008 Est'd.
2002 Pumper/Tanker							
VT Agency of Transportation	\$ 29,133	2.00%	583	29,133	29,716	0	0
1997 Paving Project Bond:							
6/1 Interest Only Payment			4,343		4,343	2,183	0
12/1 Interest Payment			4,342		4,342	2,182	0
12/1 Principal Payment	180,000			90,000	90,000	90,000	0
	<u>\$ 222,183</u>		<u>\$ 9,268</u>	<u>\$ 119,133</u>	<u>\$ 128,401</u>	<u>\$ 94,365</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Debt Service:

2006.....	128,401
2007.....	94,365
2008 and thereafter.....	0
	<u>222,766</u>
Less Interest Portion:	(13,633)
Total Debt.....	<u>\$ 209,133</u>

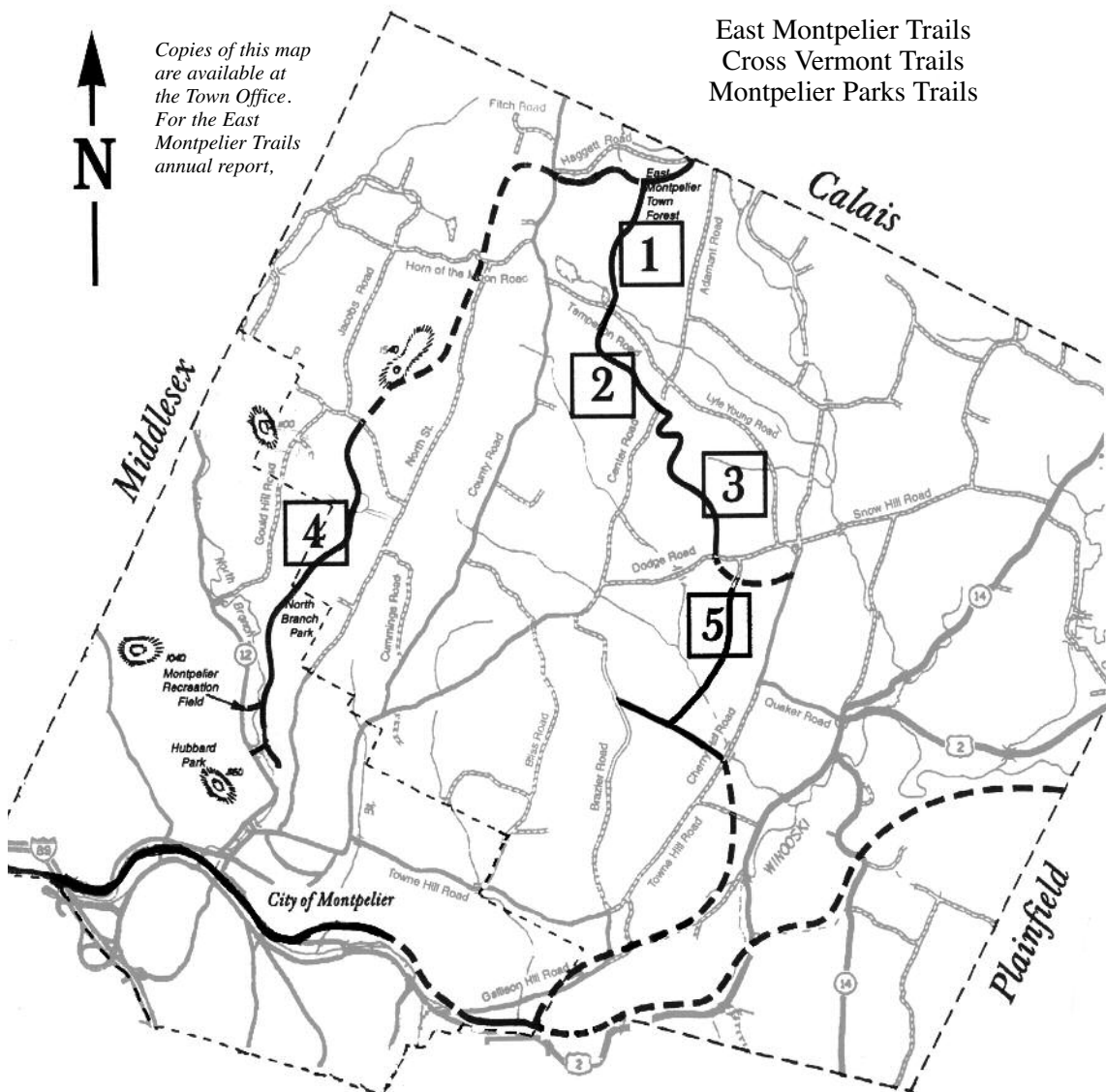
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




- 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.

 EXISTING TRAILS
 PROPOSED TRAILS

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN TRAIL LOOP

East Montpelier Trails
 Cross Vermont Trails
 Montpelier Parks Trails



-  **Town Forest – Peck Farm:** varied woodlands, beaver pond, farm lanes; 2.5 miles of gently rolling terrain, stream crossing
-  **Holden – Templeton:** woodlands, fields, mountain views; 2 miles of gently rolling terrain
-  **Templeton – Fairmont:** farm lane, fields, mountain views, varied woodlands; 2.5 miles, 2 steep 20-yard sections, 1 wet crossing
-  **Sparrow Farm – Montpelier:** flat farm fields, woodlands, descends steeply through old growth hemlock to Montpelier Recreation Field; 3.5 miles
-  **Mallory Brook:** 500 acres of remote woodlands, fields, pristine brook, and old town road. To be completed in fall 2006.

TOWN SALARIES AND BENEFITS

2005		Salary	Total*
TOWN OFFICE			
	Sylvia Tosi	\$ 35,440.08	\$ 46,064.27
	Teresa Conti	21,611.98	26,999.87
	Marlene Betit	28,947.20	34,688.83
	Maryanne Cerasoli	1,464.39	1,583.41
	P. Jane Grinde	2,547.63	2,747.51
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		\$ 90,011.28	\$ 112,083.89
ROADS			
	Overtime Hours		
	Michael Garand 302.5	49,357.45	70,917.31
	Anthony C. Williams 222.5	37,581.95	54,309.04
	Frank Campbell, II 208.5	35,412.70	54,174.91
	Jeffrey Booth 227.5	27,255.00	44,742.65
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		\$ 149,607.10	\$ 224,143.91
OTHER			
	Thomas H. Brazier	750.00	807.38
	Martha Holden	750.00	807.38
	Edith Miller	750.00	807.38
	Norma Raymond	9,913.59	10,719.46
	Rosendo Cueto	9,560.00	10,291.36
	Ross Hazel	1,010.00	1,087.27
	Earl Montague	550.00	592.08
	Richard Czaplinski	1,325.25	1,426.62
	Carl Etnier	211.50	227.68
	David Coburn	132.00	142.72
	P. Jane Grinde	3,606.00	3,889.06
	Ross Haverstick	5,520.00	6,313.13
	Deborah Fillion	2,873.88	3,093.74
	Diana Chace	690.00	742.79
	Pauline Coburn	935.00	1,006.53
	Timothy Meehan	750.00	807.38
	Christopher Reed	750.00	807.38
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		\$ 40,077.22	\$ 43,569.34
CEMETERY			
	Elliott Morse	2,068.00	2,326.96
	Allen Ploof	1,110.00	1,256.44
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	TOTAL CEMETERY	\$ 3,178.00	\$ 3,583.40
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	TOTAL TOWN & CEMETERY	\$ 282,873.60	\$ 383,380.54
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* Benefit packages may include: FICA (Social Security), Medicare, Retirement, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, payment in lieu of Health Insurance, Long-Term Disability, and Workers' Compensation Insurance. Other costs of the employer for Federal/State Unemployment are not included as benefits. These costs for 2005 were \$2,526.00 for Unemployment. Also, 2005 cost of uniform services for the road crew was \$2,216.02.

DELINQUENT TAXES

	Taxes Due Jan. 1, 2005	Paid In 2005	Abated 2005	Balance Due Dec. 31, 2005
1991–1999	464	0	464	0
2000	0	0	0	0
2001	699	292	0	407
2002	1,343	931	0	412
2003	7,736	6,844	0	892
2004	92,986	83,142	0	9,844
	<u>\$ 103,228</u>	<u>\$ 91,209 **</u>	<u>\$ 464</u>	<u>\$ 11,555</u>
2005 Del. Taxes Submitted to Collector on 11/16/05	180,018	51,689	35 *	128,294
	<u>\$ 283,246</u>	<u>\$ 142,898 **</u>	<u>\$ 499</u>	<u>\$ 139,849</u>
Interest on Delinquent Tax		5,197		
		<u>\$ 148,095 **</u>		

SUMMARY:

Delinquent Taxes

Uncollected as of January 1, 2005	\$ 103,228
2005 Delinquent Taxes Submitted to Collector 11/16/05.....	180,018
	<u>\$ 283,246</u>

Delinquent Taxes Collected and Submitted to Treasurer**	142,898
Uncollected as of December 31, 2005	139,849
Abated	464
Adjustments *	35
	<u>\$ 283,246</u>

Total Delinquent Taxes and Interest Collected in 2005	<u>\$ 148,095</u>
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* Adjustments to tax owed due to late filing of H-131 form.

** Includes \$35,524.10 collected for 2002, 2003, and 2004 in December 2004 and submitted on January 4, 2005.

2005 TAXES RAISED

Tax Rates

Homestead \$1.9642 • Non-Residential \$1.9514 • Town \$. 6930

Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,481,612.78*
Homestead Grand List	\$ 1,055,104.28*
Non-Residential Grand List	\$ 429,549.50*

** 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, 2005. A late penalty fee of 1% was charged to those who filed the H-131 form after this April 15 date.*

Taxes Raised at \$. 6930 Town Tax Rate*	\$ 1,026,757.66
Taxes Raised at \$1.9642 Homestead Tax Rate*	2,072,435.83
Taxes Raised at \$1.9514 Non-Residential Tax Rate*	838,222.89
Penalty 1% / Late H-131 Homestead Fees	353.70*
Total	\$ 3,937,770.08
Less Lease Land (UVM/WCGS)	(63.16)
Total	\$ 3,937,706.92
Less Credit-Winooski Hydro Electric	(3,656.91)
Total	\$ 3,934,050.01**
Less 1% Penalty Late Fees	(353.70)
Total Taxes	<u><u>\$ 3,933,696.31**</u></u>

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Sources of Taxes Collected

Town Taxes Collected 11-15-05	\$ 974,680.84
Homestead and Non-Residential Taxes Collected	2,774,091.62
Uncollected 2005 Taxes as of 11-16-05	184,564.10
Total	<u><u>3,933,336.56**</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, 2005, 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.*

— Sylvia Tosi, Town Clerk

2005 DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES

Amount calculated due to School District as follows:

Tax Rate:		Percentage
Homestead Liability	\$ 1.9642	53%
Non-Residential	\$ 1.9514	21%
Town	\$.6930	26%

Homestead Tax Rate **\$ 2.6572**

Non-Residential Rate **\$ 2.6444**



Non-Residential Education.....	\$ 838,222.89
Homestead Education.....	2,072,435.83
Total School Taxes	2,910,658.72
Penalty 1% Late H-131 Homestead Fees	353.70
Total Town Taxes	1,026,757.66
Total Taxes.....	3,937,770.08
Less Lease Land (UVM/WCGS)	(63.16)
Total	\$3,937,706.92 **
Less Credit-Winooski Hydro Electric	(3,656.91)
Total	\$3,934,050.01
Less 1% Penalty	(353.70)
Total 2005 Taxes	<u><u>\$3,933,696.31</u></u>



Collected 2005 taxes as of tax due date (11-15-05) \$3,748,772.46



Amount Paid School District (20 days).....	\$2,774,091.62
Balance Due School District (within 120 days).....	132,628.38
Retained by Town from School Taxes	3,638.00
Amount of School Taxes.....	<u><u>\$ 2,910,358.00*</u></u>

**This is amount projected according to FY 2006 Act 68 Cash Flow
projected by the VT Department of Education.*



Total Collected 2005 Taxes.....	\$3,748,772.46
Delinquent Taxes	184,564.10
Total Taxes.....	<u><u>3,933,336.56**</u></u>

***See explanation under "2005 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, 2006)

		Mileage	Hours
2005	International 7600 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing	18,863	1,743
2002	International 2574 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing	69,921	5,406
2001	Ford 550 Dump Truck One Way Plow and Sand Spreader	69,118	N/A
1999	International 4900 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing	72,134	6,683
1998	MorBark Brush Chipper	N/A	687
1995	International Pumper / Tanker	18,982	1,328
1993	Caterpillar 928 Front End Loader	N/A	7,979
1990	Caterpillar 140G Grader	N/A	11,034
1988	John Deere 210C Backhoe	N/A	3,503
1985	Case Excavator	N/A	6,618
1972	Ford 900 Fire Truck	36,274	N/A

PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS

Dog State Rabies Program	\$ 442.00
State Dog Spay / Neuter Program	892.00
Marriage and Civil Union Licenses	195.00
Fish & Wildlife	1,101.00



TOWN AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS SUMMARY

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. Any monies provided from tax revenues as voted at Town Meeting are noted accordingly.

Town Funds (see Detailed Reports on pp. 35–37):

Special Bridge and Culvert Projects Reserve Fund,
Land Conservation Fund, Capital Reserve Fund

Fiduciary Funds (see Detailed Reports on pp. 38–41):

Grand List Reappraisal Fund, 2004 Municipal Planning Grant,
Veterans Memorial Fund, East Montpelier Fireworks Fund, Town Forest
Fund, Sesquicentennial Fund, Carlton C. Smith Recreational Fund,
Sandy Pines Community Development Fund, Cemetery Trust Fund.



SPECIAL BRIDGE AND CULVERT PROJECTS RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 1,079.45
Interest	14.47
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	<u>\$ 1,093.92</u>



LAND CONSERVATION FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 28,683.32
Interest on CDs	547.43
2004 Town Meeting, Art. 8	10,000.00
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	<u>\$ 39,230.75</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 99,395 *
CD – Beginning Balance	93,658
CD interest earned 2,355	
Capital Distributions from CD (30,000)	
CD deposit – 2004 Town Meeting, Art. 6 111,000	83,355
CD – Ending Balance.....	177,013
Money Market – Beginning Balance	5,737
Money Market interest earned	95
Money Market – Ending Balance	5,832
Money owed from 2004 General Fund	2,139
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	\$184,984

* *Beginning balance does not include \$2,139 owed from the 2004 General Fund that transferred into the account in 2005.*

CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE

Allocated Funds:		Contrib. Year
Road Department Trucks ^{1&2}	\$ 25,000	2005
Road Department Heavy Equipment	130,000	2002–2005
Road Department Buildings	30,000	2005
Capital Distributions in 2005	(30,000)	
Fire Dept. AED Monitor	3,000	2005
Fire Dept. Breathing Apparatus	4,000	2004–2005
Fire Dept. Trucks	15,000	2004
Paving ³	196	
Interest earned in prior years	5,338	
Interest earned 2005	2,450	
Dec. 31, 2005 Total	\$184,984	

2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Road Department Buildings

Town Garage Renovations	\$ 30,000
Portion withdrawn from Capital Reserve Fund	

Total 2005 Capital Reserve Distribution	\$ 30,000
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Capital Reserve Program

Contributions	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Road Dept. Trucks	\$ 25,000	15,000	25,000	75,000	50,000	25,000	25,000
Road Dept. Heavy Equip.	50,000	50,000	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Road Dept. Buildings	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000
Paving	0	51,720	86,040	88,000	108,000	108,000	115,000
Total Annual Contrib.	\$ 111,000	151,720	196,040	273,000	264,000	239,000	246,000

Capital Improvement Program

Distributions	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Road Dept. Trucks	\$ 0	0	0	65,000	48,000	106,000	0
Road Dept. Heavy Equip.	0	180,000	0	75,000	100,000	100,000	0
Road Dept. Buildings	30,000	0	0	0	0	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	155,000	148,000	206,000	202,500

NOTES:

2006 Heavy Equipment: Grader Replacement after trade-in expected to be \$200,000. \$20,000 to finance.

2008 Road Department Trucks: Dump Truck Replacement.

2008 Heavy Equipment: Excavator Replacement

2009 Road Department Trucks: 1 ton Replacement, \$4,000 to finance.

2009 Heavy Equipment: Front End Loader Replacement, \$100,000 total cost estimate after trade-in. \$0.00 to finance.

2010 Heavy Equipment: Backhoe Replacement, \$100,000 total cost estimate after trade-in. \$0.00 to finance.

2011 Fire Department Trucks: \$270,000 engine @ .75 for East Montpelier for \$202,500. \$13,500 to finance

GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 58,221.23
Interest on CDs	1,364.64
Received from State of Vermont	8,162.00
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	<u><u>\$ 67,747.87</u></u>



2004 MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT*

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 3,070.18
Interest	6.11
Bank Charge Reversed	20.00
to General Fund	<u>(3,096.29)</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

** Account was opened on May 21, 2004, with funds granted by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development to hire a consultant to work with the Planning Commission to bring the town's Zoning Regulations into compliance with state law. The account balance and \$2,498 in grant money received in 2005 were deposited into the General Fund, and used to pay Burnt Rock Associates, Inc.*



VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 429.55
Interest	<u>1.29</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	<u><u>\$ 430.84</u></u>



EAST MONTPELIER FIREWORKS FUND**

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 278.90
Donations	25.00
Interest	<u>.91</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	<u><u>\$ 304.81</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, 2004		\$ 22,917.49
CD – Beginning Balance	19,831.65	
CD interest earned	<u>235.63</u>	
		20,067.28
Savings – Beginning Balance	3,085.84	
Savings interest earned	<u>9.26</u>	
		3,095.10
Adjustment (Due to Town Checking).....		<u>(1.13)</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005		<u><u>\$ 23,161.25</u></u>



SESQUICENTENNIAL FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004.....		\$ 1,602.69
Interest		8.37
Income.....		<u>2.00</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005		<u><u>\$ 1,613.06</u></u>

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



CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004		
Bequest from Carlton C. Smith (CD)*	\$ 50,000.00	
Savings	<u>436.11</u>	
		\$ 50,436.11
Interest Earned		
CD	1,042.05	
Savings	<u>2.37</u>	
		1,044.42
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005		
CD	\$ 50,000.00	
Savings	<u>1,044.42</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 51,480.53</u></u>

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

SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 6,600.19
Payments from Housing Foundation, Inc.	11,872.80
Interest	66.41
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Ending Balance – December 31, 2005	\$ 18,539.40
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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.

Repayment Terms: 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. Under the Vermont Community Development Program rules, half of the principal collected will be turned over to the State.

Repayment Deferral: In 2004, the Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA), which owns the park and is responsible for upkeep and maintenance, asked the Selectboard to grant a deferral of repayment and to extend the life of the loan. The VSHA proposed to use the loan payments (\$15,830 per year) for the repair and upgrade of the water and electrical systems (estimated to cost \$85,000). On August 15, 2005, the Selectboard signed an agreement granting a 5.5-year deferral. Loan repayment will resume in 2011.



CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004	\$ 74,537.52
Income	
Vote – 2005 Town Meeting, Art. 11	\$ 7,000.00
Sale of Lots and Perpetual Care	<u>4,750.00</u>
	11,750.00
Interest Income:	
Chittenden – Savings	19.18
Chittenden – CD	1,132.93
Banknorth – Savings36
Banknorth – CD	<u>251.60</u>
	1,404.07
Care of Cemeteries Expense (see Orders below)	(5,577.42)
Banknorth charge reversed	<u>6.00</u>
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005.....	<u><u>\$ 82,120.17</u></u>

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2005

Savings Accounts:	
Chittenden Account	\$ 10,422.48
Banknorth Account	317.86
Adjustment (Due to Town Checking)	<u>(1,245.17)</u>
	9,495.17
Perpetual Care Funds — CD Accounts:	
Chittenden	51,125.00
Banknorth	<u>21,500.00</u>
	<u>72,625.00</u>
Total Funds.....	<u><u>\$ 82,120.17</u></u>

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS

Mowing Payroll	\$ 3,362.04
Fence Painting and Repair	0.00
Tombstone Repair	0.00
Tombstone Cleaning	15.00
Parts and Supplies	1,069.49
Equipment Replacement Fund	378.27
Contingency/Miscellaneous	20.00
Doty Cemetery Fence	0.00
Veterans' Markers and Flags	184.00
Corner Markers	300.00
Gas	<u>248.62</u>
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 5,577.42</u></u>

EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

The East Montpelier Cemetery Commission met five times during 2005. Pauline Coburn was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2005.

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.

The review and update of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations was completed and published.

Goals for the coming year include:

- Repairing fences at the Quaker, and Clark cemeteries.
- Eradicating poison ivy which is rampant at the Peck cemetery.
- 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.
- Filling ruts in the entrance of the Village cemetery.

There were few lot sales in 2005, and the return on our investments remained very low again this year. The wet season kept Allen Ploof and Elliott Morse busy with general upkeep. Trees that were blown down at the Wheeler and Cutler cemeteries were cut up and removed. As a result of all of these factors, we must ask the town for \$8,000 in order to maintain the town cemeteries for the season ahead and \$1,500 to start preparing for replacement of the lawn tractor, for a total request of \$9,500 for the 2006 budget.

As requested we also prepared a budget for the six month period January-June 2007. Our request to the town for that period is for \$2,250.

The commissioners thank:

Robert Vivian for continuing to mow the White cemetery.

Pauline Coburn for hosting the commission meetings.

Allen Ploof for his tireless efforts and thoughtfulness.

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

LISTERS REPORT

The time has come! Due to the fact that our Common Level of Appraisal has dropped below the 80% mark, as it has with 137 other towns and cities in Vermont, the Agency of Property Valuation & Review has mandated a complete reappraisal of the Town. No doubt, this won't happen until the year 2007 or 2008.

We sent a letter of appeal to the Director of the Agency, asking that we be allowed to simply apply a time adjustment factor to all the current appraised values in town. But our proposal was not approved as an alternative plan. The cost of a full reappraisal will be in the vicinity of \$100,000. Our alternative plan would cost in the vicinity of \$20,000. We believe that our plan, with the uncertainty of the real estate market, would be the correct way to raise our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). All indications are that the real estate market will correct itself and market values will drop.

A September 2005 printout prepared by Bill Smith, Statistician at the VT Dept. of Taxes, shows a modest increase in the median value of property from 1989 to 1995. Our last reappraisal was done by the Listers, Steven Sinclair, James Goodall, and Rosendo Cueto, in 1995–96. In 1989 the median value was \$84,400. By 1996 the median value had grown to approximately \$88,300, an increase of only 4.6% in seven years. By 1999, the median value was \$96,850, up 15% in three years, and by year 2002 up 27% in three years to \$122,650. By the year 2004 it grew to \$151,300 or another 23% in two years. Certainly those figures will increase in the year 2005.

Yet with all these data available, Property Valuation & Review and our Legislators have done nothing to correct the way our Common Level of Appraisal is used. In turn, as the CLA drops, our education tax rises due to the formula that is used.

You will note in the chart at right that from our last appraisal in 1996 until 2002, we were able to maintain a CLA of or close to 100%. Only in the last three years, during the lowering of interest rates and other factors, have real estate values increased.

In addition to the above, we have had a busy year with visits to new properties, updating new construction on older homes, and keeping the grand list current.

We thank all the townspeople for their courtesy and help during our visits. We also thank the office staff, Sylvia, Terri, Jane, and Ross, who keep us abreast of what is going on in Town and make our work much easier. We will keep you informed as to what is happening in the Lister's office through "The Signpost."

— ROSENDO CUETO
ROSS HAZEL
EARL MONTAGUE

CLA	
1996	100.20%
1997	100.34%
1998	100.93%
1999	99.99%
2000	100.35%
2001	100.35%
2002	98.69%
2003	87.67%
2004	77.38%
2005	68.91%

See pp. 44–45
for more on this
subject.

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST — 2005 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	444	52,392,300	0	52,392,300	52,392,300	71.76	73,010,452	73,010,452	13.76	118,001
Residential II	371	64,876,765	395,118	64,481,647	64,481,647	65.06	99,621,667	99,621,667	16.63	183,232
Mobile Homes - U	62	1,323,200	0	1,323,200	1,323,200	96.90	1,365,531	1,365,531	13.93	21,342
Mobile Homes - L	49	3,158,000	0	3,158,000	3,158,000	70.72	4,465,498	4,465,498	12.46	64,449
Vacation I	6	673,500	0	673,500	673,500	70.72	952,347	952,347		112,250
Vacation II	1	47,800	0	47,800	47,800	70.72	67,590	67,590	0.00	47,800
Commercial	49	9,630,100	0	9,630,100	9,630,100	71.18	13,529,222	13,529,222		196,533
Commercial Apts.	3	1,992,000	0	1,992,000	1,992,000	71.18	2,798,539	2,798,539	0.00	664,000
Industrial Plants	3	2,670,500	0	2,670,500	2,670,500	71.18	3,751,756	3,751,756	0.00	890,167
Utilities - E	5	3,369,200	0	3,369,200	3,369,200	77.45	4,350,161	4,350,161	0.00	673,840
Utilities - O	2	53,000	0	53,000	53,000	71.18	74,459	74,459	0.00	26,500
Farms	15	2,335,424	233,704	2,101,720	2,101,720	71.18	3,254,705	3,254,705	0.00	396,628
Miscellaneous	133	5,591,325	144,092	5,447,233	5,447,233	71.18	7,838,971	7,838,971	21.86	50,600
Total	1,143	148,113,114	772,914	147,340,200	147,340,200		215,080,899	215,080,899		
Personal Property: Cable Inventory				304,100	0	100.00	304,100	0		
Machinery & Equipment				Exempt	0	100.00	Exempt	0		
Total Personal Property				304,100	0	100.00	304,100	0		
GRAND TOTALS Real and Personal Property				\$147,644,300	\$147,340,200	68.91	\$215,384,999	\$215,080,899	19.14	Townwide COD
Listed Value of Contracts and Exemptions										
Total Approved VEPC:	0			Total Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed. Tax):						
Total Approved TIF District:	0			Total Special Exemptions Value:						
Total Non-Approved Exemptions:	0			Total Land Use Reduction Value:						
Total Grandfathered Exemptions:	402,300			Total Veterans Exemptions:						

*from the Certified Final Computation Sheet, State of Vermont - Division of Property Valuation and Review, December 14, 2005

2005 PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller	Buyer	Location	Property	Sale Price
Marinelli	Mondell	1312 Bliss Rd	3 Ac & Dwl	\$235,000
Scribner	Wood	VT Rte 14N	4.08 Acres	69,900
Giroux	Giroux	90 Fair Rd.	MH & 1.00 Ac	50,000
Hill	Oakes	172 Boulder Rd	3.70 Ac	73,500
Hill	Astle	140 Boulder Rd	3.40 Ac & Dwl	350,000
Pulsifer	Curtis	185 Kelton Rd.	0.75 Ac & Dwl	147,000
Mascitti	Messier	4331 US Rte 2	MH & 0.00 Ac	21,845
Brazier	Haynes	Brazier Rd.	3.03 Ac	150,000
Anderson	Noyes	VT Rte 14S	3.80 Ac	77,500
Green	O'Donnell	1370 Center Rd.	0.90 Ac & Dwl	207,000
Cross	Norton	3135 North St.	1.00 Ac & Dwl	155,000
Wiggens	Stoudt	430 Putnam Rd.	2.00 Ac & Dwl	350,000
Rand	Fortin	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	12,500
Graves	Wass	2830 VT Rte 14N	1.00 Ac & Dwl	184,500
Leonard	Kresco	200 Powder Horn	6.30 Ac & Dwl	338,400
Hoffert	Shea	1040 Clark Rd.	1.00 Ac & Dwl	205,000
Yeamans	Nelson	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	10,500
Chickering	Hoffert	685 Kelton Rd.	3.00 Ac & Dwl	250,000
Center	Edson	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	16,500
Ferland	Rowell	2892 US Rte 2	2.30 Ac & Dwl	94,000
Ignacio	Janawicz	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	13,500
Hill	Schaarschmidt	189 Boulder Rd.	8.70 Ac	76,000
Martin	Bingham	80 Rock Rd.	1.00 Ac & Dwl	80,000
Morse	Shattuck	595 Cummings Rd.	5.4 Ac	20,000
Cookson	Wilson	124 Cookson Dr.	3.34 Ac & Dwl	358,000
Casavant	LaFrance	196 Pine Ridge Rd.	1.45 Ac & Dwl	250,000
Lynch	Case	1051 Sugarhouse Rd.	3.21 Ac	75,000
Jones	Allen	280 Guyette Rd.	13.60 Ac & Dwl	169,000
Pearl	Jones	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	18,500
Orr	Rice	331 Wheeler Rd.	5.40 Ac & Dwl	282,900
Lane	McAllister	Gould Hill Rd.	7.10 Ac	50,000
Gruhler	Young	North St.	3.00 Ac	98,500
Gruhler	Knight	North St.	0.20 Ac	2,500
Dommino	LaCroix	Cherry Tree Hill	10.70 Ac	77,500
Liimatainen	Martin	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	47,000
McLeoud	Duff	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	24,000
Rice	Boguzewski	Jacobs Rd.	7.00 Ac	100,000
Gosselin	Gregoire	1368 US Rte 2	10.10 Ac & RV	340,000
Boguzewski	Franco	880 Jacobs Rd.	14.30 Ac & Dwl	425,000
Hulsman	Whittiker	1305 VT Rte 14N	12.50 Ac & Dwl	425,000
Stone	Colangli	209 Gidney Rd.	11.90 Ac & Dwl	310,000
Fish	Lewis	2058 County Rd.	1.50 Ac & Dwl	160,000
Scribner	Richardson	VT Rte 14N	4.60 Ac	110,000
Kimball	Cutler	485 Haggett Rd.	2.80 Ac & Dwl	143,000
Koss	Balkcom	220 Taylor Rd.	28.00 Ac & Dwl	460,000
Winchester	Menard	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	18,900
Smith	Nishiyachi	Jacobs Rd.	14.40 Ac	192,000
Morrison	Shapiro	Dillon Rd.	41.10 Ac	165,000
Laperle	Wingersky	110 Clark Rd.	2.30 Ac & MH	160,000
Freund	Wells	VT Rte 14N	43.10 Ac	130,000
Chase	Laperle	Sandy Pines	MH & 0.00 Ac	35,000

SEWAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

In October of this year, 18 years after the town sewage ordinance was adopted in 1987 and Richard Czaplinski became Town Sewage Officer, the job was turned over to Carl Etnier. To assist in the transition and to provide backup coverage, the Select Board has also appointed Richard Czaplinski as Acting Town Sewage Officer. This report is submitted by both the outgoing and incoming sewage officers.

In the year 2005 there were 29 applications for wastewater treatment system construction permits and 25 have been approved. (All numbers as of December 19, 2005.) Four applications are pending, either under review or awaiting further documentation. In all, 29 lots were involved.

Ten applications were for replacement of failed systems and 17 applications were for construction of new systems. There was one application to recertify previously approved systems. One application was to modify previously approved designs before construction occurred.

	Number of Applications	Number of Lots	Type of System		
			Mound	In-ground	Other
Replacement	10	10	6	3	1
New Construction	17	17	5	11	1
Recertify	1	1	0	1	0
Modify	1	1	0	0	1
Totals	29	29	11	15	3

Three systems for which construction permits were issued in 2005 were also issued Use Permits. More than three systems were constructed in 2005; however, we have not received reports of construction and certification from the designer that the systems were built per plan or other required documentation. 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 Carl Etnier.

The town sewage ordinance was revised in 2005 to adopt the new 2005 state regulations that make the state and town regulations for system design and construction identical. The newly adopted town ordinance allows the approval of so called "performance-based" systems, which allow development of lands with more marginal soils and other limitations.

As many of you may know, a Wastewater Advisory Committee has been created by the Select Board to deal with existing and potential sewage problems in the North Montpelier and East Montpelier village areas. See the Report of the Wastewater Advisory Committee elsewhere in the Town Report for information on those efforts.

Living in a community, whether living in the larger town area or in the more thickly settled village areas of our town, we all have a responsibility to be good neighbors. It's what makes communities work. A critical part of being a good neighbor is taking care of our sewage systems. First maintain the systems regularly by having the septic tank pumped, cleaning the septic tank effluent filter and performing the more involved yearly maintenance on the more complicated systems such as sand filters and other "performance-based systems." And, secondly, to repair or replace systems when they fail. In some cases, where space and soils are limited—such as in the built up areas of town—we'll have to work together and help each other out to fix existing problems and to prepare for the future.

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 (or email) Carl at 223-2564 (h) or carl@etnier.net or leave a message at the town office if you have any questions.

- RICHARD CZAPLINSKI
Outgoing Sewage Officer, Acting Sewage Officer
- CARL ETNIER, *Town Sewage Officer*



VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS



Vermont Secretary of State Deb Markowitz honored local officials of Washington County and surrounding areas at the Vermont Public Service Awards on October 17th, 2005. The ceremony recognized those who have served their communities for 20 or more years. An impressive list of East Montpelier's citizens were honored: Bruce Bjornlund, Tom Brazier, Wes Cate, Paulie Coburn, Bernie Corliss, Bill George, Peter Hill, Marty Miller, Norma Raymond, Sylvia Tosi, Rosie Cueto, Dave Grundy, Edie Miller, Elliott Morse, Conrad Ormsbee, and Anne Sherman. In addition, Calais residents Jonathan Winston and Mike Garand were honored for their years of service on the East Montpelier Fire Department.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The year 2005 was one of many changes in this department, from Zoning Administrators to State Zoning Regulations. Deborah Fillion headed up the department as the Interim Zoning Administrator until mid-March when Jane Grinde was hired to fill the position of Zoning Administrator. Although Jane's tenure was somewhat short, her performance here was of outstanding quality. At that time Diana Chace, a familiar name stepped-up and took the reins until I was hired in mid-July. All of the prior Administrators have been a great help to me during my transition into this position and I thank them for the support they have given me. In addition to normal activities preformed by this department, much time has been devoted to absorbing changes due to the comprehensive rewrite to the statutes that govern local planning and zoning regulations and the way they are administered. The Planning Commission has been working very diligently to up-date the Town's existing Zoning Regulations to conform to state statute as well as to be consistent with the Town Plan.

To the citizens of East Montpelier, the process for obtaining a zoning permit has not dramatically changed and the Zoning Administrator's office will always be available during scheduled hours to assist applicants with their questions.

Zoning applications submitted in 2005

17	Access Permits
5	Sign Permits
13	New Dwellings
12	Subdivisions
29	Garages and Accessory Buildings
9	Porches and Decks
3	Commercial Structures
17	Home Additions
105	Total

The past five months as Zoning Administrator have been very fulfilling, and I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the knowledgeable members of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, as well as the entire Municipal staff.

— ROSS HAVERSTICK, *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

	<i>New Construction</i>	<i>Replacement</i>
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

The main focus of the Planning Commission's efforts during 2005 has been on updating the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations. These documents have not been systematically updated for more than 20 years. The aim of this project is to make the regulations consistent with the Town Plan and easier to understand and use for townspeople.

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. During the first half of 2004 our consultant, Burnt Rock Associates of Waitsfield, completed its contract with the town to provide a complete recommended draft of Zoning and Subdivision regulations for our town. For the entire year, usually holding two extra meetings each month, the Planning Commission has been discussing, debating, and revising Burnt Rock's recommended text, section by section. We did not meet our goal to have a full draft of the updated regulations for Selectboard consideration in the spring of 2005. Although the Commission anticipates no major substantive changes to existing rules, nonetheless the work is detailed and the process, at times, tedious. Planning Commission members recognize the importance of the project, however, and have resolved to see it through to completion. We anticipate inviting public reaction to the revised regulations in 2006.

In addition to this major undertaking, the Commission has also approved several small subdivisions, a few commercial applications, and continues work on a Vermont Agency of Transportation application to develop the Coburn Road gravel pit as a wetlands mitigation site.

At the beginning of the year, Planning Commissioner Deborah Fillion was filling the role of Zoning Administrator on an interim basis. In mid-March Jane Grinde was hired to staff the position. Jane did a conscientious and thorough job for the next three months. After Jane resigned, former Zoning Administrator Diana Chace graciously agreed to pinch hit in the position for one month. In mid-July we hired Ross Haverstick of Barre Town as our permanent Zoning Administrator.

The Planning Commission holds its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday evenings of the month at 7:30 in the Town Offices. We usually do our work on the revision of the Zoning Regulations on the second and fourth Thursday evenings. We encourage all citizens to attend or contact any commission member with comments or questions.

— ROB CHICKERING, *Chair*

RICK HOPKINS, *Vice Chair*

TIM CARVER

JACK PAULY

KEN SANTOR

LYN BLACKWELL

DEBORAH FILLION

TRACY PHILLIPS

CAROL WELCH

COMMUNITY CAPITAL

Community Capital, formerly known as Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund (CVRLF), provides flexible and creative financing that seeds business start-ups and fuels expansion, enabling business owners to build the sales, credit, and experience needed to secure full bank financing in the future. A community-based nonprofit lender, Community Capital serves qualified micro and small businesses, particularly those that are owned by or offer employment opportunities to low-to-moderate income individuals. To be eligible to apply, businesses must be located in Washington County or select towns in Orange County which include Washington, Orange, Williamstown, Chelsea, Fairlee, Newbury, Randolph, Thetford, Topsham, and Vershire.

Small Business Financing: Community Capital offers three flexible commercial financing options to match the short-term, seasonal, and long-term borrowing needs of businesses: Steps to Success Microcredit Loan up to \$5,000, a Revolving Line of Credit up to \$25,000, and a Traditional Amortizing Business Loan up to \$50,000.

Business Management Assistance: In addition to offering financing, Community Capital offers its borrowers Business Management Assistance which includes access to local consultants for hands-on business management and industry assistance. We also offer a Business Education Grant program which helps

Special Small Business and Home Rehab Loans Available to Qualifying East Montpelier Residents and Businesses

Community Capital and Central Vermont Community Land Trust administer loan funds for the benefit 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.

Interested parties are encouraged to call Loan Officer Chris Rottler (479-1053, ext 254) at Community Capital for business loans or Jenny Hyslop (476-4493) at Community Land Trust for housing rehabilitation loans.

borrowers cover the cost of attending business workshops and trade shows to advance business success.

During the fiscal year, 101 individuals inquired with Community Capital about financing opportunities. Twenty-nine (29) applications were submitted for financing of which fifteen (15) were approved totaling \$202,285. During the reporting period, thirteen (13) of those loans were disbursed to twelve (12) businesses for a total value of \$188,545. These funds in turn leveraged \$469,500 in other private and government funds. Four (4) of the businesses served were start-ups. Businesses supported this year were located in East Montpelier (1), Barre City (1), Barre Town (1), Calais (1), Montpelier (5), Marshfield (1), Warren (1), and Waterbury (1).

Community Capital's loans and operations are funded by loan repayments, application fees, donations from private individuals, corporations, banks, as well as state and federal grants. Public grant sources include the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the US Department of Agriculture. A recent VCDP grant was received in partnership with the Town of Worcester. In addition to operating its own regional revolving loan funds, Community Capital manages loan funds for small business on behalf of East Montpelier, Barre Town, and Barre City.

Community Capital is operated in partnership with the Central Vermont Community Action Council. Community Capital is managed by Emily Kaminsky, Fund Manager. Interested parties are encouraged to call Loan Officer Chris Rottler at 479-1053, ext 254 to request a loan application and additional information.



CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

After the major Pratt/Mallory Brook project in 2004, no new projects were completed in 2005. However, one did come before the Committee at the end of the year, a 71-acre parcel of prime agricultural land, owned by Tee and Helen Clark and in the Clark family for over 100 years. It is located at the end of Codling Road and west of (and visible from) Route 2, and is part of their larger holding of 227 acres of old fields and managed forestland adjacent to U-32. The agricultural parcel is currently leased to Seth and Michelle Gardner of McKnight Farm.

The Clarks, working with the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) for over ten years on conservation of their property, hope to sell development and trail rights on this parcel, thereby ensuring its continued agricultural use and protecting recreation and open, scenic qualities. The VLT submitted an application to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund for \$177,000 and to the East Montpelier Conservation Fund for \$5,000 toward purchase of development rights and a relatively new "Agricultural Affordability Option" which ensures that conserved land sold in the future for active farming will be affordable to farmers. The Clarks themselves will donate \$2,500 towards the effort.

In view of the property's value to the town's working rural character, the Conservation Fund Advisory Committee unanimously approved the project and sent its recommendation to the town Selectboard for action in 2006.

In other business during the year, the Committee voted to create and file a petition for Town Meeting to add \$10,000 to the Fund. This ultimately passed, making the Fund balance at year's end at \$39,000, close to the Committee's goal of keeping about \$40,000 available for new projects.

The Committee also felt it would be beneficial for the Town Report to include a map of all conserved lands in the town. The map was included in last year's Report.

Finally, the Committee wrote a letter in support of a proposed recreation trails grant from the state to East Montpelier Trails, Inc., for building new trails on the Pratt/Mallory Brook property. The grant was received (for details of work done, see Report of Trails Committee).

The Committee remains indebted to town residents for their support of the Fund, allowing East Montpelier to be a state leader in the conservation of important agricultural lands, active farming, important wildlife areas, open and scenic land, and recreational opportunities (including walking, hunting, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing). These are all elements essential to the rural character of our town.

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 \$39,230.
One project is active and another is on the horizon.**

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

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. The new Perennial Flower garden at the entrance did not bloom quite as expected. But we hope that the spring brings to life the many donated plants. The plans to construct new bleachers and repair the dugouts and backstop for the Softball Field are slow in coming, but the work on the infield this year made quite an improvement. The Easter Egg hunt was successful with almost 200 children seeking out the hidden 500 eggs filled with goodies and treasures.

Another year of Swimming Lessons at First in Fitness provided more than 25 East Montpelier children the important fundamentals of water safety. Many of the participants in the program further their water safety and swimming skills.

The Recreation Board maintains a safe and attractive field for the use and enjoyment of the community. Please respect the rights and consideration of others.

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

TERRI CONTI, *Co-Chair*

JAN ALDRICH

ED DEEGAN

PATRICK MCCOY, *Co-Chair*

BRIAN LUSIGNAN

DAVE BURLEY

TIM BIGELOW

ELLEN MCGURN

RECREATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2004		\$ 4,292.79
Income		
Town Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
Swim Proceeds	750.00	
Rally Day T-shirt Sales	220.00	
Rally Day Sports Equipment Sales	108.00	
Onion River Soccer	300.00	
		4,378.00
Expenses		
Swim Program	\$ 1,000.00	
Easter Egg Event	201.72	
Recreation Field	553.60	
P & P Septic Service	600.00	
Strong Living Fitness Program	200.00	
		(2,555.32)
Ending Balance – December 31, 2005		\$ 6,115.47

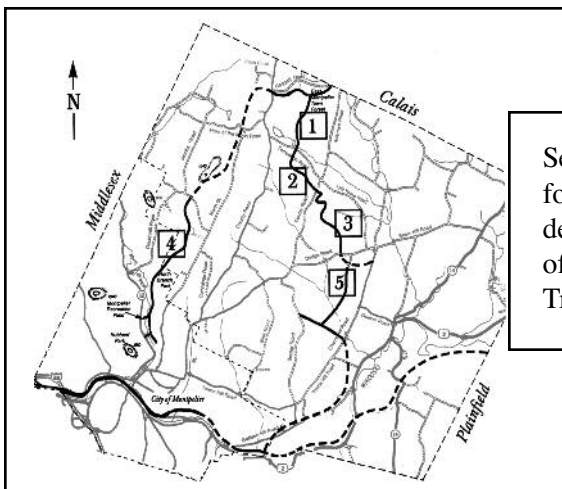
EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS

Very exciting time right now for Trails and the community. With the important addition of the Mallory Brook, owned by Chris Pratt, we are closing the gap on a permanently protected town trail loop, planned by townspeople and supported by landowners since 1990. The two miles of Mallory Brook Trails (including an important and scenic snowmobile trail, already in place) will be completed by end of summer '06. The majority of work on the trail and bridge (Johnson Road to Minister Road), and essential work on the old Minister Road, were completed last summer with federal trail grant from the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. Details of this work have been described in a recent Signpost. Now, we are working with the Vermont Land Trust to make the connection with U-32 and add our sections of the Cross Vermont Trail, (along the Winooski River from Gallison Road to the town line, following the old Wells River Rail bed). Each conserved property, with trails imbedded, brings us closer to completion and adds to the security of our community's recreation, agricultural, and rural future.

Although we continue to work on several pieces at once, the Clark property (see Conservation Fund Advisory Committee Report), which adjoins U-32, and is close to the Mallory Brook property, will be a focus of our effort.

Board membership is open. We welcome your participation and input.

— NONA ESTRIN, *Acting President*
RICK HOPKINS
KIM KENDALL
JAMIE SHANLEY
MARY STONE
CARROLL WITHAM
SANDY WOODBECK



See page 29
for an enlarged
detailed version
of this 2006
Trails map.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

Recent investments to improve the Wrightsville Beach Day Use Area continue to pay off. The 2005 season witnessed record attendance and revenues for the Beach thanks to great weather, improved grounds and facilities, and more recreation options. The District continued its popular canoeing and kayaking program, improved and expanded hiking trails, and attended to its ambitious maintenance program. It also hosted its 2nd annual “Beach Party for Charity” and a variety of day camps and community programs.

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 2006 season.

The following figures summarize the District’s financial operations from January 1 through December 31, 2005:

Prior Year’s Balance			\$ 5,565
<i>Revenues:</i>			
	Washington Electric	9,500	
	Seasons passes/user fees	14,445	
	Municipal assessments	<u>5,960</u>	
			29,905
<i>Expenditures:</i>			
	Personnel	18,345	
	Maintenance	2,950	
	Operating	<u>4,488</u>	
			<u>(25,783)</u>
Operating Fund Balance			\$ 9,687

The District’s 2006 budget calls for revenues of \$32,675 and expenditures of \$31,042. 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, installation of a floor at the picnic shelter, 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*

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

At the heart of community: Since the completion of the expansion in 2001, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library has seen unprecedented demand for its services. While always a center for books and reading, the Library has evolved into a true community hub, with an average of over 780 people coming through the doors each day. These patrons visit the library to use our computers with high-speed Internet access, attend a community meeting, participate in an adult or children's educational program, or read a periodical in the Montpelier room.

Materials borrowed: 295,000 books and other publications were borrowed in 2005, an increase of 5% from the prior year and 54% from 2001.

An after-school haven: An average of **225 children and teens per week**.

Where teens gather and learn: Average lending of young adult books increased from 70 monthly in 2001 to 659 monthly in 2005 — an increase of over 800%.

A bridge over the digital divide: 2005 saw **40,000** sign-ups for computer use.

An education and information center for all: In 2005, the staff answered more than **37,000 reference questions**, and **10,400** adults and children **attended library-sponsored educational programs**.

VanGo Bookmobile: The Library has partnered with U-32 and other agencies to offer this mobile library service to people who find it difficult to come to the library. The bookmobile is the only library access for over 30% of VanGo patrons. Items borrowed: **2003:** 3,888; **2004:** 6,327; **2005:** 8,753.

East Montpelier Statistics, 2005: Patrons = 1,003

Circulation Total = 20,245 (18,126 Adults + 2,119 Children)

VanGo Bookmobile Stops: Dudley Store, Four Corners School, Orchard Valley School, Happy Hearts Day Care, Heather's Day Care, All Together Now, Jo-Jo's Day Care, and Kid Care.

Library Funding: The unprecedented use of the library has placed critical demands on library finances and on its small and dedicated staff. We are the second most efficient library in Vermont, as measured by the ratio between total expenses and circulation. (The most efficient library has a circulation of 21,000 in 2003, compared to Kellogg-Hubbard 260,000.) In the next year, the Library staff and Board of Trustees will be looking to the community for guidance as we work to ensure long-range financial stability for this treasured institution.

Thank you! East Montpelier voters have generously supported the Library over the years, and numerous individuals and businesses contribute to our annual fundraising campaign. One thousand East Montpelier residents have a Kellogg-Hubbard library card, and this broad support has helped to make Kellogg-Hubbard — what many of us believe — the best library in Vermont.

— *HILARI FARRINGTON, Library Director*
MARTIN HAHN, Executive Director

EAST MONTPELIER WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

East Montpelier Village and North Montpelier are both designated as growth centers by the Town Plan; however, there has been no investigation as to the adequacy of wastewater treatment capacity for any future growth. A number of septic system failures have occurred in East Montpelier Village. Some have been fixed by building replacement systems, and a few have not been fixed due to a lack of suitable land for treatment and dispersal. Recognizing the need for investigation into these problems and into future capacity for wastewater treatment and dispersal in the Village areas, the Selectboard held a meeting in April 2004 for town residents to discuss the status of septic systems and the short and long term needs of the Villages.. About 20 townsfolk attended the meeting at the East Montpelier Elementary School and a lively discussion ensued. At its conclusion, the Selectboard asked for volunteers to form a Wastewater Advisory Committee. Two people stepped forward, and a short time later the Selectboard established the East Montpelier Wastewater Advisory Committee.

The Committee's goals are to protect the quality of our rivers, streams, and drinking water; to protect people's investments in their property; and to make sure that wastewater treatment capacity is adequate for any desired, future growth. The Committee will do so by investigating (1) the status of septic systems and short term needs; (2) possible ways to maintain and/or replace septic systems areas where suitable soils and space may be limiting; and (3) long term sewage treatment solutions for the Villages to allow for commercial and residential growth. Members have been meeting twice a month since January 2005 and have reviewed soils and zoning maps and drafted a survey for residents. The survey will assess the status of existing septic systems, the potential for failures, and discover if there is suitable land for replacement and new systems.

Last fall the Town obtained planning funds from the Department of Environmental Conservation to hire an environmental consultant to help determine possible solutions for the existing and potential wastewater treatment problems in the Villages. Since October 2005, the Committee has prepared a Request for Proposals to send to consultants. The feasibility study, to be carried out by the chosen consultant, will determine the severity and extent of existing problems (actual and potential septic system failures). The study will then determine, by soils testing and a survey of lands available (both on-lot and adjacent off-lot lands), which lands are suitable for replacement systems or can serve new construction of homes and businesses. Finally, the Committee, with the consultant, will come up with possible solutions. The goal is to find agreement on least-cost, workable replacement systems for those that have failed or are about to fail and to locate suitable reserve land for future wastewater treatment needs. Of paramount importance, also, is the need to ensure that systems are maintained over time (especially multiple user systems) and that everyone does their part to keep them all working well.

If suitable land cannot be found to build individual replacement systems or

multiple user systems (where land easements from neighbors may be obtained), we may have to consider building a community system with a wastewater treatment facility that treats wastewater to a degree so it can be discharged to a nearby surface water. This option is the most unlikely, since the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, must issue a permit to allow such a discharge. Before such a permit can be issued, a so-called “Waste Management Zone” must be designated for this purpose, and one of its requirements is that all possible “off-stream systems,” i.e., those that don’t discharge to surface waters, must be explored and found to be not feasible.

Finding long-term solutions for the treatment of our Villages’ wastewater may take many years. Hopefully by working together, we will be able to solve existing problems and plan adequately for the future. The Committee welcomes additional members to bring more experience, information, ideas, and energy to our efforts. Please join us at the regularly scheduled meetings held on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

East Montpelier Wastewater Advisory Committee Members:

JEFF BIRON	LAURA BROWN	DAVE BURLEY
TIM CARVER	RICHARD CZAPLINSKI	ERIK ESSELSYTN
CARL ETNIER	RICK HOPKINS	STEPHEN MIRACLE
BOB MOREY, <i>Chair</i>	CHERIE STAPLES	



EAST MONTPELIER SENIOR LIVING INITIATIVE

The East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative is a committee of your neighbors formed for the purpose of studying and making the community aware of various housing options for elders, and of developing and carrying forward a plan for seniors in East Montpelier. The Senior Living Initiative would like your help. In the March 2006 issue of “The Signpost” there will be a confidential survey to measure the general interest among our fellow citizens regarding senior housing within the town. Extra copies will be available at Town Meeting. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it by mail, or drop it off at Town Meeting or at the Town Clerk’s Office.

The Senior Living committee meets twice a month on second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office, and all residents are invited to attend. For more information, contact Austin Cleaves at 229-5223 or Jessica Moseley at 454-1049.



FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

Our committee reviews requests for financial support from local non-profit organizations that serve people in East Montpelier and recommends appropriations to the selectboard. These appropriations acknowledge and encourage valuable local services and strengthen our community connections.

Last year voters agreed to spend \$9,589 as recommended by this committee to support 13 organizations. This year the committee received requests for a total of \$16,293 from 19 organizations, excluding the Kellogg-Hubbard Library which appears separately on the warning. We are recommending raising funds to support 15 organizations for a total of \$9,864 (see Articles 20 and 21). In reviewing the applications, the committee considers 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. (\$1,464; \$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; \$2,800; **\$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. (\$400; \$1000; **\$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**)

HomeShare of Central Vermont (479-8544) operates in conjunction with the Central Vermont Council on Aging to assist elders and persons with disabilities to live independently in their own homes by matching them with people who seek housing and/or caregiving work. (\$250)

Onion River Food Shelf, Inc. (223-6548) provides emergency meals for three days for those in need in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Calais, Marshfield, and Cabot. (\$150; \$0; **\$150**)

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

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom (828-4770) matches retired and senior volunteers with organizations (hospitals, schools, and nonprofits) that can use their skills. Funds help offset travel expenses, insurance, and volunteer training. (\$275; \$0; **\$275**)

Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington Co. (476-1388; hotline: 479-5577) provides hotline, emergency medical assistance, shelter, counseling, advocacy and legal advice for victims of sexual violence. (**\$200**)

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; \$500; **\$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. (Because of unusual budgeting requirements this year, we recommend contributing to the celebrations of two consecutive senior classes, one for 2006 and one for 2007.) (\$200; \$200; 2006: **\$200**; 2007: **\$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; \$300; **\$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**)

LYN BLACKWELL
RHODA CHICKERING
ALLEN PLOOF
FRANK PRATT
ANNE SHERMAN

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

The Four Corners School House is the community's building. It houses the EMES Pre-school in the mornings and is available to community members and organizations in the afternoon, evenings and weekends. Town organizations use the building for free. East Montpelier residents who want to rent the space pay \$20 per day and out of town residents pay \$30 per day. The Four Corner School House is a smoke-free and alcohol-free space. Elaine Manghi is our rental agent and can be reached at 229-5811 in the early evening or at Manghi's Bakery during the day.

Rentals: Some of the groups who have used the School House in this past year are the East Montpelier Historical Society, the Gully Jumpers, the Free School Playgroup, a Men's group, ELF group, Washington Central Supervisory Union and the Strong Living Group. Individuals have also rented the School House for get-togethers.

First Fridays: At the annual meeting in January of 2005 the board members compiled a list of programs that the School House would offer to the community. After several programs with little or no attendance the board determined that Friday evening is not a good time for programs. One program that did see attendance and is being offered again in January 2006 is Sandy Woodbeck of the Gully Jumpers. His presentation is about snow machine safety, the use and history of the trails and trail etiquette. Another program that will continue is the Cookie Exchange Sing A Long. We thank Andy and Jennifer Christiansen for providing music and cheer at this year's program. The School House will continue offer programs from time to time.

Building Improvements: Rick Meleady donated kitchen cabinets which he installed and painted. Since storage space has been a perennial problem the addition of these cabinets was very much appreciated. Peter Burroughs did a wonderful job of painting the exterior of the School House. Peter did considerable prep work and measured moisture in the wood prior to painting. He was assisted by board member Hobie Guion with some of this work. We are very pleased with Peter's work, which was delayed one year due to persistent rainfall.

Rally Day Highlight: Prior to our annual Memory Hour program we honored Stanley Christiansen for his many years as member of the Board of Directors. Stanley's historical knowledge and wit served us well. We also had a special dedication to the Cate Family for their tremendous contributions to East Montpelier. When Paul Cate informed the board that he had served his last term as member of the Board of Directors we wanted to honor him and his family. After great thought and discussion the idea of a bench installed on Four Corners School House property seemed appropriate. Hobie Guion built the bench and presented it to Paul, Sandal and Wes Cate, Jr at Rally Day. The bench will be permanently installed at the School House in the Spring. Jean Cate was the spark for much of

East Montpelier's traditions and sense of community. Paul and Wes served as Four Corners School House board members for years. Sandal worked tirelessly at Rally Day on bike decorating at the School House. The Cate family has served East Montpelier in numerous ways over the years. We say "thank you" to the Cate Family for showing us the meaning of community.

Board Members: We said good bye to Becky Crandell who served as board member during our initial years of housing the Pre-school. Having Becky on the board was incredibly helpful as liaison between the School House and WCSU and her sense of humor and music contributions were greatly appreciated. We welcomed Beth Parker to the board and she maintains ties between the Pre-school and the School House.

Other board members are: Barbara Dall, Pauline Coburn, Diana Fielder, Hobie Guion, Elaine Manghi, Rose Riley and Rachel Senechal

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Checking Account Balance – Dec. 31, 2004	\$ 7,815.88
Adjustment for error made prior to Dec. 31, 2004	(100.00)
Beginning Chittenden CD Balance – Dec. 31, 2004	\$ 3,000.00
(reserved for painting building)	

Adjusted Beginning Balance – Dec. 31, 2004	\$ 10,715.88
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Income

Town Appropriation (2005 Article 12)	\$ 1,500.00
WCSU (preschool use)	3,500.00
Rentals	2,270.00
Donation	65.00
CD interest	9.63

7,344.63

Expenses

Electricity	\$ 716.47
Fuel Oil	1,275.95
Janitorial Services	3,060.00
Insurance	954.00
Mowing & Snow Plowing	220.00
Supplies & Postage	49.00
Painting (Chittenden CD cashed in).....	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	391.19

(9,666.61)

Ending Checking Account Balance – Dec. 31, 2005	\$ 8,393.90
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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. During this year, significant time was spent by staff working with member municipalities on the mechanics of implementing amendments made to Chapter 117.

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the 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. CVRPC 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 as required by statute. CVRPC also completed assessments on three brownfield sites in the Region and 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 continued to maintain the data base of the Region's commercial and industrial sites. The data base is available for browsing online.

CVRPC assisted the Town with the administration of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation District, orthophotos maps, pre-disaster mitigation planning and mapping, a GIS mapping presentation at the Elementary School, fluvial geomorphology studies, and development potential maps.

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. The Commission also provides model bylaws and assists municipalities in the administration of grants, particularly for the Vermont Community Development Program. 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, *Commissioner*

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The CVSWMD is a municipal government organization, charged with helping member communities to reduce waste, reuse, recycle, and properly handle hazardous items. The District is made up of a board of supervisors who represent member communities and set policy for the organization's work in the region.

In 2003, the District board adopted a 10-year Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) called *Working Toward Zero Waste*. The District believes that working toward Zero Waste will move the region toward a more sustainable path, one which will enable us to see and utilize "waste" as the raw materials for new products or production processes, rather than as something to dump into a landfill.

From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, the District continued to implement its Five-Year Workplan—a practical, working guide for the first five years of the SWIP. We are excited about the possibilities this new plan provides, and we encourage you to review it and the Five-Year Workplan documents for yourself. Please contact the District for copies at 229-9383 or comments@cvswwmd.com. Here are some of the highlights of the District's FY 2005 program work.

Illegal Dumping Prevention—30 former illegal dump sites were maintained by Adopt-A-Site program community volunteers. 16 sites showed no additional dumping in FY05; 6 have been free of repeat dumping for more than 2 years!

Recycling—During FY05, nearly 973 tons of recyclables were collected at District run and/or underwritten recycling depots, in addition to 81.78 tons of tires; 307 tons of metal; 379 tons of cardboard; 378 CFC units; 4,761 gallons of oil; 231 gallons of antifreeze; and 1,302 tons of trash.

Hazardous Waste—591 households and 40 businesses used the eight collections held May through October 2005. Educational materials were distributed.

Non-Toxics Education—District staff developed informational kits for the 15 schools that have participated in the DeTox Family Project.

Reuse—The Clothing Drop 'N Swap diverts tons of clothing from disposal. The District held two events in FY 2005, one in September and one in May.

Green Up Day Grants—19 member communities received funding for Green Up Day activities through the Green Up Grant program in FY 2005.

Electronics Collections—The District collected nearly 48 tons (double FY04 figures!) of electronics for recycling through an on-going collection at the Barre Town Recycling Depot, three special collections held in conjunction with satellite household hazardous waste collections, and a one-day event on the Statehouse lawn in April (held in conjunction with VPIRG and Goodpoint Recycling).

Organics Program—In FY05, 20 businesses (restaurants, workplace cafeterias, etc.) diverted 231 tons of food waste to composting, and 7 schools diverted an additional 19.5 tons of food waste. The residential Bin & Cone Pilot project also got underway, utilizing Green Cones and compost bins for on-site organics management at home. 92 Chelsea and Bradford households are taking part, and they report a 20% reduction in the amount of trash they send to the landfill! Food waste comprises about 20% of the waste Vermonters send to landfills each year.

FIRST CONSTABLE / ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

This past year was notable only to the extent that your Animal Control Officers had to deal with a significant number of rabid animals in East Montpelier. In several instances the Officers were called to the scene to deal with animals that were acting in a strange way. The Animal Control Officers either found the animal and appropriately disposed of it, or did not find the animal at all. In all cases, the residents of East Montpelier were instructed not to touch any animal in question and if physical contact was made, they were instructed to contact their physician and veterinarian respectively. In the event that you notice any animal acting out of character, please call the Town Offices or the State Police at the Middlesex Barracks, who will in turn contact the East Montpelier Animal Control Officer.

This was the second year of implementation of East Montpelier's Animal Control Ordinance and it has been very successful. In cases where your Animal Control Officer had to respond to a citizen's complaint regarding a loose animal, the response from the community has been terrific. Generally, the Animal Control Officer will meet with the owner of the loose animal and shares with them the town Animal Control Ordinance. The complaint is usually resolved quickly. It is our belief that as more and more citizens become aware of the Ordinance, it will not be a major issue in the future in East Montpelier.

Some other issues we have addressed this year are as follows:

- Wandering horses (5);
- Cruelty to animals (3), one requiring a formal complaint to the humane society;
- Lost or injured dogs (10);
- Dog killing turkeys and chickens which resulted in a formal decision by the East Montpelier Selectboard to humanely put the animal down, but the owners were able to find a new home for the dog out of the town (1);
- Dog bites (3);
- Wandering animals in general (12);
- Several telephone inquiries from East Montpelier citizens regarding animal control issues that did not require a site visit.

Once again I want to thank Elliot Morse for assisting me in the performance of the duties as Animal Control Officer. I would also like to thank Terri Conti for her constant efforts in ensuring we have all information needed to perform our duties (specifically the licensed dog list) and her willingness to find us when necessary.

If any citizens have questions about this report or any other animal control issue, please feel free to call me at home (229-4478) or at my office in Montpelier (225-3100).

— Timothy F. Meehan

First Constable and Animal Control Officer

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT (EMFD) FACILITIES STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The EMFD Facilities Steering Committee was appointed by the East Montpelier and Calais selectboards to: Examine the current structural facilities used by the EMFD and describe both adequacies and inadequacies; Assure that alternative ways to meet EMFD needs have been considered; Outline (generally) cost benefit information for at least two alternative proposals. Committee members reviewed firefighters' priorities, evaluated the two current facilities, and visited facilities elsewhere to learn how other towns are handling these needs.

Health and Safety Issues: Current stations lack showers and cleaning facilities for firefighting gear. Inside fire truck parking creates unsafe conditions with inadequate room to work. Neither station has proper ventilation to get truck exhaust promptly out of the building. In the village, rain puddles several inches deep in front of the bays and inside the building. There are no toilets or septic system in the village station, and during the winter the water supply often freezes. The Templeton Road fire station septic system is at its limit and parking is unsafe.

Space Issues: Space is inadequate for storage, training, and administrative duties which include mandated record-keeping and reporting. The only place to dry hoses is in the truck bays, which inhibits free movement. Route 2 and Route 14 intersection reconstruction will take a large portion of the village station lot, severely restricting parking and the ability to maneuver trucks.

Future Needs: Demands on the EMFD will continue to increase, as populations increase and regulatory requirements become more stringent. The need for a second more rapid response rescue vehicle is being explored. It may make sense from a regional perspective to house an ambulance here in the future.

Alternative Approaches to meeting current and future needs:

- New primary station in or near the village plus limited improvements to existing Templeton Road station. This option is preferred for quick response to calls around Routes 2 and 14 and to the western side of both towns. (favored option)
- Maintain center of operations at Templeton Road plus new facility in village.
- Brand new single station. (rejected due to decrease in service to some areas)
- It is clear that the present facilities do not meet present and future needs.

Next Steps

1. Assess land availability – in village and around Templeton Road station.
2. Assess what other community needs might share a space; e.g, senior center, ambulance. Can any of these generate revenue?
3. Investigate planning and construction funding (Federal, State, private, other).
4. Determine the cost for a professional schematic design and cost estimate.

KATHY AUDY
DIANA CHACE
RICK HOPKINS
FRANK PRATT

RICK BARSTOW
BOB CLEARY
EDIE MILLER
TY ROLLAND

BRUCE BJORNLUND
BILL GEORGE
DAVE PARAH
ANDY SHAPIRO, *Chair*

CENTRAL VERMONT STATE POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The CVSPCAB enters its third full year with a new emphasis on the facilitation of communications in three areas: (1) between towns and their law enforcement agencies about law enforcement issues; (2) between neighboring towns about issues of common concern; and (3) between towns and their residents about local citizens' law enforcement concerns.

In October 2005, the board established a program based on direct personal contact with each municipal Selectboard designed to inform each municipality about the resources available through your representatives on the board, including the START program, Neighborhood Watch program, the new Incident Report Form, Educational Presentations and Literature, Safety Tips, and the Public Safety Statistics web site at www.dps.state.vt.us.

The board has created an incident reporting form this year to assist citizens in reporting crimes or incidents. It identifies the information needed by the State Police to help them resolve those incidents. A reduced copy of this form is included on the facing page for your information. Copies of the actual form are available in the Town Clerk's office. On the reverse side you'll find guidelines for completing the form, and contact numbers for the appropriate law enforcement agency in each municipality in the service area of the Middlesex Barracks.

Please contact one of your representatives for additional information.

East Montpelier Representatives: ANN & STEPHEN KROLL
CAROL & DON WELCH

“A” Troop Middlesex Barracks: Annual Crime & Police Service Report for East Montpelier

	Violent Crime				Property Crime				Other		Traffic Incidents				Misc.			
	Murder/Manslaughter	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Assault (aggravated/simple)	Burglary	Larceny/Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Other Property Crime	Illegal Drug Incident	Disorderly Conduct/Other	Fatal Crash	Accident Investig. (DMV)	Motor Vehicle Incident	DUI Incident	Runaway Juvenile	Death Investigation	Misc. Service Calls	Total Law Incidents
'05	0	1	0	8	17	23	2	18	6	22	0	34	47	12	4	3	196	393
'04	0	0	0	11	10	28	2	19	4	31	1	23	48	12	3	2	185	379
+/-	0	1	0	-3	7	-5	0	-1	2	-9	-1	11	-1	0	1	1	11	14

Note: One reported incident may have multiple components; for example, a car accident may involve "Accident Investigation" and "DUI Incident," but is reported only in the DUI column.

INFORMATION POLICE NEED WHEN YOU REPORT A CRIME OR INCIDENT

This form is intended to help you organize your thoughts when you want to report a crime. After gathering this information, contact Vermont State Police at **802-229-9191**.

YOUR NAME: _____ YOUR PHONE # _____

WHO:

Who committed the crime? (If known) _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Race: _____ Hair Color _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Clothing Description: _____

Any other distinct or unique features: _____

Vehicle Description: _____

Plate # _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Describe Driver and Passengers: _____

Are there other Witnesses? Yes: _____ No: _____ Name: _____ Phone : _____

WHAT:

What happened: _____

WHERE:

Location: _____ Route: _____ House Number: _____

If suspect is in a vehicle or on foot, direction of travel: _____

Description of Crime Scene: _____

WHEN:

Date: _____ Time of Day: Between _____ am/pm and _____ am/pm

Please review information below and include specifics to the particular crime.

Vandalism: Describe damaged property and list approximate value of damage in report.

Theft and Burglary: A complete and accurate description of property taken. Serial numbers and anything that is unique about the property.

Assault: Write a description of the injury you sustained. Make sure to state how the suspect injured you (hit me with a bat, closed fist, open fist, etc.). State if you received medical attention—you will be asked to sign a Release of Medical Records form.

Domestic Assault: State the relationship with the suspect. Is he or she a husband, wife, brother, sister, or roommate? Has there been a sexual relationship? (This may be important because it can help prove a domestic type relationship.) How long have you lived with the other person? Does an Abuse Prevention Order (Restraining Order) exist and do you have a copy? Note: Abuse Prevention Orders may only be enforced against the Defendant, not the Plaintiff listed on the order.

Trespass: State that you own, rent, or are the authorized agent for the property involved. Show how the suspect was notified that he/she did not have permission to be on the property. (Written, verbal, or conspicuous signs).

Passing School Bus (Any crime involving a vehicle): Make sure that you describe the driver and occupants of the vehicle. Look for the type of clothing worn, does the person have a mustache or beard, was he/she wearing glasses, etc.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

2005 year started out very slow with the submission of another grant application for the installation of an electrical generator at the elementary school and the municipal offices. This grant application was denied and inquiries were made as for the reason of the denial. After many letters and assistance from Representative Klein it was learned that in the town emergency plan, U-32 High School not the elementary school was the emergency shelter on file for the town. This has since been changed.

Also, in 2005 I have attended at least one meeting a month concerning emergency planning, the role of the Emergency Coordinator, and upcoming state and federal emergency management guidelines. After the Katrina fiasco, the Federal Emergency Management Agency increased its planning and training requirements. It is expected that there will be regular and ongoing training in the future on disaster management.

What can the town expect in the coming year? First on the agenda is a total rewrite of the towns rapid response plan followed by basic National Incident Management System training for town and school officials and the writing of a town emergency plan. Work will continue on trying to obtain an electrical power generator for the elementary school and municipal offices. The municipal office building is the designated Emergency Operations Center for the town.

If you should have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to call me at 223-7741.

— BILL GEORGE, *Emergency Operations Coordinator*



TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

The duty of the Town Health Officer is to investigate and abate any existing or potential public health hazards within the town. While numerous situations are addressed in Title 18 of the Vermont Health Regulations the list of possible situations the health officer might become involved in is quite broad. One of the most frequent matters dealt with are investigating dog bites. The offending dogs must be “quarantined” for ten days and the victim is advised on necessary treatment. Another common situation in the last few years has been rabid animals. This can involve dispatching threatening animals, and arranging for them to be tested by the Health Department. This might also involve the retrieval and disposal of suspected animals not suitable for testing. Another situation is investigating landlord/tenant complaints and enforcement of the Rental Housing Code. Protection of drinking water supplies as well as pollution of ground and surface waters are also recurring issues.

If you have concerns about possible public health hazards, please call newly-appointed Health Officer Elliott Morse at 223-6279.

— CHRIS REED, *Outgoing Health Officer*

ENHANCED 9-1-1 BOARD

East Montpelier 9-1-1 Call Volume for Jan. 1 to Dec. 20, 2005 = 309



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Call volume decreased 10% this year to 3,040 calls, compared to 3,379 calls for service in 2003/2004. Long-distance transfer volume decreased from 416 to 326. Local transfers decreased from 1,348 to 1,197; emergency calls decreased from 2,031 to 1,939. Mutual aid responses increased significantly this year from 181 to 232 calls. Barre Town EMS responded to 158 calls for service in East Montpelier this year compared to 141 calls last year. There were 53 patients not transported this year, an increase from 48. The majority of these patients were released from motor vehicle accidents that accounted for 31 calls, up from 24 last year.

Critical care transport service continues to evolve in our area. The Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) began service in April 2003. MICU run volume is down in its second year of operation while the scheduling of service continues to be adjusted according to need. MICU has advanced life support equipment and specially trained personnel. Nurses are in great demand in the primary care area; and there are few nurses with the required level of training. Regulation requires that the unit be staffed by a critical care nurse, critical care paramedic, and an EMT driver. MICU is staffed part-time 8am to 6pm Monday through Friday.

Personnel: The Auxiliary crew was established to handle the increased volume occurring during weekdays. They handle most local transfers from 8am to 6pm Monday through Friday. Adding this crew has increased availability of the two regular duty crews and provides a back-up crew for multiple calls or injuries.

The collateral duties of the full-time Public Education and Training staff continue to offer three community education programs to the citizens within the service area; the programs are:

- the “File of Life” pertinent medical and emergency contact information;
- the “What To Do Until The Ambulance Arrives” program for 8-10 year-olds;
- the “Healthy Homes Initiative” awareness program for recognizing environmental and safety hazards for families with young children.

Vermont EMS upgraded the EMT-Intermediate training which allows the Intermediate to use more advanced drug therapies and procedures for respiratory, cardiac, and diabetic patients, making these personnel a valuable asset.

The department is now able to maintain paramedic coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each full-time crew is staffed with an Advanced Intermediate EMT and a Paramedic. Two of these crews are on-duty every 24-hour shift; one in Berlin and the other in East Barre. A proposal for a paramedic intercept program will be offered to other non-member towns in the county this next fiscal year. This program could benefit other ambulance services in the area by offer-

ing a higher level care for a charge/incident billing to the contract town. This would raise the level of care for that service without the actual cost of maintaining a paramedic staff. The program would also give BTEMS paramedics additional clinical experience.

Equipment: The EMS Department operated six ambulances this year. Call volume, hours of operation, long-distance transfers, and road conditions have increased the wear and tear on the existing units, thereby seriously decreasing their service life. A vehicle replacement plan proposes ordering and purchasing five new or rebuilt ambulances at one time. The simultaneous replacement would greatly decrease cost of repairs, lost time, and fuel consumption.

BTEMS received two Homeland Security Grants in 2004. The first grant for \$19,500 allowed us to purchase our second Life Pac 12 defibrillator for the East Barre paramedic unit. The second grant was awarded for \$33,065 toward the purchase of a third Life Pac 12 for the second paramedic unit stationed in Berlin, as well as a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) trailer capable of administering care to 75 trauma patients (50 adult, 25 child).The unit has supplies to treat approximately 125 casualties with various other injuries. The unit is designed to assist in treating patients in a large-scale incident for an extended period of time.

— DAVID JENNINGS, *EMS Director*



TOWN FIRE WARDEN

The Town Fire Warden and his assistants called Key Men are responsible for issuing permits for all outside burning with two exceptions. State statutes allows small fires to be kindled for the purpose of cooking or for warmth while camping. The statute also allows burning of legal materials when the ground is snow covered. All other outside burning requires a permit.

The decision to grant a permit is based on the following conditions:

- 1) Time of day
- 2) Weather conditions
- 3) Materials being burned

In general all burning should be out by dark and must be attended at all times. Legal materials for burning are only natural materials and never include painted or pressure treated boards, plywood or particle board, cardboard, plastics, or other refuse and garbage. Because the burning of these illegal materials can pollute the air, soil and ground water people found burning them can be fined under state pollution control laws.

The best times to call for permits are the evening before or first thing on the morning you desire to burn.

For Burn Permits Call: CHRIS REED, *Fire Warden*223-7707
BILL GEORGE, *Key Man* 223-7741
JONATHAN BOUCHER, *Key Man* ... 223-7902

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

The EMFD thanks the residents of East Montpelier and Calais for their continued support. We responded to a record number of calls in 2005. Once again, the majority of these calls were medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents.

Type of Call	East Montpelier	Calais	Mutual Aid	Total
Fire	25	11	18	54
Medical	111	38	2	151
Motor Vehicle Accident	53	10	4	67
Other	28	7	4	39
Total	217	66	28	311

The mutual aid system enables our department, and other area fire departments, to call in assistance from surrounding departments in case of a major fire or other incident. Near the end of 2005, the East Montpelier Fire Department helped to fight major fires in Barre City and Hardwick, in addition to other fires in other local towns. We are glad to know that we can rely on our neighboring departments to provide similar assistance to us whenever we need it.

We continue to seek grants when appropriate. In 2005, we won a \$24,853 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. We used it to buy generators, emergency lights, reflective safety vests for use in traffic accidents, and other equipment.

This year we welcomed two new members to our department, Adoria Tudor and junior firefighter Rick Hall. Anyone who's interested in joining the fire department is invited to stop by the Templeton Rd. station on any Tuesday night.

The fire department is hoping to build a new fire station near East Montpelier village in the next few years. We currently operate out of 2 stations, one station on Templeton Rd., and a smaller, more rudimentary station on Route 14 in East Montpelier village. In the years since these stations were established, standards and needs have changed. In particular, everyone from the state of Vermont to the firefighters themselves have higher standards for firefighter health and safety than they did decades ago. At the same time, the fire department has been asked to respond to more and more calls every year, and has gained more personnel. The changing nature of firefighting requires new types of facilities, ranging from showers for removing hazardous materials, to more office space to handle increased paperwork requirements. We would like to build a new station in the village area, while continuing to use the existing Templeton Rd. station.

We are currently considering building design and site selection. See the Facilities Steering Committee report for more information.

On a final safety note, please remember to install smoke detectors in your house, and to check the batteries every month. Working smoke detectors save lives.

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

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

Category	2005 Budgeted	2005 Actual	2006 Proposed	2007 6-mo. Prop.
Admin	\$1,800.00	1,800.00	3,600.00	1,800.00
Audit	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	800.00
Building 1	1,500.00	1,563.52	3,200.00	750.00
Building 2	1,500.00	763.28	1,500.00	750.00
Annual fee Sta 2	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
Bookkeeping	2,700.00	2,920.00	2,700.00	1,340.00
Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	600.00
Cell Phone	850.00	946.29	850.00	450.00
Diesel	2,000.00	2,457.05	3,000.00	1,500.00
Dispatch	8,000.00	6,778.92	8,000.00	4,000.00
Dues	500.00	392.50	500.00	500.00
Elec Sta 1	1,500.00	1,315.62	1,000.00	600.00
Elec Sta 2	650.00	665.31	650.00	350.00
Snow plowing	750.00	1,020.00	750.00	350.00
EMS supplies	3,500.00	2,059.85	3,000.00	1,500.00
Equip repair.....	5,500.00	2,927.71	5,000.00	2,500.00
Firefight supplies	5,000.00	3,236.61	5,000.00	2,500.00
Gasoline	500.00	293.58	500.00	250.00
Heating oil Sta 1	3,000.00	3,057.42	3,500.00	2,000.00
Heating LP Sta 2	3,000.00	2,621.78	3,500.00	2,000.00
Insurance	35,000.00	29,381.00	32,000.00	26,000.00
Legal	250.00	150.00	250.00	0**
Bank charges.....	150.00	161.72	150.00	75.00
Chaplain fund.....	500.00	67.40	400.00	200.00
Office supplies	1,700.00	2,089.70	2,000.00	1,000.00
Personal gear.....	5,000.00	8,324.17	5,000.00	2,500.00
Physicals	5,500.00	6,436.80	5,500.00	2,000.00
Postage	150.00	336.01	350.00	150.00
Radio repair.....	1,300.00	2,474.33	3,000.00	1,750.00
Radio replace	3,500.00	2,659.00	1,300.00	650.00
Refreshments	2,000.00	2,794.29	2,000.00	1,000.00
Stipend, matching	9,400.00	9,400.00	9,400.00	0**
Telephone	650.00	754.04	650.00	400.00
Truck repairs	10,000.00	11,706.14	10,000.00	5,000.00
Training	2,000.00	3,353.12	3,000.00	1,500.00
Turnout maint.....	1,000.00	316.97	1,000.00	400.00
Transfer Truck replace	10,000.00	10,000.00*	10,000.00	0**
AED Lease pay	2,950.00	7,280.63	7,300.00	7,280.00
Total †	\$136,450.00	\$135,654.76	\$142,900.00	\$75,095.00

* \$10,000 transferred to Truck Replacement Account on p. 75. (See also pp. 36–37.)

** These expenses occur only in 2nd half of fiscal year; will reoccur in '07-08 budget.

† East Montpelier contributes 75% of these Totals; Calais contributes 25%.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, CASH BASIS

	12/31/04*	12/31/05**
Unrestricted Assets		
Checking Account	\$24,166.41	\$26,598.24
Donations Account	3,095.47	1,550.26
Contingency Account	20,027.33	27,648.75***
	<u>\$47,289.21</u>	<u>\$55,797.25</u>
Restricted Assets		
Capital Accounts: Physicals/Hep B Shots....	12,970.16	8,696.99
Training Account	825.01	0.00
Truck Replacement Account †	28,788.87	29,445.30
Homeland Security Grant	150.79	0.00
	<u>\$42,734.83</u>	<u>\$38,142.29</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$90,024.04*</u></u>	<u><u>\$93,939.54**</u></u>

* 2004 totals updated from audited final report.

** Unaudited balance as of Dec. 31, 2005.

*** Expected Homeland reimbursement of \$9,235.26 in Jan. 2006.

† See also: Town's Capital Reserve contributions to Fire Dept. projects on pp.36-37.

EMFD BUDGET SUMMARY

Beginning Balance (December 31, 2004)	\$ 90,024.04
Revenues	
East Montpelier (75% of budget)	102,337.50
Calais (25% of budget)	34,112.50
Donations	7,364.80
Insurance	3,230.50
Interest	332.40
Homeland Grants 2004	16,750.32
Homeland Grants 2005	9,310.00
Misc Income	696.97
Capital Income	19,000.00
	<u>193,134.99</u>
Expenses	
Operating budget	135,654.76
Donations expense	9,810.19
Ins. Reimb. expense	2,922.90
Unbud Haz Mat 2003	320.96
Homeland Security 2005	18,545.76
Capital Expenses	21,944.92
	<u>(189,199.49)</u>
Ending Balance (December 31, 2005) **	<u><u>\$ 93,959.54</u></u>

** Unaudited balance as of Dec. 31, 2005.

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

BIRTHS

Name of Child	Sex	Date of Birth	Parents	
Ashly Rosamarie-Lynn Wheeler	F	January 6, 2005	Amanda Rose Maxwell	James Delbon Wheeler III
Alicen Louise LaPerle	F	March 15, 2005	Kelsey Louise Barberi	Philip James LaPerle
Wyatt Andrew Brown	M	June 10, 2005	Rebekah Janine Holmes	Robert Francis Brown
Ethan Mathias Audy	M	June 30, 2005	Kathleen Celia Tremblay	John Joseph Audy
Jaden West Singer	M	July 7, 2005	Michelle Amy Lakey	Joshua Ira Singer
Ryan Scott Cochran	M	July 14, 2005	Tracey M. Habel	Scott Lee Cochran
Violet Incredible Byers	F	July 19, 2005	Devon Kerry Paedric	Joe Miller Byers
Brayden William Hull	M	July 28, 2005	Erin-Elizabeth Aja Hudson	William Kerry Hull
Nina Caelan Holm	F	July 29, 2005	Joanne Engelke	Jeffrey Ian Holm
Sophia Jazmine Bigelow	F	August 12, 2005	Heidi Mae Bigelow	Balin-Knut Kruse Williams
Sawyer Michael Mislak	M	August 19, 2005	Amanda Lee Ransom	Michael Joseph Mislak
Finnegan Patrick O'Donnell	M	August 26, 2005	Cristin Malloy	Patrick James O'Donnell
Simon James Brooker	M	September 11, 2005	Colleen Rose Kennedy	Roger Simon Brooker
Alyssa Marie Pratt	F	September 11, 2005	Vicki Gail Culver	Danny James Pratt
Cordell Steven Akers	M	October 11, 2005	April Lynn Akers	
Paige Grace Oakes	F	November 19, 2005	Martha Elizabeth Trombley	Shand Michael Oakes
Aurelia Grace Farnum	F	December 4, 2005	Kimberly Krystal Gagnon	Gregory James Farnum

MARRIAGES

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date of Marriage
Michael James Predent	St.Albans	Michele Bean Estivill	East Montpelier	January 8, 2005
Robert Walmsley Duncan	East Montpelier	Tracy Ann Loysen	East Montpelier	March 12, 2005
Casey Lee Holmes	East Montpelier	Heather Marie Grant	East Montpelier	April 2, 2005
Kristopher Joseph Kirby	East Montpelier	Lesilee Dayle Martin	East Montpelier	May 21, 2005
Daniel Wilmot Hughes	New York	Sara Rose O'Hare	East Montpelier	July 10, 2005
Daniel Scott Rollins	East Montpelier	Jessica Lynn Janawicz	East Montpelier	August 20, 2005
Dean Michael Blumberg	East Montpelier	Sara Elizabeth Coleman	East Montpelier	August 20, 2005
Robert Rockwood Mitchell	Worcester	Colleen Mentor Carver	East Montpelier	August 20,2005
Bryant Thomas Nance	New York	Jennifer Carol Gannon	New York	August 27, 2005
Brian Keith Kimball	East Montpelier	Carey Anne Barslow	East Montpelier	September 24, 2005
Jason Scott Balentine	East Montpelier	Tiffany Ann Blodgett	East Montpelier	December 10, 2005
Matthew Peter Johnson Jr.	California	Judith Mary Marking	East Montpelier	December 18, 2005
David Loren Blosser	East Montpelier	Sally Ann Redpath	East Montpelier	December 31, 2005

CIVIL UNIONS

Party A	Residence	Party B	Residence	Date of Union
Elizabeth Wirth	East Montpelier	Cate Michell Wirth	East Montpelier	August 3, 2005
Abigail Lowe	East Montpelier	Gwendolyn Louise Raynor	East Montpelier	August 30, 2005

DEATHS Recorded in 2005 by Town Clerk*

Name	Age	Date of Death
Gladys Parker Dunkling	88	February 1, 2005
Harold Newman Chamerlain	75	February 1, 2005
Allyson Jill Scribner	1	February 11, 2005
George Alexander McLeod	87	March 28, 2005
Glenn W. Leslie	75	April 22, 2005
Dwight A. Clark	95	June 7, 2005
Joanne F. Thomas	53	June 28, 2005
Richard Ward Hill	82	July 2, 2005
Dale Ann Ellen Chastenay	48	August 26, 2005
Theresa Pastore	95	September 12, 2005
Deborah G. Laquerre	35	September 12, 2005

*In addition to these names, other long-time residents who also died this year include:

Ella M. Emerson	77	November 17, 2005
James S. Suskin	62	December 30, 2005

TOWN AUDITORS' REPORT

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, Fothergill, Segale & Valley, CPAs, of Montpelier 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, 2005. Their audited financial statements will be available for public inspection at the Town Office when they are completed in early February.

The Town School District records and accounts were examined by David H. Angolano, C.P.A., P.C., of Shelburne, Vermont. The full independent audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, 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 2004. Final results were announced in 2005 — 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, Lisa Rice, Terri Conti, Dave Coburn, Rosie Cueto, and Jane Burroughs for their help as we put together this book.

DEBORAH FILLION
PAULINE COBURN
SHIRLEY KING
January 31, 2006



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:				
2005	2,076	626	30% / 8%	160
2004	1,984	807	41% / 8%	164
2003	2,011	525	26% / 8%	167
2002	1,973	587	30% / 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 can also register at the Town Clerk’s Office during office hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.

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.

New Voter Registration Applications have been issued that now require you to add your VT DMV issued Driver License. No. or Personal I.D. No. (VT PID#) on the voter application. If neither of these are available, the last four (4) digits of your Social Security Number will be required. If any of these are not available, the Office of the Secretary of State will issue a unique identifying number for the voter’s use.

Voter approval to allow the Town Clerk to add names to the checklist was given at Town Meeting in 2003. 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 the second Monday before any 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.





HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY, EMES!

The East Montpelier Elementary School opened in 1966.
Students came from the six school houses shown below.



North Montpelier School



Horn of the Moon School



Morse School



Four Corners School



Center School



East Village School

**REPORT OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 1, 2004 – JUNE 30, 2005**



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

I am pleased 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 we have continued to focus on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development; 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 our member schools. Below are some highlights of the past year.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development: Dr. Carole Freeman was hired as our new Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development. Carole brings extensive knowledge from both higher education, where she served as chair of La Salle University's Education Department, and public education from her experience as a teacher and principal. Carole meets regularly with teachers, administrators, and the various district-wide committees to build upon the work of aligning curriculum, instruction and assessments with the Vermont Standards. Work has continued on literacy and math, as well as expanding the focus to science and foreign language.

This year has been a transition year for the major State Assessments at elementary schools. Vermont moved to a fall assessment that was developed jointly with New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The first results of these new assessments are not due back until sometime in March and will be made available then.

Vermont schools continue to give Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), the second grade reading assessment, and New Standards Reference Examinations at the 10th grade level. Based on the results of these assessments, all schools in WCSU made Adequate Yearly Progress under No Child Left Behind.

In preparation for improved use of State and local assessment data, WCSU joined the Vermont Data Consortium this fall. Administrators and teachers are designing our local assessment system with plans to enter this data into the Vermont Data Warehouse and have access to better ways to analyze and report on the progress of individual students, as well as the system as a whole.

One focus of our work in curriculum and instruction is how to better meet the needs of all students in the system. WCSU teachers are participating in professional development in a teaching practice called Differentiated Instruction to

enhance their ability to plan and teach students with diverse learning needs. WCSU elementary teachers have continued to work across schools in professional learning communities to address issues of equity of opportunities for all of our students. Teachers work together to review the work of curriculum committees, plan for common local assessments and share good ideas for success.

School Climate and Safety: Climate surveys, which are an indication of the learning environment, were administered to students, staff and parents in each of our schools this year. All of our schools have continued to focus on creating safe, caring and respectful learning environments. At the elementary schools, the Responsive Classroom Program is integrated into daily instruction. At all levels, an additional focus has been on respecting differences, anti-bullying and anti-harassment.

Early Education Programs: WCSU provides several comprehensive Early Childhood Education Programs. These programs include a Family, Infant and Toddler Program for children 0 to 2, an Early Education Initiative Program and an Essential Early Education Program, for preschoolers with disabilities and at-risk of school failure. Also, each school has its own on-site preschool program, with Middlesex opening this year.

Each elementary school receives state revenues for our school based preschool programs. Beginning in school year 05 -06, each preschool is under the direct supervision and within the budget of the town school district. This increases alignment of curriculum and staff development across all the age levels, helping our youngest children be better prepared for early success in school. WCSU continues to provide and fund special education and other support services for our preschoolers with special needs across the supervisory union. Our collective efforts in early education are an excellent investment in the future success of our students.

Special Services: Nancy Thomas serves as our Director of Special Services and oversees the continuum of services WSCU provides to meet the needs of the approximately 188 students receiving special education services. Over the past year we have continued to see a rise in our state placed students and students with intensive needs. Under Nancy's leadership, we have been more closely examining our special services needs and costs for at-risk students. We continue to strive to accommodate instruction within the classroom by working in collaboration with classroom teachers. Each school has developed an Educational Support System, including teams and a pyramid of assistance, to ensure each student has the necessary support for academic success.

An area of focus last year was developing policy and criteria to ensure all of our para-educators met the qualifications for "highly qualified para-educators" under NCLB.

Fiscal Services: Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator for WCSU, manages and oversees all fiscal and business operations. Lori continues to work closely with central office, school administrators, school directors and town officials to develop and monitor school and central office budgets and grant funds. 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 while maintaining programs. To further reduce costs, we continue to participate in joint bidding and purchasing for fuel, supplies, transportation 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 developed technology plans for each of our schools and the central office. In December John Dudley was hired as our new WCSU Director of Technology. John is reviewing our entire system and developing a 3-year plan to help us more systematically and cost efficiently move forward with technology.

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. Last year, we brought on a new special education student tracking system and this year worked with NEMRC, our fiscal system, to develop a personnel/human resource system to link the two.

Technology provides enhanced communication with our constituents. A WCSU web site (www.wcsuonline.org), provides district-wide information and links to each of our school web sites.

Collaboration Studies: Last year we received a grant with the Montpelier School District to study how we might enhance collaboration between the two school systems. One recommendation that emerged from the study was for the two central offices to share space, an option we are currently pursuing. Another recommendation that emerged was that before we could collaborate more with a neighboring district, we needed to enhance collaboration among our six school districts. As a result, we have written and received a second grant to help us study and identify ways we can collaborate more within WCSU. As we look to the future, we will look for creative ways to collaborate and find alternative ways to utilize cost efficiencies while meeting the learning opportunities for all students.

Central Office Facilities: WCSU has continued to explore several options for relocating the central office administrative and fiscal staff in an effort to reduce costs. 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. Currently we are pursuing the option of sharing space with the Montpelier School District. WCSU continues to have a healthy fund balance which we anticipate applying towards a Central Office facility to reduce administrative costs.

Recruiting and Retaining High Quality Staff: Recruiting and retaining high quality staff continues to be a top priority. Like school systems across Vermont and the nation, WCSU has many veteran staff members who will be retiring in the next few years. Last year was the beginning of this phase. WCSU said good-bye to many long term employees, and welcomed 60 new staff. To assist new staff, we have a mentor program for teachers in their first three years of teaching. 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 so many parents, community and board members involved in our schools and the education of our students. 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. Thank you to all the parents and community members supporting our schools and children.

— ROBBE BROOK, *Superintendent of Schools*



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 (WCSU), I hereby submit the following summary report of the financial operations of the supervisory union.

For the year ending June 30, 2005, the WCSU operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$1,045,315. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2005 with a \$316,011 General Fund Balance and a \$50,000 Special Education Fund Balance.

For fiscal year 2006, the supervisory union budgets total \$1,171,290 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 2007 will total \$1,206,320.

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*

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2005

All Fund Types

	Governmental Fund Type	Special Revenue Fund	Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise Fund	Total Funds
ASSETS	General			
Current Assets				
Cash	\$ 925,780	0	0	\$ 925,780
Accounts receivable - State	107,781	1,269	0	109,140
Accounts receivable - Federal	0	8,549	0	8,549
Accounts receivable - Other LEAs	6,449	0	0	6,449
Accounts receivable - Employees	495	0	0	495
Accounts receivable - Other	138	405	0	543
Due from other funds	0	547,718	64,064	611,782
Prepaid expenses	26,750	0	0	26,750
Total Assets	\$1,067,483	\$557,941	\$64,064	\$1,689,488

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts payable - Other LEAs	20,138	4,171	0	24,309
Accounts payable - Other	21,939	12,329	0	34,268
Accrued expense	6,672	0	0	6,672
Due to other funds	611,378	405	0	611,783
Deferred revenue	41,345	541,036	0	582,381
Total Liabilities	\$701,472	\$557,941	\$ 0	\$1,259,413

Fund Equity

Fund Balances: Reserved	366,011	0	0	366,011
Retained Earnings	0	0	64,064	64,064
Total Fund Equity	\$366,011	0	\$64,064	\$430,075
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$1,067,483	\$557,941	\$64,064	\$1,689,488

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
BUDGET SUMMARY: FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

	Actual 2005	Budget 2006	Proposed Budget 2007	Increase (Decrease)
Anticipated Revenues:				
Assessments	\$ 795,206	\$ 830,790	\$ 865,820	\$ 35,030
Earnings on Investments	24,962	11,500	11,500	0
State Placed Reimbursements	369,255	329,000	329,000	0
Early Education Program	69,228	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	23,275	0	0	0
Total Anticipated Revenues	1,281,926	1,171,290	1,206,320	35,030
Fund Balance Usage	21,987	0	0	0
Total Source of Funds	\$1,303,913	\$1,171,290	\$1,206,320	\$ 35,030
Expenditures:				
Instructional Svcs – State Placed Students	\$ 365,824	\$ 329,000	\$ 329,000	\$ 0
Early Education Program	165,346	38,372	41,440	3,068
Special Area Admin. Services	138,136	149,141	156,311	7,170
Instruction Develop. Services	91,202	101,657	98,144	(3,513)
Technology	53,974	53,684	54,706	1,022
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	237,187	236,327	251,865	15,538
Fiscal Services	206,712	218,195	230,626	12,431
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.	45,532	44,914	44,228	(686)
Total Expenditures	\$1,303,913	\$1,171,290	\$1,206,320	35,030
Total Use of Funds	\$1,303,913	\$1,171,290	\$1,206,320	\$ 35,030

Washington Central Supervisory Union
Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2006-2007

(See Note**)

BUDGET 2006-2007		ADM	ADM %	Administrative Assessment	Curriculum Assessment	Technology Assessment	Fiscal Services Assessment	Special Svcs Assessment	Early Educ. Assessment	Total Assessment	Local** Revenues	Net Assessments
School												
Berlin		218	13.2%	\$39,187	\$12,989	\$7,240	\$29,466	\$20,687	\$9,606	\$119,175	(\$20,984)	\$98,191
Calais		116	7.0%	\$20,854	\$6,912	\$3,853	\$15,680	\$11,009	\$8,890	\$67,198	(\$14,945)	\$52,253
East Montpelier		217	13.1%	\$38,910	\$12,897	\$7,189	\$29,258	\$20,541	\$10,079	\$118,874	(\$21,377)	\$97,497
Middlesex		141	8.6%	\$25,368	\$8,409	\$4,687	\$15,558	\$13,392	\$7,735	\$75,149	(\$15,101)	\$60,048
Worcester		77	4.7%	\$13,841	\$4,588	\$2,557	\$10,408	\$7,307	\$5,130	\$43,831	(\$9,149)	\$34,682
Union 32		879	53.3%	\$157,933	\$52,349	\$29,180	\$118,756	\$83,375	\$0	\$441,593	(\$45,856)	\$395,737
Total		1648	100.0%	\$296,093	\$98,144	\$54,706	\$219,126	\$156,311	\$41,440	\$865,820	(\$127,411)	\$738,409

***Allocation based on purchased services.

(See Note***)

BUDGET 2005-2006		ADM	ADM %	Administrative Assessment	Curriculum Assessment	Technology Assessment	Fiscal Services Assessment	Special Svcs Assessment	Early Educ. Assessment	Total Assessment	Local** Revenues	Net Assessments
School												
Berlin	249	15.1%		\$42,253	\$15,273	\$8,065	\$31,486	\$22,406	\$11,448	\$130,931	(\$23,771)	\$107,160
Calais	111	6.7%		\$18,833	\$6,807	\$3,595	\$14,034	\$9,987	\$7,746	\$61,002	(\$13,239)	\$47,763
East Montpelier	222	13.5%		\$37,607	\$13,593	\$7,178	\$28,024	\$19,943	\$9,748	\$116,093	(\$20,717)	\$95,376
Middlesex	139	8.4%		\$23,559	\$8,516	\$4,497	\$14,675	\$12,493	\$3,595	\$67,335	(\$10,466)	\$56,869
Worcester	72	4.4%		\$12,209	\$4,413	\$2,331	\$9,098	\$6,475	\$5,834	\$40,360	(\$9,395)	\$30,965
Union 32	866	52.5%		\$146,781	\$53,055	\$28,018	\$109,378	\$77,837	\$0	\$415,069	(\$42,810)	\$372,259
Total	1659	100.6%		\$281,242	\$101,657	\$53,684	\$206,695	\$149,141	\$38,371	\$830,780	(\$120,399)	\$710,391

Increase (Decrease)	Net** Increase (Decrease)
(\$11,756)	(\$8,969)
\$6,196	\$4,490
\$2,781	\$2,121
\$7,814	\$3,180
\$3,471	\$3,717
\$26,524	\$23,478
\$35,030	\$28,017

**NOTE: Special Svcs & Early Educ. Programs generate revenues which offset these costs. The revenues are in the respective school's budget.

School Summary

Berlin	(\$8,969)
Calais	\$4,490
East Montpelier	\$2,121
Middlesex	\$3,180
Worcester	\$3,717
Union 32	\$23,478
Total	\$28,017

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
SALARY & BENEFIT PROJECTION
as of November 1, 2005 — Negotiations are Pending

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

	WCSU Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits	
Bibeau, Lori	\$ 80,871	\$ 105,184	
Breer, Virginia	28,560	37,707	
Brook, Roberta	98,890	112,442	
Carr, Ann	34,368	44,739	
Chevalier, Candy	38,628	45,620	
Crowningshield, Karyn	34,577	40,435	
Cykon, Cynthia	31,440	45,401	
Freeman, Carole	73,500	85,232	
Hunter, Jeanette	7,653	9,949	
Hull, Joanne	6,000	6,471	
Laquerre, Rosalie	34,599	52,710	
Marineau, Craig	40,455	47,616	
McDermet, Doug	25,183	33,352	
Mier, Louise	51,208	58,833	
Ormsby, Mary	35,809	50,190	
Parker, Bethany	10,012	14,633	<i>*This information is not comparable from year to year as several positions listed here are paid by grants and other funding sources. These funding sources vary in amount on an annual basis.</i>
Powers, Bess	34,614	50,559	
Rogers, Kate	44,588	52,070	
Roya, Patricia	39,860	53,274	
Thomas, Nancy	75,707	86,096	
Wilson, Susan	16,612	25,586	
TOTALS*	\$ 843,134	\$1,058,099	

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

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

WCSU may be unaware of all resident children and youths with a disability. If you know of a child who has a disability either in school or one who may be home schooled or attending an independent school, 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.

EAST MONTPELIER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Nature investigations, water balloons, relay races, CSI, exploring wild places, canoeing, swimming, team games, outdoor survival skills, music, art and drama – what do these have in common? They're some of the things kids did at Community Connections camps last summer. 318 kids went to one or two of the camps that ran every week of the summer (9 weeks). Besides theme-based activities, swimming at Wrightsville and other local water holes was a big part of camp.

Community Connections, now beginning its 5th year offering quality out-of-school time programs for kids in Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Worcester, and Montpelier, served more than 1475 children last year. They participated in reading and homework clubs, computer, recreational activities, arts and crafts, having fun outdoors, snowboarding, canoeing, field trips, and more.

The East Montpelier Community Connections program continues to be an integral part of the school community. Last year 131 (62%) East Montpelier Elementary School students participated in a large variety of after-school programs and 70 students went to Community Connections summer camp. We also ran camps during February and April vacation weeks and school in-service days. Community education programs are equally popular, with 80 adults participating in activities last 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 \$6,700 in scholarship funds were awarded last year. In addition EMCC is now a licensed State of Vermont after-school care provider and 8% of families received subsidies for their children to attend.

In addition to out-of-school time programming, Community Connections spearheads key youth-mentoring initiatives. Our eight-year-old Girls First/Boyz First community-based mentoring program now has 30 adult/kid pairs – some have been together for 4 years! And SchoolMentorLink, our newest program, expands peer mentoring and adult mentoring both in school and after school. Our Youth Outreach Coordinator works with about 30 out-of-school youth, and those who are at risk of dropping out of school, to explore alternative education options and employment opportunities, and guide them in making healthy life choices. Seventeen of them are in the Alternative Diploma Program and will graduate high school.

This year with the help of a federal Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant, Community Connections provides alternative sports such as four-square, unicycling, open gym, pick-up hockey, Frisbee, dance, snowshoeing, Unified Sports and skiing to help students lead healthier, more active lives.

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 223-7936 ext. 305, or via email at gviens@u32.org.

EDUCATION SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL THREE PRIOR YEARS COMPARISONS

January 6, 2006 Estimates

East Montpelier		Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE		T065 Washington Central		PRELIMINARY		ESTIMATES ONLY	
District: Washington		S.U.: Act 60		LEA: Act 60		FY2004		FY2005	
Expenditures		Budget (local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)		Block grant paid by State to each center in prior years under Act 60		FY2004		FY2005	
1.	plus	Special revenue program expenditures (federal grants, restricted grants, etc.)	+	\$4,372,640	+	\$4,707,139	+	\$4,707,139	+
2.	plus	Locally adopted or warned budget	+	\$25,506	+	-	-	-	-
3.	plus		+		+				
4.	plus		+	\$4,398,146	+	\$4,707,139	+	\$4,707,139	+
5.	plus	1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
6.	plus	2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
7.	plus	3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
8.	plus		+	-	+	-	-	-	-
9.	plus	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	+	\$4,398,146	+	\$4,707,139	+	\$4,707,139	+
10.	plus	Union school or joint school district assessment	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
11.	plus	Prior deficit reduction if not included in budgets	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
12.	plus	Gross Act 68 Budget	+	\$4,398,146	+	\$4,707,139	+	\$4,707,139	+
13.	minus	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14.	minus	Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	plus	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	+	\$462,757	+	\$461,085	+	\$461,085	+
16.	plus	Capital debt aid	+	\$3,517	+	-	-	-	-
17.	plus	Special program revenues (if not included in local budget; included in FY2007)	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
18.	minus	Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.	minus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	minus	Total revenues	-	\$466,274	-	\$461,085	-	\$461,085	-
21.	minus	Fund raising, if any (included in line 15)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22.	minus	Adjusted local revenues	-	\$466,274	-	\$461,085	-	\$461,085	-
23.	minus	Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	-	\$3,931,872	-	\$4,246,054	-	\$4,246,054	-
24.	minus	Equalized Pupils	-	426.03	-	430.48	-	449.40	-
25.	minus	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	-	\$9,229	-	\$9,864	-	\$9,864	-
25a.	minus	Less eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	756.52	-	756.52	-
26.	plus	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	+	-	+	-	+
27.	plus	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	+	-	+	\$9,864	+	\$9,864	+
28.	plus	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,899 / \$7,330)	+	-	+	145,059%	+	145,059%	+
29.	plus	Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (148.890% x \$0.99)	+	-	+	\$1,523	+	\$1,523	+
30.	plus	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	+	-	+	87.67%	+	87.67%	+
31.	plus	Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1,472 / 68.91%)	+	-	+	\$1,737	+	\$1,737	+
32.	plus	Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity (148.89% x 1.80%)	+	-	+	2.76%	+	2.76%	+

The projected base education spending amount of \$7,330 is subject to Legislative approval.

The base education homestead tax rate of \$0.99 and the income percentage cap of 1.80% are based on the recommendation of the Governor's Office and are subject to Legislative approval.

U-32 Assessment Calculation & Local Share Tax Rates **Budget**
Average Daily Membership (ADM) - not including tuition students. **2006-2007**

Town:	2 Year ADM Weighted Average	% Of Total Assessment	Assessment FY 05-06	Assessment FY 06-07	TOTAL Assessment Inc (Dec)
Berlin	273	28.9%	\$2,720,731	\$2,852,362	\$131,631
Calais	151	16.0%	1,621,723	1,576,294	(45,429)
East Montpelier	270	28.5%	2,694,250	2,817,078	122,828
Middlesex	158	16.7%	1,654,077	1,651,977	(2,100)
Worcester	94	9.9%	1,030,282	979,286	(50,996)
Totals	946	100.0%	\$9,721,063	\$9,876,997	\$155,934

Washington Central Supervisory Union
 Budget Information As of January 17, 2006

Using Proposed Budget Information WITHOUT Special Articles.
 FINAL BUDGETS

Explanation of Tax Rate Changes From Budget 06 to Budget 07

Part #1 Impact of Common Level of Appraisal on Tax Rates

	Budget 07 December 2005 Common Level Of Appraisal	Budget 06 December 2004 Common Level Of Appraisal	Change	Not Affected by School Spending			
				Local Homestead Addl Tax \$100K	Local Homestead Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	71.63%	70.92%	0.71%	(\$21)	(\$0.021)	(\$0.021)	(\$21)
Calais	66.00%	82.04%	-16.04%	\$467	\$0.467	\$0.447	\$447
East Montpelier	68.91%	77.38%	-8.47%	\$242	\$0.242	\$0.240	\$240
Middlesex	96.13%	101.77%	-5.64%	\$91	\$0.091	\$0.087	\$87
Worcester	90.00%	101.43%	-11.43%	\$195	\$0.195	\$0.189	\$189

Part #2 Impact of State-wide Tax Rate Reductions From \$1.02 to \$.99 and \$1.51 to \$1.48

	Local Homestead Addl Tax \$100K	Local Homestead Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	(\$61)	(\$0.061)	(\$0.042)	(\$42)
Calais	(\$70)	(\$0.070)	(\$0.046)	(\$46)
East Montpelier	(\$65)	(\$0.065)	(\$0.044)	(\$44)
Middlesex	(\$48)	(\$0.048)	(\$0.031)	(\$31)
Worcester	(\$51)	(\$0.051)	(\$0.033)	(\$33)

Part #3 Impact of both Elementary & U32 Proposed FY 07 Budgets with Equalized Pupil Changes

	Local Homestead Addl Tax \$100K	Local Homestead Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$30	\$0.030	\$0.000	N/A
Calais	\$34	\$0.034	\$0.000	N/A
East Montpelier	(\$5)	(\$0.005)	\$0.000	N/A
Middlesex	(\$8)	(\$0.008)	\$0.000	N/A
Worcester	(\$1)	(\$0.001)	\$0.000	N/A

Total Combined Impact on Tax Rates-Equals Part 1 + Part 2 + Part 3

	Local Homestead Addl Tax \$100K	Local Homestead Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Tax Rate Impact	Local Nonresident Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	(\$52)	(\$0.052)	(\$0.063)	(\$63)
Calais	\$431	\$0.431	\$0.402	\$402
East Montpelier	\$172	\$0.172	\$0.196	\$196
Middlesex	\$35	\$0.035	\$0.056	\$56
Worcester	\$143	\$0.143	\$0.156	\$156

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY: REVENUES

Description	Actual 2004-2005	Budget 2005-2006	Projected 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007
REVENUES				
Tuition	\$ 124,778	\$ 140,618	\$ 118,419	\$ 121,630
Investment Income	88,132	20,000	76,820	20,000
Assessments.....	9,196,849	9,721,062	9,721,062	9,876,997
Miscellaneous Income	51,335	58,413	58,413	236,964
Gen'l State Support Grant-prior yr	18,769	0	0	0
Transfer from Construction Fund..	106,512	81,049	81,049	54,759
SPED Mainstream Block Grant	0	0	0	259,334
Special Education Income	988,177	900,699	1,011,298	802,970
Subtotal Revenues	\$10,574,552	\$10,921,841	\$11,067,061	\$11,372,654
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$10,574,552	\$10,921,841	\$11,067,061	\$11,372,654

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY: EXPENSES

Description	Actual 2004-2005	Budget 2005-2006	Projected 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007
EXPENSES				
Business Educ.	\$ 126,045	\$ 133,898	\$ 132,354	\$ 138,857
Driver Educ.	77,207	78,761	78,680	87,528
English	660,677	676,218	714,667	666,098
Acting, Dance, Visual Arts	227,954	236,916	258,715	264,175
Foreign Language	238,878	256,139	255,457	250,130
Technology Ed.	133,656	145,406	115,427	116,288
Living Arts	89,021	98,364	104,223	102,542
Music	182,790	190,031	195,052	204,406
Physical Ed.	270,498	288,700	295,245	308,424
Mathematics	584,598	613,459	621,713	646,007
Science	636,004	679,337	683,050	707,355
Social Studies	444,184	470,399	464,712	468,360
Instructional – Schoolwide.....	289,687	297,753	292,977	386,244
Other Instruction – 504	1,210	4,500	4,500	2,500
Middle School Programs	23,263	28,790	28,790	32,600
Co-Curricular Activities	460,124	539,055	549,076	557,193
Guidance Services	354,690	383,374	372,976	403,921
Health Services.....	87,722	91,677	94,609	98,975
Curriculum Services	49,566	53,055	53,055	52,349
Media Service.....	77,123	88,912	88,884	94,466
School Library Services	201,029	215,703	214,096	222,728

EXPENSES (cont.)	Actual 2004-2005	Budget 2005-2006	Projected 2005-2006	Budget 2006-2007
Technology Services.....	169,175	203,153	218,185	226,663
Board of Education	44,113	40,726	40,726	41,041
Office of Superintendent	121,464	146,781	146,781	157,933
Office of Principal	772,311	808,917	826,639	787,802
Fiscal Services	94,513	109,378	109,378	118,756
Auditing Services	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700
Operation and Maintenance	896,526	943,891	957,467	1,009,587
Student Transportation Svcs.....	402,916	390,265	438,371	394,265
Transfers to Other Funds.....	1,085,250	1,059,787	1,059,787	1,033,497
Special Education	1,668,822	1,644,796	1,740,950	1,788,263
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,474,716	\$10,921,841	\$11,160,242	\$11,372,654

U32 Cost per Equalized Pupils

Historical Trends	Budget FY04	Budget FY05	Budget FY06	Budget FY07
Local Ed. Spending Per State Formula	\$8,403,724	\$9,016,259	\$9,537,343	\$9,876,997
U32 Equalized Pupils: Av. Daily Membership	883.71	922.04	943.44	946.16
Local Ed. Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$9,510	\$9,779	\$10,109	\$10,439
% Increase In Spending Per Equalized Pupil	2.83%	3.38%	3.26%	



East Hill School House, c.1895–1900

U-32 SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projection as of Nov. 8, 2005 — Negotiations are Pending

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

	U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits		U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Ball, Kathleen	\$ 41,956	\$ 48,902	DeForge, Joyce	49,417	58,996
Barrows, Stephen	45,330	52,966	Dentith, Susan	51,899	61,715
Bartlett, Derek	23,845	32,635	Desch, Marguerite	48,176	57,637
Barton, Cindy	11,131	12,192	Disenhaus, Nancy	22,590	24,836
Bazis, David	34,524	46,955	Ditmeyer, Christine	48,176	57,386
Beebe, Larry	50,658	67,590	Dolan, Paula	43,212	59,434
Bennett, Erik	33,000	39,460	Durgin, H. Herbert Jr.	23,762	32,539
Bickford, Judy	51,899	60,161	Eaton, Margaret	53,499	67,739
Biggs, Betty	14,166	20,602	Emery, Paula	38,247	46,761
Blake, Dorothy	91,814	109,939	Fair, Patricia	24,349	32,988
Boomhower, Dan	49,417	58,996	Ferguson, Kristie	27,600	35,317
Boulanger, Chantal	23,761	31,112	Ferris, Sheryl	22,847	26,700
Brown, Ronald Jr	43,212	50,646	Fitch, Lesley	36,477	54,822
Bruno, Barbarann	18,315	26,246	Flynn, Timothy	65,000	83,300
Byrd, Melanie	16,586	21,481	Fowler, Cathy	23,762	32,539
Cahill, Roy	28,376	41,785	French, Adam	34,524	42,683
Cahill, Theresa	16,027	17,834	Gaffney, Sandra	19,445	27,551
Cameron, Nathalie	14,166	21,452	Gandin, Dan	45,694	62,153
Carey, Bodo	45,203	61,615	Gandin, Tracy	43,212	47,774
Caron, James	35,765	51,091	Garand, Laura	17,264	23,260
Cate, Thomas	45,694	62,153	Garand, Travis	14,166	19,680
Cate, Weston III	21,566	30,001	Garcia, Joan	20,788	33,586
Chaloux, Sandra	38,247	45,208	Garrity, Leigh	45,694	62,153
Chaplin, Mark	56,097	73,548	Giroux, Ann	20,229	25,471
Chase, Betty	15,039	20,689	Gora, Peter	19,445	27,551
Cioffi, Barbara	40,729	53,751	Grace, Caroline	37,006	43,848
Clark, Bonnie	22,207	37,802	Grantz, Christopher	17,762	24,322
Colangeli, Steven	33,283	48,356	Greenberg, Joanne	40,526	48,291
Cook, Vicki	16,601	22,494	Greene, Daniel	49,926	66,788
Cooke, Ellen	46,896	63,470	Guilbault, Timothy	16,100	17,671
Crossett, Paula	40,729	56,714	Hall, Diane	29,295	43,414
Cueto, Linda	16,586	22,476	Hannigan, David	32,803	50,577
Dailey, Cynthia	32,636	42,792	Heintz, Benjamin	38,997	54,817
Dalmasse, Denise	54,017	62,481	Herrick, Amy	37,548	43,786
David, Beatrice	40,778	53,769	Hilferty, John	33,283	45,595
Dean, Fletcher	17,610	29,914	Hill, MaryEllen	22,464	31,040
DeCicco, Sally	20,214	28,031	Horowitz, Michael	34,524	41,130
Decker, Anne	36,656	43,137	Hoermann, Tammy	20,930	35,603

	U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits		U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Houston, Glenn	40,565	49,300	Phillips, Charles	20,629	27,147
Hungerford, Richard	39,587	50,604	Pichette, Mark	39,254	47,368
Hurley, Kevin	24,442	37,680	Pollock, Pamela	16,586	22,476
Jenkins, Jamie	36,937	52,244	Poplawski, Virginia	18,686	26,674
Keys, Margaret	34,524	46,909	Post, Deborah	19,831	26,086
Kiefer, Julie	41,971	55,112	Randall, Nanci	20,628	28,918
Keck, Eric	45,694	62,153	Reardon, Michael	45,694	53,365
Kipnes, Jessica	31,200	39,307	Riby-Williams, Emmanuel	16,918	32,224
Klima, Judith	39,488	48,120	Ross Snyder, Janet	31,590	39,388
Kohn-Saxe, Barbara	41,971	58,075	Saxe, Kenneth	46,935	51,852
Kopecky, Barry	24,057	27,084	Segar, James	51,899	57,289
Korecki-Moll, Barbara	44,914	58,335	Segar, Kathleen	20,230	32,941
Ksepka, Michelle	16,918	32,224	Simmons, Mary Ellen	40,729	47,552
Lamberti, Sheryl	17,243	31,564	Slopey, Brian	51,899	65,986
Law, Michael	50,658	64,496	Snell, Lizabeth	49,327	63,173
Levine, Judd	41,971	48,999	Spannbauer, Christy	17,616	22,609
Lugo, Michael	9,214	9,919	Stacy, Bonnie	41,971	58,075
Lunn, Jeneane	37,006	52,434	Steenkamp, Susanna	19,831	25,036
Lyons, Daniel	38,247	46,761	Stevens, Debra	16,586	22,476
MacKenzie, Todd	39,488	48,120	St. Peter, Hollis	35,274	47,593
MacMartin, Roxana	20,629	32,961	Thresher, Brittany	35,765	44,042
Magoon, Heather	19,335	34,726	Tolassi, Jane	51,899	65,986
Malloy, Janilyn	54,768	69,128	Trombly-Holcomb, Arlene	29,295	43,414
Mayette, Sue Anne	50,658	67,590	Vandal, Norman	43,212	59,434
McAndrew, Shane	18,225	25,048	VanDeren, Lauren	30,506	40,331
McCord, Denise	48,176	56,083	Verchereau-Staab, Suzanne	23,136	30,044
McKone, Thomas	66,000	81,432	Violette, Daniel	45,694	59,190
McNaulty, William	24,221	31,297	Volinsky, Sarah	38,247	46,761
Mehuron, Mary	45,694	62,153	Walker, Katherine	22,226	25,905
Mercer, Nancy	51,899	68,949	Wheelock, Ann	27,360	41,179
Michaud, Heather	4,112	7,231	Wiese, Kathy	51,899	68,949
Mitchell, Spencer	41,760	53,333	Williams, Christopher	38,247	46,178
Molina, Amanda	58,500	69,033	Wilmott, Margaret	49,417	57,443
Mooney, Mark	67,000	85,490	Wilson, Catherine	62,510	73,337
Newcomb, Sharon	50,658	67,590	Wilson, Lori	4,961	5,408
Olson, George	25,950	29,964	Witherspoon, Tracey	38,247	53,996
Palmer, Victoria	39,904	55,810	Woodfield, Eleanor	36,555	49,729
Papineau, Amy	18,314	23,374			
Parrott, Diane	28,418	37,918			
Parry, Arthur	30,426	36,641			
Parsons, Omri	39,533	45,961			
Peck, Douglas	8,594	9,414			
Pelletier, Kathleen	52,018	61,845			
Petrella, Albert	38,110	49,116			
			TOTALS	\$ 5,405,660	7,012,980
			inc(dec) from 2004	\$76,756	\$164,495

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (EMES) BOARD

This was a year of great accomplishment, transitions, and milestones for EMES. In December, we celebrated EMES' 40th birthday. Many people who were students in the school's early days now have children of their own at EMES. This sense of continuity is one of the important roles of our school. It was such a pleasure to hear stories from the very first students.

This was the first year on the job for our new principal, Mitch Golub. Mitch came to us from The Hanover St. School in Lebanon, N.H. Mitch brings an infectious enthusiasm for kids and a sense of play that all the students — and teachers — enjoy. We couldn't be more thrilled to have him on board.

We are also very proud that EMES won a Vermont Gold Medallion Award for Academic Excellence. A big congratulations to the staff and students is in order.

Monster Mash is back. PTNO is thriving. Fine Arts Night had the halls filled with magnificent colors and the auditorium with magical music. And Governor Jim Douglas came to read books to the kids. There are so many more exciting events and much news, including an upcoming parent workshop dedicated to literacy. Thanks to everyone in this community for creating such a special school.

One especially exciting transition is taking place at the Washington County Supervisory Union (WCSU) level. WCSU is close to finalizing a plan to share office space with the Montpelier Supervisory Union. Currently, WCSU pays \$36,000/yr in rent to be in Berlin. WCSU will pay to renovate the Barre Street building and will pay \$1 per year rent until 2016. Total budget savings over 10 years is estimated to be \$250,000+. From 2016 to 2026, WCSU will pay 50% of market rent. Administrative costs are one of the fast growing pieces of the school budget, so the substantial long-term savings will be most welcome, and needed.

Now for some tax numbers.

1. Understanding the impact of Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) on your tax bill. The largest impact on our tax rate will be because real estate values have risen and tax assessments have not kept pace. As we all know, real estate prices in town have risen dramatically in the past few years. Consequently, appraised values are substantially below market values. This means a real estate agent could probably sell your house for more than the town's appraised value.

This only became important when we went from a local tax to a state tax because all Vermont towns pay property tax revenue into the state education fund. Taxes are assessed on the appraised value of property, not the market value, therefore, towns whose appraised real estate value is far below the market value would not be paying their fair share.

The process of evaluating market versus appraised real estate values on a statewide basis is called the CLA. Towns in line with statewide values hover near 100%, i.e., your house is appraised at \$140,000 and it sells for around \$140,000. When a town is at 100% CLA, there is no tax impact because there is no discrepancy between real value and appraised value.

When the Common Level of Appraisal indicates that appraised value in a town is less than 80% of market value, an alarm is triggered at the state level.

Currently East Montpelier sits at 68.91%, i.e., your house may be appraised at \$140,000 but it's likely to sell for upward of \$200,000. The cost for this discrepancy between our appraised values and the CLA will be an additional tax on the school side of our tax bills this year. **Tax Impact = \$.18 (\$180 per \$100,000 of appraised value)**

2. Article 4: Elementary School Budget. In drafting the budget for next year, the EMES Board has remained committed to the goal of delivering an excellent education to our students. All existing programs will be maintained. The teaching staff will be reduced by one. This keeps our teacher/student ratio in line with targets set by the district. The teaching budgets have been level funded. Other costs — healthcare, salaries, energy — keep rising, regardless of the number of students in the building. Obviously, the school, like so many, is feeling squeezed.

Taken together with the U-32 budget, the school budget portion of your town tax liability does not increase this year.

To prevent last year's budget (for this current year) from running into deficit, Principal Golub froze spending. This means that we won't end the year in the red, as had been feared. However, the school fund balance, which has been depleting for years, will be spent by the end of this year (see below). **Tax Impact = \$0.00**

3. Article 7: Creation of \$100,000 Contingency Fund (Fund Balance). Most institutions with a budget as large as EMES' (more than \$2.5 million) maintain a contingency fund balance. The recommended level for a school is 5%. This contingency fund provides a sort of financial shock absorber, growing in good times, shrinking when there are unforeseen expenses.

By the end of the year, the EMES fund balance is projected to be near \$0. Through more accurate budgeting and long-range budget planning, as well as improved communication between the EMES Board and WCSU, we plan, in the years ahead, to eliminate this ongoing depletion of the fund balance.

Article 7 asks for a one-time expense of \$100,000 to fund the fund balance. **Tax Impact = \$.05 (\$50 per \$100,000 of appraised value)**

4. Article 8: Add \$20,000 to Capital Reserve Fund. Currently, we have \$10,000 in a capital reserve fund. Like any other building, the school ages and there are predictable large maintenance costs. For example, the roof is 22 years old, three years shy of its 25-year life expectancy. With improved planning, we can reduce variations in spending year to year while assuring adequate funds to educate our children. **Tax Impact = \$.01 (\$10 per \$100,000 of appraised value)**

I hope you will call me, anytime, should you have questions or ideas. In the meantime, heartfelt thanks to all for supporting the goal of giving East Montpelier's next generation an education that will carry them safely and successfully into adulthood and beyond.

— BILL KAPLAN, *Chair*

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EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMBINED BALANCE SHEET: ALL FUND TYPES

June 30, 2005

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types		Total Funds
	General Fund	Special Rev. Fund	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Expendable Trust Fund	
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash	\$ 700	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,424	\$ 2,300	\$ 13,424
Accounts receivable - State	74,364	0	1,424	0	0	75,788
Acc. rec. - Other LEAs	4,389	0	0	0	0	4,389
Acc. rec. - Employees	484	0	0	0	0	484
Accounts receivable - Other	1,416	0	1,892	0	0	3,308
Due from other funds	1,548	168	0	0	0	1,716
Inventory	0	0	240	0	0	240
Total Current Assets	82,901	168	3,556	10,424	2,300	99,349
Fixed Assets	0	0	12,854	0	0	12,854
Total Assets	\$82,901	\$168	\$16,410	\$10,424	\$2,300	\$112,203

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities

Cash overdraft	16,629	0	0	0	0	16,629
Accounts payable - Other	11,354	0	21	0	0	11,375
Due to other funds	0	0	1,716	0	0	1,716
Deferred revenue	3,737	168	0	0	0	3,905
Amount held for agency funds ...	0	0	0	10,424	0	10,424
Total Liabilities	31,720	168	1,737	10,424	0	44,049

Fund Equity

Fund Balance: Reserved	51,181	0	0	0	2,300	53,481
Retained Earnings: Undesignated	0	0	14,673	0	0	14,673
Total Fund Equity	51,181	0	14,673	0	2,300	68,154
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$82,901	\$168	\$16,410	\$10,424	\$2,300	\$112,203



Cummings School, c. 1912



Cutler School, 1919

NOTE: Assumes East Montpelier Elementary and U32 Proposed Budgets.

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Town				
Budget 0506	\$10,393.69	\$6,975	149.01%	449.41
Projected Budget 0607	\$10,899.00	\$7,330	148.69%	454.92
	4.86%	5.09%		1.23%

FY98-99	N/A	\$1,547	\$1,547	2.81%
FY99-00	100.93%	\$1,650	\$1,650	3.05%
FY 00-01	99.99%	\$1,820	\$1,820	3.36%
FY 01-02	100.35%	\$1,910	\$1,910	3.56%
FY02-03	98.69%	\$1,960	\$1,960	3.58%
FY03-04	92.27%	\$2,060	\$2,060	3.51%
FY04-05	87.67%	\$1,737	\$1,757	2.76%
FY05-06	77.38%	\$1,964	\$1,951	2.76%
FY06-07	68.91%	\$2,136	\$2,148	2.68%

July 2004

As of January 17, 2006

\$0.172	\$0.196
\$172	

**Local Tax Impact-Increase(Decrease)
Impact on a \$100,000 property**

FY0607

Penalty Amount Per State	\$11,728
Amount Per Town	\$10,112

EMES PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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.

The above statements are the mission and vision statements of EMES. They are statements that we, the EMES staff, believe in and work hard to bring to fruition. EMES has the good fortune of having a very talented and dedicated staff. It has been a real joy and pleasure to watch them work in collaboration with an involved and caring community. To be part of a school that is so community oriented is wonderful. That our school is so supported by parents and a community that is so school centered it is truly a pleasure to be part of. Most importantly, it is a great way to educate children and instill a life long love of learning and community.

Thus far, it has been a great year and it is my pleasure to share with you a few of the highlights. It was with great pride and pleasure that the students raised \$2000 for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. These wonderful youngsters then went out and collected over \$700 for UNICEF. They also had a food and toy drive so those less fortunate than us would have a happier holiday season. Students and their parents realize that a good education goes beyond the school house walls.

Realizing that literacy is the foundation of a good elementary education we participated in Read 2006. While we always emphasize literacy this was a day that underscored the point. We had DEAR time throughout the day (Drop Everything and Read). We welcomed guest speakers and had an all school assembly where I had the pleasure of reading a story to the entire school. We invited the Governor to partake in the day's literacy festivities, but he was unable to make it on that day but did say that he would try and make it on another day.

We enjoyed a beautiful fall season and punctuated it by an all school hike. We, students, staff and parents divided up and went hiking on some of Vermont's most beautiful trails. It was a day of bonding as well as an opportunity to make certain that the students had some exposure to the natural beauty of where they live.

On January 11th we are looking forward to marking EMES' 40th Birthday! We believe that it is important for our students to know that they are part of something big, something that has been taking place in this building for 40 years and in this community a lot longer then that. We have invited back past students and staff members, and with the help of the historical society and other caring community members we are going to transform the gym into a 40 year EMES time line. Those of us presently here are stewards and as well as representing ourselves, we are also representing all those that have toiled here before us as well as setting a tone and expectation for all those children yet to come.

I have left out more than I have included. I have had the pleasure of seeing first hand the challenging yet stimulating learning taking place in the classrooms; and it is with much excitement that I look forward to what is still to come. Regardless of the event or the time of year it is the children that make our school so wonderful. If you want to see something special, children smiling, learning and growing as scholars and as people, I invite you to stop in and spend a little time with us. To see the children enter this building everyday excited to learn and knowing that when they leave they will have learned something(s) they did not previously know is a great way to spend one's day. Being part of EMES allows you to touch the future. It is with great pleasure and much pride that I get to tell people that I am the principal of East Montpelier Elementary School.

— MITCHELL GOLUB, (*The proud*) Principal of EMES

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
2005–06 *	29	30	27	32	26	29	28	201

* also: Pre-K EEE
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EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projection as of Nov. 8, 2005 — Negotiations are Pending

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 1100:		
Barrett, Maria	\$ 51,899	\$ 68,683
Berry, Michael	33,283	48,331
Christy, Kathryn	52,899	66,853
Cote, Gladys	15,954	16,138
Dunkling, Pamela	36,422	43,671
Finch, Christine	33,283	41,194
Gannon, Robin	51,899	68,683
Gariboldi, Lisa	39,488	55,114
Giammusso, Laura	37,006	52,401
Holmes-Heiss, Heidemarie	23,693	33,245
MacHarg, Jennifer	15,795	21,949
Morrone, Jennifer	17,457	21,506
O'Hare, Jamie	51,899	68,683
Pastore, Carolyn	51,899	65,760
Quackenbush, Gary	38,247	53,758
Shedd, Ellen	37,006	52,401
Stewart, Alexis	33,324	41,239
Towne, Stephen	39,488	55,114
Weiss, Benjamin	39,488	47,977
SUBTOTAL TEACHERS	700,429	922,700
Hall, Linda	11,799	12,935
SUBTOTAL TECHNICAL	11,799	12,935
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL	712,228	935,635
GUIDANCE 2120:		
Hoppe, David	28,612	33,941
TOTAL GUIDANCE	28,612	33,941
HEALTH SERVICES 2130:		
Wirth, Elizabeth	50,658	67,245
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES ..	50,658	67,245
LIBRARY 2222:		
Knoelder, Ellen	44,453	51,916
TOTAL LIBRARY	44,453	51,916



Brandon



Claudia

This artwork and more by EMES 5/6 graders will be on display at Kellogg-Hubbard Library in the Children's Room during March 2006.

SCHOOL ADMIN. 2410:

Golub, Mitchell	76,500	94,901
Badger, Jane	22,595	29,163
Royce, Linda	31,322	40,049

TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN.	130,417	164,113
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OPER. & MAINTENANCE 2540:

Fletcher, David	27,457	38,751
Storey, Tracy	36,307	52,883

TOTAL OPER. & MAINT	63,764	91,634
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SPECIAL EDUC. 1210:

Carter, Anne.....	51,899	68,683
Mason, Kathleen	25,183	29,536
Taffel, Patricia	45,767	53,188
Wilcox, Joy.....	20,760	23,775

SUBTOTAL TEACHERS	143,609	175,182
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Blodgett, Derrick	18,386	28,845
Deforge, Susan	15,933	17,454
Farnham, Ruth.....	21,033	31,728
Hall, Linda.....	7,952	8,729
Humphries, Carol	18,276	20,017
Jaworski, Elizabeth	17,272	18,829
Phillips, Doris.....	21,033	27,456
Sisson, Carrie	7,799	10,739
Stone, Katherine	17,942	24,076

SUBTOTAL TECHNICAL	145,626	187,873
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TOTAL SPECIAL EDUC	289,235	363,055
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PRE-SCHOOL 1200:

Parker, Bethany	21,405	30,709
Brown, Kimberly	7,609	8,279

TOTAL PRE-SCHOOL	29,014	38,988
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Subtotal General Fund	1,348,381	1,746,527
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FOOD SERVICES:

Codling, Nicole	17,348	27,699
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TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	17,348	27,699
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TITLE I POSITIONS:

Mcharg, Jennifer	23,693	33,083
Sisson, Carrie	7,799	10,739

TOTAL TITLE I	31,492	43,822
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TOTAL SALARIES

& BENEFITS	<u>\$1,397,221</u>	<u>\$1,818,048</u>
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Taran



Tyler



Erika



Ryan

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **BUDGET 2006-2007**

DESCRIPTION	Budget 2005	Actual 2005	Final w/Spec Budget 2006	Projected 2006	Budget 2007	Budget 06- Budget 07 Incr(Decr)	%
REVENUES							
TUITION FROM INDIVIDUALS	0	2,771	0	0	0	0	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	24,400	52,158	24,400	81,574	70,000	45,600	186.9%
INTEREST EXP.ON INVESTMENTS	(24,400)	(34,900)	(24,400)	(69,674)	(70,000)	(45,600)	186.9%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-Purchase Discount	2,053	2,053	2,053	2,053	2,053	0	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-ERATE-Technology	0	4,009	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
STATE TRANSPORTATION AID REIMB.	31,478	33,294	32,072	32,072	32,352	280	0.9%
SPED-MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	125,723	125,723	128,622	128,622	63,966	(64,656)	(50.3%)
SPED-INTENSIVE REIMBURSEMENT-Current Yr	89,535	106,573	131,897	154,417	240,658	108,761	82.5%
SPED-INTENSIVE REIMBURSEMENT-Prior Year	0	2,443	0	0	0	0	
EEE GRANT-PRESCHOOL	18,271	17,191	17,382	17,382	21,369	3,987	22.9%
EDUC. SPENDING REV. FROM STATE-Preschool	31,868	27,228	40,697	40,697	42,732	2,035	5.0%
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE	1,868,974	1,873,613	1,962,328	1,962,328	2,098,427	136,100	6.9%
SUBTOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,167,901	2,212,156	2,318,051	2,352,471	2,504,557	186,507	8.0%
FUND BALANCE USAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,167,901	2,212,156	2,318,051	2,352,471	2,504,557	186,507	8.05%

NOTE: FUND BALANCE SUMMARY

FUND BALANCE AS OF 7/1	Audited	Projected
USE	53,127	51,182
	(1,945)	(51,799)
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE 6/30	\$ 51,182	\$ (617)

EXPENSES

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	680,771	665,456	712,761	714,004	708,150	(4,611)	(0.6%)
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	20,200	11,898	13,045	12,999	13,471	426	3.3%
SALARIES-REGULAR-RETIRE.	29,616	29,776	15,794	15,954	15,954	160	1.0%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	11,700	43,507	15,700	15,700	28,000	12,300	78.3%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY-ESL	0	3,878	3,000	5,400	4,410	1,410	47.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	136,327	145,338	145,983	147,199	163,461	17,478	12.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	55,637	55,574	54,787	55,243	55,508	721	1.3%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	632	0	0	0	0	0	
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	720	720	648	648	612	(36)	(5.6%)
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	6,903	8,442	7,570	8,247	8,109	539	7.1%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	287	381	365	384	369	4	1.1%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	10,000	3,603	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	5,605	5,605	6,764	6,764	7,098	334	4.9%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	3,751	2,788	3,657	3,657	3,648	(9)	(0.2%)
PROFESSL-EDUC SVC-Inserv.Speakers	500	513	500	500	0	(500)	(100.0%)
PROF EDU SVC-ADM FEE FIELD TRIPS	4,710	3,306	4,820	4,820	4,820	0	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE	29,266	27,235	27,650	27,650	27,521	(129)	(0.5%)
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	5,026	4,936	5,462	5,462	5,462	0	0.0%
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,001,651	1,012,956	1,026,506	1,032,631	1,054,593	28,087	2.7%

INSTRUCTIONAL SVCS-ENRICHMENT

PROFESSIONAL SVCS-ELF	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,680	80	5.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES, ...	1,000	564	500	500	750	250	50.0%
TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVCS-ENRICH.	\$ 2,600	2,164	2,100	2,100	2,430	330	15.7%

DESCRIPTION**GUIDANCE SERVICES**

DESCRIPTION	Budget 2005	Actual 2005	Budget 2006	Projected 2006	Budget 2007	Budget 06-07 Incr(Decr)	%
GUIDANCE SERVICES							
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.....	29,963	32,870	31,822	31,894	31,973	151	0.5%
HEALTH BENEFITS	6,368	1,079	9,350	0	10,261	911	9.7%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE.....	2,206	2,471	2,310	2,440	2,307	(3)	(0.1%)
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	36	72	36	36	36	0	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	271	318	319	364	337	18	5.6%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	11	15	16	17	16	0	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	259	259	324	324	363	39	12.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	156	91	165	155	166	1	0.6%
GENERAL SUPPLIES.....	850	420	400	400	405	5	1.3%
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	500	92	250	250	250	0	0.0%
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$ 40,620	37,687	44,992	35,880	46,114	1,122	2.5%

HEALTH SERVICES

HEALTH SERVICES							
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROF.OTH.....	32,978	32,583	33,886	52,684	49,240	15,354	45.3%
HEALTH BENEFITS	8,538	8,519	9,350	11,660	11,544	2,194	23.5%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	2,408	2,154	2,468	3,873	3,611	1,143	46.3%
SECTION125 BENEFIT	36	36	36	36	36	0	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	298	339	340	387	519	179	52.6%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	12	16	17	18	24	7	41.2%
DENTAL BENEFITS	259	259	324	324	408	84	25.9%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	171	168	176	274	256	80	45.5%
TRAVEL	25	0	0	0	0	0	
GENERAL SUPPLIES.....	900	1,135	990	990	1,020	30	3.0%
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	190	110	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 45,815	45,319	47,587	70,246	66,658	19,071	40.1%

CURRICULUM SERVICES						
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRICULUM	12,692	12,692	13,593	12,897	(696)	(5.1%)
TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES	\$ 12,692	12,692	13,593	12,897	(696)	(5.1%)
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES						
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.....	46,180	46,817	48,903	50,949	2,046	4.2%
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH	0	0	0	0	0	
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	3,533	3,356	3,741	3,898	157	4.2%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	36	36	36	36	0	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	395	463	464	506	42	9.1%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	16	22	23	24	1	4.3%
DENTAL BENEFITS	324	324	405	454	49	12.1%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	227	228	240	250	10	4.2%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,000	1,127	1,000	500	(500)	(50.0%)
GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,400	1,263	1,200	1,500	300	25.0%
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	5,600	5,501	5,600	5,600	0	0.0%
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	1,000	955	1,000	500	(500)	(50.0%)
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	500	15	250	250	0	0.0%
TOTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	\$ 61,211	60,107	62,862	64,467	1,605	2.6%
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES						
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH & SUMMER	8,603	9,858	11,203	14,344	3,141	28.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	810	1,231	3,406	0	(3,406)	(100.0%)
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	647	755	857	1,097	240	28.0%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	11	13	13	13	0	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	78	110	123	169	46	37.4%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	3	19	24	29	5	20.8%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	300	0	100	100	0	0.0%

DESCRIPTON

DESCRIPTON	Budget 2005	Actual 2005	Budget 2006	Projected 2006	Budget 2007	Budget 06-07 Incr(Decr)	%
DENTAL BENEFITS	65	104	113	113	158	45	39.8%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	45	56	60	60	77	17	28.3%
SUPERV UNION SERVICES	4,581	4,581	7,178	7,178	7,189	11	0.2%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,950	1,499	4,060	4,060	4,060	0	0.0%
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE	7,906	9,137	9,970	9,970	9,970	0	0.0%
TRAVEL	240	10	50	50	50	0	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	4,000	3,758	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	3,000	1,779	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%
EQUIPMENT - REPLACEMENT	3,000	\$6,248	3,000	3,000	2,240	(760)	(25.3%)
EQUIPMENT -TELEPHONE.....	0	\$4,314	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$ 36,239	43,472	46,157	46,034	45,496	(661)	(1.4%)

BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.

SALARIES-TEMPORARY-CLERICAL	0	0	0	660	660	660	0.0%
TECHNICAL SVC.SCHOOL BD	700	425	700	700	700	0	0.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	50	33	50	101	101	51	102.0%
OFFICIAL SVC TAX COLLECT	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0.0%
PROFESSIONAL EDUC SVCS	500	2,122	1,000	1,000	250	(750)	(75.0%)
LEGAL SERVICES.....	1,000	5,500	1,000	5,100	1,000	0	0.0%
FIDELITY BOND PREMIUMS	100	195	200	200	200	0	0.0%
DUES & FEES	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.	\$ 12,150	17,975	12,750	17,461	12,711	(39)	(0.3%)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	31,102	31,102	37,607	37,607	38,910	1,303	3.5%
TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 31,102	31,102	37,607	37,607	38,910	1,303	3.5%

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.....	68,755	70,938	65,000	76,500	78,795	13,795	21.2%
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL.....	52,153	52,536	53,332	53,316	55,448	2,116	4.0%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	0	772	600	600	600	0	0.0%
HEALTH BENEFITS	16,513	11,951	20,539	19,826	26,507	5,968	29.1%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	9,136	9,354	8,943	9,829	10,153	1,210	13.5%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	886	882	917	940	959	42	4.6%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT.....	108	108	108	108	108	0	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	1,093	1,269	1,187	1,352	1,421	234	19.7%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.....	45	60	59	64	67	8	13.6%
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT.....	750	139	1,200	876	1,200	0	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	648	648	810	810	907	97	12.0%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	626	636	615	675	698	83	13.5%
RENTALS & LEASES/REPAIRS-COPIER.....	7,994	7,994	7,994	7,994	7,994	0	0.0%
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE.....	1,400	1,442	1,600	1,600	1,700	100	6.3%
ADVERTISING.....	800	6,227	1,200	1,200	1,500	300	25.0%
TRAVEL.....	0	0	200	200	300	100	50.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	2,535	2,401	1,185	1,185	1,350	165	13.9%
DUES & FEES	0	610	400	724	400	0	0.0%
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$ 163,442	167,967	165,889	177,799	190,107	24,218	14.6%

FISCAL SERVICES

SUPERVISORY UN SERV	24,201	24,201	28,024	28,024	29,258	1,234	4.4%
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 24,201	24,201	28,024	28,024	29,258	1,234	4.4%

AUDITING SERVICES

AUDIT SERVICES	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%
TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES	\$ 2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%

DESCRIPTION

OPERATION & MAINT.PLANT

	Budget 2005	Actual 2005	Budget 2006	Projected 2006	Budget 2007	Budget 06-07 Incr(Decr)	%
SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE	60,876	63,113	63,929	63,764	66,315	2,386	3.7%
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	4,000	1,640	4,000	4,000	3,000	(1,000)	(25.0%)
HEALTH BENEFITS	18,632	17,680	20,378	20,358	22,394	2,016	9.9%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	4,963	4,799	5,197	5,184	5,303	106	2.0%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	1,047	1,047	1,089	1,089	1,133	44	4.0%
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	72	72	72	72	72	0	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	586	681	681	776	730	49	7.2%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	24	32	33	37	34	1	3.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	324	324	405	405	454	49	12.1%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	317	324	332	332	345	13	3.9%
WATER TESTING & SEWER	2,500	3,620	2,500	3,387	2,500	0	0.0%
DISPOSAL SERVICES	3,000	2,738	3,000	2,300	3,000	0	0.0%
SNOW PLOWING	2,500	3,390	2,500	2,500	2,700	200	8.0%
LAWN CARE SERVICES	900	227	900	900	900	0	0.0%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE & DIU Recommend.	5,000	8,178	5,000	4,358	5,880	880	17.6%
REPAIRS & MAINT-FLOORING	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	(100.0%)
REPAIRS & MNT-TRACTOR	500	251	500	500	1,000	500	100.0%
OTH PURCHASED SVC-Early Educ. & Preschool	3,315	3,315	3,815	3,815	0	(3,815)	(100.0%)
INSURANCE	6,053	5,766	6,645	8,041	8,845	2,200	33.1%
TRAVEL	500	360	450	570	570	120	26.7%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	12,644	12,888	12,000	12,000	12,500	500	4.2%
ELECTRICITY	29,473	28,026	26,973	26,973	28,988	2,015	7.5%
OIL	1,500	3,673	4,000	5,078	5,586	1,586	39.6%
OTHER ENERGY-WOOD CHIPS	5,900	4,893	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0.0%
EQUIPMENT: FLOOR MACHINE - Lease Purchase	0	0	1,600	1,935	2,300	700	43.8%
TOTAL OPERATION & MAINT.PLANT	\$ 164,626	167,037	173,899	176,274	180,449	6,550	3.8%

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV						
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	70,799	70,330	70,799	80,440	84,822	14,023
STUDENT TRANSP SV-FIELD TRIPS	2,376	1,422	2,376	2,376	2,614	238
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	\$ 73,175	71,752	73,175	82,816	87,436	14,261
DEBT SERVICE						
INTEREST-Building.....	13,680	13,680	10,800	8,284	6,058	(4,742)
INTEREST-WOOD CHIP & HEALTH & SAFETY	1,622	1,103	1,107	1,589	1,589	482
INTEREST-COMPUTER LAB	1,393	1,022	1,025	1,025	1,025	0
PRINCIPAL-Building.....	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
PRINCIPAL-WOOD CHIP & HEALTH & SAFETY	15,813	15,813	15,813	15,813	15,813	0
PRINCIPAL-COMPUTER LAB.....	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	0
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 84,118	83,228	80,355	78,321	76,095	(4,260)
FUND TRANSFERS						
FUND TRANSFER-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	(10,000)
FUND TRANSFER-FOOD SVC	4,000	7,212	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS	\$ 4,000	7,212	14,000	14,000	4,000	(10,000)
INSTR.SVC-STUDENT SUP SVC						
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.....	117,526	119,001	146,048	154,564	161,442	15,394
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH	134,140	148,878	155,157	160,871	186,403	31,246
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	3,000	6,570	3,000	6,683	5,000	2,000
HEALTH BENEFITS	38,884	28,423	38,028	34,963	73,679	35,651
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	19,230	20,487	23,047	24,485	26,646	3,599
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	396	396	468	468	504	36
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	2,301	2,725	3,014	3,434	3,687	673
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	96	129	148	162	174	26
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,700	1,721	1,700	1,700	1,700	0
DENTAL BENEFITS	583	583	972	1,033	1,157	185

DESCRIPTON

DESCRIPTION	Budget 2005	Actual 2005	Budget 2006	Projected 2006	Budget 2007	Budget 06-07 Incr(Decr)	%
DISABILITY BENEFITS	1,061	1,028	1,273	1,320	1,473	200	15.7%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS	15,000	23,682	37,000	17,000	0	(37,000)	(100.0%)
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SPED	18,580	18,580	19,943	19,943	20,541	598	3.0%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS	0	0	0	17,000	22,000	22,000	
TUITION-BAIRD	0	0	0	26,701	28,000	28,000	
TRAVEL	0	0	50	50	50	0	0.0%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	3,375	3,769	4,300	4,300	4,375	75	1.7%
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	50	0	50	50	50	0	0.0%
TOTAL INSTR.SVC-STUDENT SUP SVC	\$ 355,922	375,972	434,198	474,727	536,881	102,683	23.6%
EEE & PRESCHOOL							
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	0	0	23,408	22,261	23,117	(291)	(1.2%)
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.	0	0	7,225	7,609	7,913	688	9.5%
HEALTH BENEFITS	0	0	6,911	7,229	7,952	1,041	15.1%
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	0	0	2,344	2,187	2,266	(78)	(3.3%)
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	0	0	36	36	36	0	0.0%
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	0	0	229	323	327	98	42.8%
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	0	0	55	15	15	(40)	(72.7%)
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	0	0	570	570	570	0	0.0%
DENTAL BENEFITS	0	0	231	251	281	50	21.6%
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVIC	18,271	17,191	0	0	0	0	
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	33,467	33,467	9,748	9,748	10,079	331	3.4%
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0	0	1,000	1,000	900	(100)	(10.0%)
TOTAL EEE & PRESCHOOL	\$ 51,738	50,658	51,757	51,229	53,456	1,699	3.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,167,901	2,214,101	2,318,051	2,404,270	2,504,557	186,507	8.05%
PROFIT(LOSS)	\$ 0	(1,945)	0	(51,799)	0	0	

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BUDGET 2007 vs. 2006

	Budget FY06	Budget FY07	Increase	%
Total Salary & Benefit items	\$1,800,766	\$1,970,116	\$169,350	7.31%
Total Non-Salary items	517,285	534,441	17,156	0.74%
Subtotal Expense Change	\$2,318,051	\$2,504,557	\$186,506	8.05%
One Percent of Total Expense Budget	\$23,181	454.65	Est Equalized Pupils-1/1/06	
Cost per Equalized Pupil: Town	\$10,912	184.65	Est Equalized Pupils-1/1/06	
Cost per Equalized Pupil: EMES	\$11,596	\$0	Reduction Needed For Zero Impact For Taxes	
Est. Tax Implication: Both U32 & EMES Spending-A	\$0.00			
Est. Tax Implication: CLA, Tax Rate Reduction-B	\$0.18			
Est. Tax Implication: Combined Total A+B	\$0.18	(\$414,000)	Reduction Needed for Zero Impact For Taxes	
Excess Spending Threshold (State Limit)	\$11,728			
E.M. Amount For Excess Spending Threshold	\$10,148			
Est. Tax Impact of \$20k Cap. Imp. Article 8.....	\$0.01			
Est. Tax Impact of \$100k Cap. Imp. Article 7	\$0.04			

TOWN AUDITORS' NOTE: The East Montpelier School District records and accounts were examined by David H. Angolano, C.P.A., P.C., of Shelburne, Vermont. The full independent audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, is available at the East Montpelier Elementary School, the East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, and the Washington Central Supervisory Union offices. Also available: Copies of the WCSU audit and the U-32 audit.

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 7, 2006 at 9:30* A.M. to act on the following:

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. Will the School District adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,504,557 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, 2006 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 School District create an operational reserve fund under the control of the Board of School Directors, and appropriate thereto the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the School District add \$20,000 to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006.

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006, 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

BILL KAPLAN, *Chair*

BRIAN BISHOP, *Vice Chair*

MATHEW CURTIS, *Clerk*

JANICE ALDRICH

JOE BULEY, JR.

*** 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 Town Meeting portion will be recessed until the conclusion of the School Directors' Meeting. At the conclusion of the School Directors' Meeting, the Town Meeting will be started immediately or after a short break.**

SCHOOL TAX NOTICE

East Montpelier is starting the process of reappraising the real estate across the town to reflect market reality. This work is projected to be completed by 2008. Until the appraisals are closer to the actual market value, the state will continue to impose adjustments, all of which fall on the school side of our tax bill.

REMEMBER, that Act 68 provides significant tax prebates for all qualifying households earning less than \$110,000 a year. Many of these prebate checks go unclaimed each year. If you might qualify, but aren't sure how to file, free help is available at 1-866-828-2865.

U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT

INFORMATIONAL COPY OF 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 7th day of March, 2006 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 7th day of March, 2006 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 7th day of March, 2006 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 7th day of March, 2006 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 7th of March, 2006 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 one (1) year of a three (3) year term.

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

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 \$11,372,654 for the 2006–2007 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, 2006 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)]

ARTICLE 9. Shall U-32 School District borrow a sum not to exceed \$275,000 subject to reduction from available grants-in-aid, to replace a portion of the school roof?

ARTICLE 10. In 2004 the voters authorized the borrowing of \$200,000 to purchase a central office facility to reduce central office administrative costs. Shall the voters approve, as an additional option, authorizing the Board to use these same funds for the renovations of a building?

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 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 1, 2005 TOWN MEETING**

TOWN

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

Moderator – 1 Year	Marty Miller
Selectman, 3 year term	Tom Brazier
Lister, 3 year term	Rosendo Cueto
Auditor, 3 year term	Pauline Coburn
Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term	Mary Anne Cerasoli
Town Law Agent, 1 year term	Dennis Carver
Town Grand Juror, 1 year term	Burr Morse
First Constable, 1 year term	Timothy Meehan
Second Constable, 1 year term	Paul W. Haynes
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term	Marilyn “Lyn” Blackwell
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term	Richmond “Rick” Hopkins
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term	Ken Santor
Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term	Elliott A. Morse
School Director, 3 year term	Janice Aldrich
School Director, 2 year term	Bill Kaplan
U-32 School Director, 3 year term	Susan 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., Tuesday,
November 15, 2005. 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 \$888,402.16, as proposed by the
Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other neces-
sary Town expenses. Passed by Australian Ballot, 498 – 105.

Art. 6: Voted to have Town raise \$111,000 for Capital Reserve Fund. Passed by
Australian Ballot, 420 – 165.

Art. 7: Voted to have Town raise \$15,942 for the support of the Kellogg-Hub-
bard Library. Passed by Australian Ballot, 391 – 213.

Art. 8: Voted to have Town raise a sum not to exceed \$10,000 to add to the ex-
isting Conservation Fund. Passed by Australian Ballot, 399 – 207.

Art. 9: Voted to have Town raise a sum not to exceed \$10,500 towards replac-
ing the heating system in the Templeton Road Station of the East Mont-
pelier Fire Department. Passed by Australian Ballot, 490 – 115.

Art. 10: Voted to have Town raise a sum not to exceed \$3,750 towards body work
on Engine #3 of East Montpelier Fire Department. Passed by voice vote.

- Art. 11: Voted to have 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. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 12: Voted to have Town raise a sum not to exceed \$1,500 for the Four Corner Schoolhouse Association 2005 operating expenses. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 13: Voted to have Town raise \$9,589 recommended by the Funding Request Study Committee for 13 service organizations. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 14: Voted to have Town raise \$2,500.00 for student scholarships and to support student and community participation in the East Montpelier Community Connections Program. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 15: Voted to have Town decide all financial questions of \$25,000.00 or more by Australian Ballot in lieu of the current \$10,000.00 limit. Paper ballot for amended amount of \$17,500.00 was defeated 90–70. Paper ballot for \$25,000.00 passed 115–45.
- Art. 16: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to accept and to spend grant funding received during 2005 without a vote of the Town. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 17: Voted to 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) under Title 32 Section 3840. Defeated by voice vote.

Town Meeting was recessed at 12:10 p.m. for potluck lunch. Town Meeting resumed at 3:35 p.m. after the School District Meeting.

- Art. 18: Voted to change the Town's fiscal year from January to July, which includes one 18 month tax cycle (with two payments) and voted to pay its real and personal property taxes to the Town Treasurer as amended:
- 1) On November 15, 2005 (Fiscal Year Jan. 2005 through Dec. 2005).
 - 2) 18 month cycle: On Nov. 15, 2006 (Fiscal Year Jan. 2006–Dec. 2006) and on April 1st, 2007 (Fiscal Year Jan. 2007 through June 2007).
 - 3) 12 month fiscal year beginning July 2007: On Nov. 15, 2007 payment of taxes for July 1 through Dec. 31, 2007; On April 1, 2008 for Jan. 1 through June 30, 2008, and continue thereafter with two (2) tax payments each year. All payments to be made on the date due and shall be received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building before 5 p.m.
- Art. 19: Other business: Voted by voice vote to approve resolution to support work for the creation of a universal health care system.
- Art. 20: Voted to approve the resolution concerning the war in Iraq and the deployment of members of the Vermont National Guard in that war. Passed by Paper Ballot, 58 – 20 with 1 abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. and recessed until after lunch.

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

Art . 2: Voted and elected School Directors for EMES (by Australian Ballot):

School Director – 2 Years	Bill Kaplan
School Director – 3 Years	Janice Aldrich
U-32 Director – 3 Years	Susan Chickering

Art. 3: Heard the reports of the Town School Directors under Article 4.

Art. 4: Voted to adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,308,051.00 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, 2005 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 School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of receipt of revenues for the school year. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 7: Voted to create a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005. Passed by Voter Card votes, 64 – 25.

Art. 8: Other business: Resolved that the Washington Central Supervisory Union budget not be finalized until after Town Meeting vote on the local school budget. Passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned
at 3:35 p.m.

*Peck School,
1905*



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 are interested in getting involved, please fill out and return this form to **Town Administrator, Town Office, PO Box 157, East Montpelier, VT 05651** or call the Town Office at 223-3313.

Name _____

Address _____
Street Town Zip

Present Employer _____

Address _____
Street Town Zip

Phone _____
Home Work

- Interest in serving on:**
- ☐ Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - ☐ Conservation Fund Advisory Committee
 - ☐ Forest Committee
 - ☐ Funding Request Study Committee
 - ☐ Rally Day Committee
 - ☐ Recreation Board
 - ☐ State Police Community Advisory Board
 - ☐ Fire Department Facilities Steering Committee
 - ☐ Wastewater Advisory Committee
 - ☐ 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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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 3 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:

Late fees
after 4/1

1. Neutered or spayed dogs or wolf-hybrids	\$4.00	\$6.00
Plus a \$1 fee for State Rabies Program	1.00	1.00
Plus a \$2 fee for State Spay/Neuter Program	2.00	2.00
Total	\$7.00	\$9.00
2. All unneutered dogs or wolf-hybrids	\$8.00	\$12.00
Plus a \$1 fee for State Rabies Program	1.00	1.00
Plus a \$2 fee for State Spay/Neuter Program	2.00	2.00
Total	\$11.00	\$15.00

Spaying or neutering certificates from veterinarian must be exhibited.

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

A current rabies vaccination means that:

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

RABIES CLINIC

Thurs., March 9, 2006

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at

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

2005: Town Issued 510 Dog Tags

These licenses generated \$3,894.

The Town realized \$2,560 as \$442 was sent to the VT Rabies Program and \$892 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

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