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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.

Edie Miller Selectboard
Rosie Cueto Lister (*see pg.4*)
Paulie Coburn Town Auditor
Tim Meehan First Constable
Burr Morse Town Grand Juror
Bill Kaplan EMES School Director
Matt Curtis EMES School Director
Mike Garand Road Foreman
Lisa Rice Town Administrator
Patrick Biggam Zoning Board of Adjustment
Sandy Conti Zoning Board of Adjustment
Denise Brown Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer
Sherry Culver Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer
Lynn Commo Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer
Chris Grimard Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Rep.
Ann Kroll Central VT State Police Community Advisory Board
Stephen Kroll Central VT State Police Community Advisory Board



Terry Allen

Edie Miller and Mike Garand at the Town Garage barbecue, June 1, 2007

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM

SATURDAY, March 1, 2008

9:30 A.M. at the East Montpelier Elementary School

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public Hearing and Informational Meeting concerning Australian Ballot Articles and other Warned Articles for the **March 4, 2008, 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 will be first on the Agenda at the Forum, as well as at Town Meeting, followed by the Town.

NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Town/School Meeting — Tuesday, March 4, 2008

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 H. DWORKIN
SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR for 1 year	MICHAEL H. DWORKIN
*SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 3 years	TOM BRAZIER
(Vote for One)	ROB CHICKERING
*SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 2 years	DUANE WELLS
*SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 1 year	REAL OUMET
(Vote for One)	DONALD WELCH
LISTER for 3 years	NO CANDIDATE
AUDITOR for 3 years	PUTNAM CLAYTON
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS for 3 years	NO CANDIDATE
TOWN LAW AGENT for 1 year	DENNIS CARVER
TOWN GRAND JUROR for 1 year	NO CANDIDATE
FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year	SANDY F. CONTI
SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year	PAUL HAYNES
PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years	SETH B. GARDNER
(Vote for not more than Three)	RICHMOND "RICK" HOPKINS
	THOMAS K. PIERCE
	KENNETH SANTOR
	GENE TROIA
PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 1 yr. of a 3 yr. term	JEAN VISSERING
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER for 5 years	FREDERICK STRONG
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES for 1 year	LENA P. BRAZIER
(Vote for not more than One)	LYNN "PEACHES" COMMO
	KAREN (McCARTHY) GRAMER
EM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years	JANICE ALDRICH
EM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 2 years	TREVOR LEWIS
U-32 SCHOOL DIRECTOR for 3 years	NO CANDIDATE

*To fill out the expanded five-person Selectboard that we voted at the 2007 Town Meeting (Article 14), we will elect three Selectboard members this year. The usual three-year term seat will be elected, and in addition, two new positions will be elected for a one-year and a two-year term. Both new positions will evolve into two-year terms starting next year. In 2009 and every year thereafter, voters will elect two Selectboard members – one for a three-year term and one for a two-year term.

ROSIE CUETO

September 7, 1920–December 23, 2007

Rosendo “Rosie” Cueto Jr. lived a long life full of many accomplishments. His belief in service to community was unsurpassed, and he worked on many town committees. He represented East Montpelier in the creation of U-32 Junior/Senior High School and was a member of the first U-32 School Board.

He served on the Selectboard and was a Town Lister since 1987. His familiar voice will be missed at our annual Town Meeting.

Rosie accepts East Montpelier’s
“Citizen of the Year” honors at
Rally Day, September 8, 2007,
from Parade Marshall Dave Coburn.



Rick Maselli

Hugs all around at a birthday celebration
for Rosie, as Sylvia Tosi looks on.



Jeb Wallace-Brouleur/Times Argus

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

Town Moderator: 1 year term; Expires 2008 Michael Dworkin

School District Moderator: 1 year term; Expires 2008 Michael Dworkin

Town Clerk: 3 years; Expires 2009 Teresa “Terri” Conti

Town Treasurer: 3 years; Expires 2009 Teresa “Terri” Conti

Selectboard: 3 years

Expires 2008 Thomas Brazier

Expires 2009 Stephen Jerome

Expires 2010 Tracy M. Phillips

Listers: 3 years

Expires 2008 (*resigned*) Rosendo Cueto, Jr.

Expires 2009 Ross Hazel

Expires 2010 Earl Montague

Auditors: 3 years

Expires 2008 (*resigned*) Pauline Coburn

Expires 2009 Don Welch

Expires 2010 Deborah Fillion

Trustees of Public Funds: 3 years

Expires 2008 Mary Anne Cerasoli

Expires 2009 Teresa “Terri” Conti

Expires 2010 Sylvia Tosi

First Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2008 Sandy F. Conti

Second Constable: 1 year term; Expires 2008 Paul Haynes

Town Law Agent: 1 year term; Expires 2008 Dennis Carver

Town Grand Juror: 1 year term; Expires 2008 None

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: 1 year term; Expires 2008 Robyn L.D. Hall

Elementary School Directors:

Expires 2008; 3 years Janice Aldrich

Expires 2008; 2 years Marlene Betit

Expires 2009; 3 years Julie Rochat

Expires 2009; 2 years John J. Audy, Jr.

Expires 2010; 3 years Andrea “Andi” Colnes

U-32 School Directors: 3 years

Expires 2008 Sue Chickering

Expires 2010 Virginia “Ginny” Burley

Planning Commission: 3 years

Expires 2008 Marilyn “Lyn” Blackwell

Expires 2008 Richmond “Rick” Hopkins

Expires 2008 Kenneth Santor

Expires 2008 (*appointed to replace Tracy Phillips*) Tim Carver

Expires 2009 Mark Lane

Expires 2009 John “Jack” Pauly

Expires 2010 Kim Watson

Expires 2010 Robert Chickering

Expires 2010 Carol Welch

Cemetery Commissioners: 5 years

Expires 2008	Frederick C. Strong
Expires 2009	Gary Hudson
Expires 2010	Elliott Morse
Expires 2011	Maurice Cerutti
Expires 2012	Pauline Coburn

Justices of the Peace: 2 years; 2/2007–2/2009

Janice Aldrich	Rob Chickering	Sue Clayton
Ruth Farnham	David Grundy	Peter R. Hill
Sally S. Longhi	Florence C. Morse	Rebecca Reed
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. 2008)	Terri Conti
Assistant Town Clerks	Sheldon Codling; Paulie Coburn
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer	Sylvia Tosi
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer (<i>resigned Nov. 2007</i>)	Lynn Commo
Finance Director/Town Administrator	Robyn Hall
Town Administrator (<i>resigned Oct. 2007</i>)	Lisa Rice
Road Foreman (<i>resigned May 2007</i>)	Mike Garand
Town Attorney	Bruce Bjornlund
Zoning Administrator (3 years; 2009)	C. Bruce Johnson
Acting Zoning Administrator	Rob Chickering
Sewage Officer (<i>through July 1, 2007</i>)	Carl Etnier
Town Health Officer (3 years; 2008)	Burr Morse
Town Service Officer (1 year; 2008)	Susan Kittredge
Animal Control Officer (1 year; 2008)	Sandy Conti
Assistant Animal Control Officer (1 year; 2008)	Elliott Morse
Pound Keeper (1 year; 2008)	Sandy Conti
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; 2008)	Bill George
Town Tree Warden (1 year; 2008)	Paul Cate
Regional Planning, Town Representative (1 year; 2008)	Tim Carver
Alternate (1 year; 2008)	Tracy Phillips
Transportation Advisory Committee Rep (1 year; 2008)	Frank Pratt
Central Vermont Transit Authority Board Rep. (3 years; 2009)	David Grundy
Solid Waste District Representative (1 year; 2008)	Ginny Callan
Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Rep. (3 years; 2009)	Lisa Rice
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc. Rep. (1 year; 2008)	Tracy Phillips
Green Up Coordinator (1 year; 2008)	Bill Merrylees

Fence Viewers (1 year; 2008) Marcia Pauly; Mark Lane
 Inspector of Coal, Wood and Shingles (1 year; 2008) Austin Cleaves
 E.M. Fire Department Facilities Committee Representative..... Don Welch

State Police Community Advisory Board: 1 year; expires 2008

Don Welch Carol Welch

Forest Committee: 3 years

Rick Barstow (2008) Chris Grimard (2008) Mark Lane (2008)
 Harry “Burr” Morse, Jr. (2009) Steven J. Sinclair (2009)
 Paul Cate, *Chair* (2010) Earle Ellingwood (2010)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3 years

Sandy Conti (*resigned*) Steven Kappel (2008) Jane Grinde (2008)
 Rich Curtis, *Chair* (2009) Mark Lane (2009) Patrick Biggam (*resigned*)
 Jeff Cueto (2010) Clifton King (2010) Wm. Gray Ricker, IV (2010)

Recreation Board: 3 years

Jan Aldrich (2008) Tim Bigelow (2008) Ed Deegan (2009)
 Terri Conti, *Co-Chair* (2009) Patrick McCoy, *Co-Chair* (2009)
 Dave Burley (2010) CJ Flynn (2010) Kevin McCollister (2010)
 Active members: Johnna Bond, Beth Ann Porter

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee: 3 years

Susan Chickering, *Chair* (2008) Brian Lusignan (2008)
 Arlene Goodrich (2009) Charles Johnson (2009)
 Dennis Carver (2010) Austin Cleaves (2010) Michael Dworkin (2010)

Funding Request Study Committee: 1 year; Expires 2008

Lyn Blackwell, *Chair* Rhoda Chickering Lindy Johnson
 Allen Ploof Frank Pratt Anne V. Sherman Sylvia Tosi

Rally Day Committee: 1 year; Expires 2008

Matthew Curtis, *Chair* Janice Waterman, *Treasurer*
 Barbara Brown Peter Burroughs Deborah Fillion Darlene Grundy
 Hobie Guion Bill Jordan Colin McCaffrey Bill Merrylees
 Sally Longhi Sylvia Tosi Erica Zimmerman

Wastewater Advisory Committee: No term set

Bob Morey, *Chair* Jeff Biron Richard Czaplinski Laura Brown
 Tim Carver Erik Esselstyn Carl Etnier Rick Hopkins
 Stephen Miracle Cherie Staples

Municipal Building Committee: No term set

Terri Conti Michelle McFadden Paulie Coburn Tony Klein
 Rosie Cueto (*dec.*) Frank Pratt Robyn Hall Steve Jerome
 Cliff King Tom Brazier Ann Sherman Tracy Phillips

Policy and Procedures Committee: No term set

Edie Miller Casey Northrup Tracy Phillips Tina Feeney
 Tom Brazier Steve Jerome Robyn Hall

Ancient Roads Committee: No term set

Bruce Bjorland Bruce Johnson Steve Jerome Tom Brazier
 Mike Garand Rosie Cueto (*dec.*) Lyn Blackwell Lisa Rice (*resigned*)
 Nona Estrin Sandy Woodbeck Dave Hudson Paulie Coburn
 Dave Coburn Marty Miller Karen Gramer

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 4th, 2008

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in said Town, on Tuesday, the fourth (4th) day of March, 2008 at 9:30 AM to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on those Articles so noted:

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

Town Moderator, 1 year term

School District Moderator, 1 year term

Selectboard Member, 3 year term

Selectboard Member, 2 year term

Selectboard Member, 1 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

Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year term

Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

Planning Commissioner, 3 year term

Planning Commissioner, 1 year of 3 year term

EM Elementary School Director, 3 year term

EM Elementary School Director, 2 year term

U-32 School Director, 3 year term

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 929,953.63 as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

- ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise \$130,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to:
- 1) Expend an amount not to exceed \$65,000 from the existing Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment of the lease to purchase of two International 10-wheel dump trucks with equipment.
 - 2) Expend an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from the existing Capital Reserve Fund towards the paving project on Towne Hill Road. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$31,054 for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$6,667 for the East Montpelier Fire Department in order to paint the exterior and roof of the East Montpelier Fire Station 1 on Templeton Road. The appropriation will only be made if it is approved in both Calais and East Montpelier.
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$3,000 to be loaned to the Town's Historical Society toward the reprinting of the town history, *Across the Onion*. The loan will be repaid through the sale of the book.
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$10,900 to be expended by the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during 2009 fiscal year.
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$3,000 for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association operating expenses for fiscal year 2009.
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2009 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Monday, November 17, 2008 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Friday, May 15, 2009.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations for fiscal year 2009.

a) Battered Women's Services and Shelter.....	\$ 675
b) Central Vermont Community Action Council.....	400
c) Central Vermont Council on Aging.....	1,500
d) Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	3,000
e) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	250
f) Community Connections	2,500
g) Family Center of Washington County.....	400
h) Green Mountain Transit.....	1,200
i) Green-up Vermont.....	100
j) Montpelier Senior Center	250
k) Onion River Food Shelf	250
l) People's Health and Wellness Clinic.....	950
m) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program.....	275
n) Sexual Assault Crisis Team.....	200
o) Twin Valley Senior Center.....	500
p) U-32 Project Graduation	200
q) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired ...	100
r) Vermont Cares.....	150
s) Vermont Center for Independent Living	200
t) Washington County Diversion Program	350
u) Washington County Youth Service Bureau.....	400

Total: \$13,850

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept and to spend grant funding received during the fiscal year 2009 without a vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town declare a temporary prohibition on any person, partnership, corporation or syndicate withdrawing water from the Town in any amount exceeding 10,000 gallons per day. The purpose of such temporary prohibition shall be to allow the citizens of the Town adequate time to gather information regarding the impact of such withdrawals on the citizens and natural resources of the Town. The prohibition shall stay in effect until March 31, 2011. "Withdrawing water" shall include, but not be limited to, collection, extraction, piping, transport or sale of groundwater, surface water or spring water from the Town and its movement outside the Town. Such moratorium shall not

apply to lawful withdrawals of water that were occurring on a regular basis during the twelve months preceding passage of this resolution. The prohibition is not intended to apply to use of water within the Town, including traditional agricultural uses such as propagation and growth of trees, fruits or vegetables, and care of livestock. (Petitioned Article.)

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

**EAST MONTPELIER TOWN/SCHOOL FORUM
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Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 28th day of January, 2008.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

THOMAS BRAZIER, *Chair*

STEPHEN JEROME

TRACY PHILLIPS

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, 29th day of January A.D. 2008 at 9:30 AM received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: Teresa E. Conti, Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD REPORT

During the 2007 calendar year we were faced with a number of complicated and controversial issues. The town ended its six-month transition budget on June 30, 2007. The consolidation and restructuring of accounts within the General Ledger was completed during the six-month transition year. We appreciate the time and efforts the Town Treasurer and the elected Auditors spent on this project.

We continue to be concerned about the increasing number of failed or partially failed wastewater systems in the village areas near the ponds and rivers. We know it is just a matter of time before the Town is notified by the State of Vermont to attain an environmentally sound plan to address this matter or be subject to fines. In efforts to be proactive we have appointed a group of interested citizens along with our former Sewage Officers to serve on a Wastewater Committee to try to determine the possible areas where sewage problems exist within both East Montpelier and North Montpelier villages. After they determine the service area, we will work towards solutions to mitigate those problem areas.

The Wastewater Committee applied for and received a grant through the State of Vermont to hire an engineering firm to work with the committee. We were presented with the results of the engineering study conducted over the past year by the firm Forcier, Aldrich and Associates, Inc. The engineers found several areas in each village that could serve as areas to mitigate systems that have failed or have the potential to fail. These proposed areas would be set up as community sewage disposal areas if the landowners would sell the property for that propose. The study did not take into account growth within the village areas and the costs were estimated to be between \$9.5 and \$13.5 million dollars at today's cost. This solution, as far as the Selectboard was concerned, was cost prohibitive. We therefore retained Forcier, Aldrich and Associates to study the feasibility and cost associated with connecting to either Montpelier's or Plainfield's facilities. We hope to have sound cost estimates on this option by this spring.

We are happy to report that renovations to the Town Garage have been completed within budget. The building has been rebuilt one section at a time. It has a new roof, roof rafters, siding, insulation, wiring, windows, concrete floor with radiant heat, and a new furnace. This project was done for a fraction of what it would have cost to build a new facility. Special thanks to Frank Pratt who was the Volunteer Project Coordinator. Frank and his wife Ann painted and stained the entire building. We would also like to extend appreciation to Stanley St. John who supervised the concrete work, to Mike Garand and all the members of our road crew who worked with the Contractor Sterry Leno as needed throughout the project. In addition we would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions toward this project: Carroll Concrete, Allen Lumber, East Montpelier Home Center, Lamberton Electric, and Somers Hardware.

The Selectboard was sorry that our long-time road foreman Mike Garand accepted a job as Road Superintendent for the City of Montpelier. However, we wish Mike well in his new endeavors. The good news is we are very fortunate

to have a crew that combined has over 50 years of road maintenance and construction experience. We welcome our newest employee Bruce Campbell. Bruce joined our road department in December. He brings years of road construction and maintenance experience. We welcome back to the Road Department Tony Williams and Ken Lorden who each had previously worked for the town for 12 years. We have promoted long-time employees Frank Campbell and Tony Williams to manage the Road Department. This team approach to management has worked very well over the past eight months.

The major road project completed this year was the East Montpelier section of Muddy Brook Road. We applied for and received two grants for this project. The first one was to reconstruct the road base, install stoned lined ditches to take care of the drainage issues that had always plagued that section of road, reset the existing guardrails and installed used guardrails where needed. The second grant was to complete paving from Route 2 to the Barre Town line. Our Road Department did a great job; despite the numerous problems which they encountered. We have received a number of compliments about this project.

On November 18, 2007, we received a draft of proposed new zoning regulations from the Planning Commission. The Selectboard is in the process of reviewing these and has forwarded a copy to the Town Attorney for review to ensure they follow the state's statutes and constitution. After thorough review, a process for modification will be established, if necessary. If significant changes are warranted we can return the proposed regulations to the Planning Commission. It is important that a thorough review of these new regulations take place to avoid considerable costs associated with litigation on future challenges. We will conduct at least one hearing for public feedback. The Selectboard would then like to have these new Zoning Regulations voted on by the townspeople by Australian ballot.

The Selectboard has been asked why the operations of the Town Office were disrupted for a few days in late November 2007. The closing of the front office with access by appointment was precipitated by the Town Selectboard members carrying out their fiduciary responsibilities to protect the interest of taxpayers, town officials, and town employees. We took action as a result of the advice we received from our town attorney and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. This advice also included the most appropriate state agency to contact. That state agency was notified and they concurred with our plan of action.

We believe the process is being handled professionally, impartially, and with the best interest of the town's taxpayers. Once the inquiry is finished, the outcome will be disclosed to the public. The Selectboard is hopeful that the inquiry will be finished before Town Meeting so we can provide the East Montpelier Townspeople with the appropriate information at that time.

We would like to thank Lisa Rice for her service to the town in her role as Town Administrator and wish her luck in her new endeavors. We are pleased to announce Robyn Hall has accepted the Town Administrator position. The Selectboard has changed the process of how the Town's funds are received and ac-

counted for through the purchase of additional NEMRC software and as a result we have also appointed Robyn Hall as the Finance Director. This change resulted in Robyn’s weekly hours increasing from 26 hours per week to 40 hours per week for a combined full-time position. The East Montpelier Office Process was implemented December 14, 2007. This document provides for the processes necessary to create the system of checks and balances that the law requires.

The Selectboard has been getting things ready for the reappraisal that will be starting in March 2008. In accordance with the contract, a new computer workstation has been added in the Lister’s area of the town office with the appraisal software installed and ready to use.

We have four state and federal road and bridge projects planned within East Montpelier. The bridges are getting worse by the day. Despite the fact that we have spent hours working with state officials to get these projects completed, the projects continue to be political footballs — they keep getting kicked back. We just heard several of the bridge projects have been pushed out to 2013! This is a serious public safety issue that causes us great concern. We will continue to aggressively advocate for a more responsible timeline for completion of these projects.

We were deeply saddened by the death of long-time Town Official Rosie Cueto. East Montpelier was very lucky to have had Rosie acting on its behalf for so many years. Rosie was a fixture in the Town Office for many years. His presence is sorely missed.

TOM BRAZIER, *Chair*
STEVE JEROME
TRACY PHILLIPS



CHARITABLE FOOD SYSTEM

The charitable food system (also called emergency food) consists of food pantries, food shelves, and community meal programs or soup kitchens that provide groceries and/or meals free of charge or for a nominal donation.

East Montpelier residents are welcome at these food shelves/pantries:

- Central Vermont Community Action, Barre
- Christ Church Food Pantry, Montpelier
- Montpelier Food Pantry
- Onion River Food Shelf, Marshfield
- Salvation Army, Barre

... and Community meal sites:

- Christ Church, Montpelier
- Unitarian Church of Montpelier
- St. Augustine Parish, Montpelier
- Bethany United Church of Christ, Montpelier
- Trinity United Methodist Church, Montpelier

• Call: 2-1-1 (hotline)

- For a county-wide food pantry list, call: The Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger at **802-865-0255**
- **Senior Meals Information**, call: Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) at **1-800-642-5119**

CASH FUND BALANCE RECONCILIATION

Actual Revenues & Expenses:	2006	FY07
Beginning Balance	23,235.42	176,793.61 *
Total Revenues	1,494,042.49	519,512.20
Total Expenses	(1,340,484.30)	(550,965.50)
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 176,793.61</u>	<u>\$ 145,340.31 **</u>

June 30, Assets:	2006	FY07
Cash Drawer	125.00	125.00
Minimum Balance for Sweep Account ..	27,000.00	27,000.00
Money Market Sweep Account	336,503.35	122,596.50
Total Cash Assets	<u>\$ 363,628.35</u>	<u>\$ 149,721.50</u>

Cash/Fund Balance Reconciliation:	2006	FY07
Total Cash	363,628.35	149,721.50
Less Taxes Owed to School	(195,663.32)	0.00
Transfer into & out of Special Accounts		
Capital Reserve Fund		(8,700.00)
Cemetery Fund	(6.47)	1,134.32
Special Bridge & Culvert Fund	(177.39)	(1.62)
Town Forest Fund	1.13	1.13
Carlton Smith Recreation Fund	175.77	
Sandy Pines Comm. Dev. Fund	9,269.70	9,622.58
EMSLI		(12,749.77)
Delinquent Taxes		6,609.00
Hunting and Fishing License	(39.50)	(27.50)
Rabies Fees		(56.00)
Spay/Neuter Fee		(174.00)
Employee Benefits	(394.66)	(85.62)
School Share/taxes		46.29
Reconciled Cash Surplus	<u>\$ 176,793.61</u>	<u>\$ 145,340.31</u>

Breakdown of Reconciled Cash Surplus:

Cash Drawer	125.00
Minimum Balance for Sweep Account ..	27,000.00
Taxes Paid in Advance	23,478.75 ***
Available Cash on Hand	94,736.56 ***
	<u>\$ 145,340.31</u>

The Town reports its financial transactions on a modified cash basis.

* Beginning Balance includes \$108,785.49 taxes for FY07 that was collected in advance.

** The actual cash balance (\$145,349.49) exceeds the general ledger cash balance by \$9.18

*** The sum of the Taxes Paid in Advance and Available Cash on Hand (\$118,215.31) is carried forward to page 16 Available Cash on Hand as follows:
\$36,405.27 to FY08 Projected and \$81,810.04 to Proposed FY09

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER REVENUES

CASH & RECEIPTS	Budget FY07 (1/1-6/30/07)	Actual FY07 (1/1-6/30/07)	Over (Under) FY07	As Voted FY08 Budget (7/1/07-6/30/08)	Proposed FY09 (7/1/08-6/30/09)
AVAILABLE CASH ON HAND:		\$149,668.61		36,405.27	81,810.00
NON-TAX RECEIPTS:					
Recording/copy fees	\$ 9,000.00	10,588.00	1,588.00	18,000.00	20,000.00
Vault fees	2,000.00	2,348.72	348.72	4,000.00	5,000.00
Zoning fees	3,000.00	3,720.00	720.00	6,000.00	7,000.00
Sewage fees	1,200.00	1,300.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Dog licenses	2,000.00	2,535.00	535.00	2,600.00	2,500.00
Liquor licenses	100.00	50.00	(50.00)	100.00	150.00
Late H131 filer fees	0.00	61.60	61.60	0.00	0.00
Education retention fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
School Share town expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
State aid highways	60,000.00	62,801.94	2,801.94	125,000.00	125,246.47
Miscellaneous income	500.00	949.03	449.03	500.00	500.00
Interest/sweep account	500.00	7,009.21	6,509.21	10,000.00	20,000.00
Interest on delinquent taxes	3,000.00	5,458.49	2,458.49	6,000.00	10,500.00
Penalty on delinquent taxes	5,000.00	8,038.99	3,038.99	10,000.00	12,000.00
Current use hold harmless	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,000.00	75,051.00
Lister's Grant Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Traffic fines	10,000.00	6,594.50	(3,405.50)	11,000.00	12,000.00
State PILOT program/Land access	0.00	87.00	87.00	2,700.00	3,800.00
Green Up	250.00	238.00	(12.00)	225.00	225.00
Ancient Road Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Center Road Project Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	85,500.00	0.00
Vtrans Grant for Muddy Brook Rd paving	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,216.00	0.00
Waste water study reimbursement	5,000.00	8,175.41	3,175.41	0.00	0.00
Reimbursement '06 basement flood	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Mont. Senior Living (EMSLI) Grants (2) ..	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,000.00	0.00

Center Road Structures Grant 2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	93,500.00
Reappraisal Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	109,794.90
Paving Grant Towne Hill Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	110,000.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TAX RECEIPTS	\$ 101,550.00	119,955.89	18,405.89	619,767.37
TAXES:				
Current Taxes:				
Selectboard Budget.....	405,041.19	0.00	0.00	929,953.63
Other Money Articles	3,950.00	0.00	0.00	198,471.00
Total Current Taxes	\$ 408,991.19	293,271.60	1,252,498.97	1,128,424.63
Delinquent Taxes:				
Current Year	N/A	49,992.71	0.00	0.00
Prior Years	N/A	56,292.00	0.00	0.00
Total Delinquent Taxes:	N/A	106,284.71		
TOTAL TAXES	\$ 408,991.19	399,556.31	(9,434.88)	1,128,424.63
GRAND TOTAL CASH & RECEIPTS	\$ 510,541.19	669,180.81	158,639.62	1,830,002.00
TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY	2005	2006	FY07:	FY09:
Selectboard w/o Articles.....	\$1,279,851.65	1,346,079.42	1/07-6/07	7/08-6/09
Less: Cash on Hand.....	146,404.49	23,235.42	506,591.19	1,631,531.00
Subtotal	1,133,447.16	1,322,844.00	0.00	81,810.00
Less: Proposed Non-Tax Receipts.....	245,045.00	346,170.00	506,591.19	1,549,721.00
Municipal Proposed for Tax w/o Articles.....	888,402.16	976,674.00	101,550.00	619,767.37
Plus articles.....	171,781.00	149,837.00	405,041.19	929,953.63
Total Town Current Taxes	\$1,060,183.16	1,126,511.00	3,950.00	198,471.00
			408,991.19	1,128,424.63

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER BUDGET

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES:

Town Officers:

Assistant Town Clerk and/or Treasurer	\$ 11,900.00				
Assistant Town Clerk II	2,500.00	9,398.44	2,501.56	23,660.00	14,976.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	5,000.00	4,183.53	(1,683.53)	5,382.00	0.00
Health Officer	0.00	14,628.63	(9,628.63)	13,000.00	12,000.00
Municipal Administrative Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	1,000.00
Selectboard	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,520.00
Sewage Officer	1,150.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	3,750.00
Town Administrator / Finance Director	13,500.00	0.00	1,150.00	1,500.00	0.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	19,000.00	13,543.79	(43.79)	28,392.00	45,428.00
		16,820.00	2,180.00	35,360.00	36,774.00

Total Town Officers

53,050.00

58,574.39

(5,524.39)

110,294.00

127,448.00

Employee Benefits/Insurances

Health Insurance	30,000.00	21,051.48	8,948.52	48,000.00	51,007.22
Long Term Disability	600.00	564.18	35.82	1,178.64	1,593.00
Municipal Retirement	6,646.00	6,280.45	365.55	13,088.50	14,460.70
Social Security/Medicare	11,000.00	12,813.82	(1,813.82)	25,136.83	25,859.91
Supplemental Accident Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Town Liability Insurance	0.00	1,473.00	(1,473.00)	5,892.00	4,915.00
Unemployment	0.00	931.00	(931.00)	1,641.00	2,886.00
Workers Compensation	0.00	10,200.83	(10,200.83)	28,692.00	17,826.00

Total Employee Benefits/Insurances

48,246.00

53,314.76

(5,068.76)

126,128.97

118,547.83

Law Enforcement Expenses:

Community Advisory Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Constable/Animal Control	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
E-911 Dispatch	2,338.50	2,292.50	46.00	4,800.00	5,000.00
Vermont State Police	10,600.00	10,369.09	230.91	23,000.00	23,261.00

Total Law Enforcement

12,938.50

12,661.59

276.91

29,900.00

30,361.00

Town Meeting & Elections:				
Ballot Clerks/Election Workers	400.00	430.62	(30.62)	400.00
Election Equipment	1,250.00	1,757.68	(507.68)	1,250.00
Town Report Printing and Mailing	3,320.00	4,706.32	(1,386.32)	4,000.00
Total Town Meeting & Elections	4,970.00	6,894.62	(1,924.62)	5,650.00
Accounting & Legal Fees				
Additional Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Contracted Bookkeeping Services	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00	0.00
External Audit	8,000.00	7,200.00	800.00	8,000.00
Internal Audit (Town Auditors)	2,916.00	4,272.00	(1,356.00)	4,000.00
Legal Fees	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Total Accounting & Legal Fees	21,916.00	11,472.00	10,444.00	16,000.00
Municipal Building				
Custodial	1,100.00	861.00	239.00	2,200.00
Electricity	800.00	1,033.15	(233.15)	1,800.00
General Expenses	1,100.00	151.65	948.35	800.00
Ground Maintenance/Landscaping	200.00	56.97	143.03	800.00
Heating Fuel	1,250.00	1,891.32	(641.32)	4,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance	5,500.00	509.12	4,990.88	16,700.00
Rubbish/Recycling	250.00	185.23	64.77	500.00
Security	0.00	1,815.00	(1,815.00)	250.00
Telephone	1,200.00	3,394.08	(2,194.08)	2,500.00
Water (Crystal Springs)	450.00	384.25	65.75	800.00
Total Municipal Building	11,850.00	10,281.77	1,568.23	30,350.00
Municipal Operations				
Advertising	1,500.00	2,373.22	(873.22)	1,400.00
Copier Lease	825.00	1,291.80	(466.80)	2,400.00
Equipment Purchases (over \$200)	500.00	0.00	500.00	1,200.00
Gifts/Special Occasions	0.00	335.70	(335.70)	500.00
Mileage/Travel Expense	175.00	1,201.22	(1,026.22)	1,200.00
Off Premise Record Storage	0.00	736.71	(736.71)	924.00
				1,000.00
				25,448.70

EXPENDITURES	Budget FY07	Actual FY07	Under (Over)	As Voted FY08 Budget	Proposed FY09 Budget
Office Supplies	3,700.00	2,541.99	1,158.01	7,000.00	4,000.00
Postage	2,000.00	1,924.94	75.06	3,000.00	2,800.00
Printing	0.00	177.80	(177.80)	800.00	800.00
Property and Casualty Insurance	0.00	5,853.50	(5,853.50)	23,414.00	14,964.00
Restoration/Preservation	750.00	0.00	750.00	4,000.00	3,940.00
Street Lights	2,200.00	2,044.99	155.01	3,900.00	4,128.00
Subscriptions/Memberships	0.00	210.50	(210.50)	700.00	300.00
Town Record Maintenance/Vault Expenses	0.00	424.90	(424.90)	1,600.00	10,000.00
Total Municipal Operations	11,650.00	19,117.27	(7,467.27)	52,038.00	49,816.00
Loans and Interest					
Equipment Loan Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
'97 Paving Bond (<i>moved from Special Projects</i>)..	0.00	2,182.50	(2,182.50)	92,183.00	0.00
Tax Anticipation Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
4200 Internat'l Dump Truck Loan			0.00		8,800.00
Truck Leases (2) – 10 Wheel Dump			0.00		45,759.88
Total Loans & Interest	0.00	2,182.50	(2,182.50)	102,183.00	54,559.88
Computers/Office					
Equipment/Hardware Purchases	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	800.00
General Services/Maintenance	2,000.00	1,624.06	375.94	4,000.00	4,000.00
Software	2,050.00	0.00	2,050.00	1,500.00	2,200.00
Total Computer	4,550.00	1,624.06	2,925.94	6,000.00	7,000.00
Planning and Zoning					
Advertising & Media	550.00	623.80	(73.80)	1,000.00	1,200.00
Maps and Supplies	0.00	219.00	(219.00)	0.00	200.00
Mileage	200.00	339.84	(139.84)	500.00	1,000.00
Planning Commission Recording Secretary	0.00	452.50	(452.50)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Postage	160.00	0.00	160.00	300.00	300.00
Zoning Administrator Payroll	6,760.00	7,635.63	(875.63)	21,216.00	22,064.00

Zoning Board of Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total Planning & Zoning	7,670.00	9,270.77	(1,600.77)	24,716.00
Listers				
Listers Payroll	10,000.00	6,996.00	3,004.00	15,000.00
Lister Administrative Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage and Supplies	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00	2,500.00
Re-Appraisal / Appeals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Services	750.00	0.00	750.00	1,000.00
Tax Appeals/Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Tax Map Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
Total Lister Expenses	12,100.00	6,996.00	5,104.00	20,650.00
Education & Training				
Highway Personnel (4)	520.00	150.00	370.00	500.00
Listers	0.00	0.00	0.00	595.00
Other Town Officers	0.00	35.00	(35.00)	200.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	85.00	215.00	150.00
Town Administrator/Selectboard	0.00	335.00	(335.00)	400.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	500.00	285.00	215.00	150.00
Total Education & Training	1,320.00	890.00	430.00	1,650.00
Dues and Fees				
Ambulance Service	12,600.00	0.00	12,600.00	67,262.00
CV Economic Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
CV Regional Planning Commission	0.00	2,449.10	(2,449.10)	2,556.45
CV Solid Waste Mgt. Dist.	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,366.90
Displaced Canine Services	0.00	800.00	(800.00)	1,040.00
Northern Vermont Resource Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
State Education Tax Reconciliation	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,063.88
VT. League Cities & Towns	2,600.00	2,659.00	(59.00)	2,752.00
Washington County Court Expense	20,000.00	19,995.00	5.00	29,450.00
Wrightsville Beach Dist.	1,160.00	1,160.10	(0.10)	1,357.00
Total Dues & Fees	36,360.00	27,063.20	9,296.80	121,379.80
				121,823.23

EXPENDITURES

	Budget FY07	Actual FY07	Under (Over)	As Voted FY08 Budget	Proposed FY09 Budget
Budget Requests					
Fire Department	37,547.69	38,612.00	(1,064.31)	125,312.00	107,859.00
Recreation Board	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Budget Requests	40,547.69	41,612.00	(1,064.31)	128,312.00	110,859.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	267,168.19	261,954.93	5,213.26	775,251.77	848,452.54

GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

*'97 Paving Bond (<i>moved to Loans & Interest</i>)	2,200.00		2,200.00		
Ancient Roads Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Center Road structures Grant 2008.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110,000.00
Center Road structures Grant 2007.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	95,000.00	0.00
Paving Project - Towne Hill Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115,000.00
EMSLI 2007 Municipal Planning Grant (1)	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
EMSLI 2007 Vt. Community Fund Grant (2).....	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
Muddy Brook Road Project Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	71,520.00	0.00
Wastewater Facilities Study Grant.....	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GRANTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS*	7,200.00	0.00	7,200.00	190,020.00	225,000.00

**see also Revenue sheet for Grants*

HIGHWAY BUDGET

Highway Operations					
Operations	15,584.00	0.00	15,584.00		
Chloride	14,100.00	6,608.30	7,491.70	29,640.00	22,000.00
Crack Sealant	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,500.00	12,000.00
Culverts	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,500.00
Diesel	13,125.00	25,509.18	(12,384.18)	45,000.00	50,000.00
Equipment Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	5,000.00
General Supplies	0.00	4,692.79	(4,692.79)	25,000.00	14,000.00

Gravel	43,575.00	47,698.21	(4,123.21)	91,000.00	93,750.00
Green Up Expenses	350.00	332.89	17.11	625.00	640.00
Guardrails	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,900.00	7,000.00
Haz Mat disposal	0.00	307.55	(307.55)	650.00	650.00
Pavement Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reciprocal Road Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Road Fabric	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Roadside Mowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00	5,150.00
Salt	16,640.00	23,391.99	(6,751.99)	24,944.00	45,000.00
Sand	25,000.00	24,983.67	16.33	32,000.00	50,000.00
Signs	780.00	372.66	407.34	1,500.00	1,500.00
Stabilization Fabric	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Uniforms	0.00	1,436.80	(1,436.80)	2,514.00	2,600.00
Weather Reporting	0.00	1,272.00	(1,272.00)	1,872.00	2,000.00
Total Highway/Operations	129,154.00	136,606.04	(7,452.04)	294,395.00	324,240.00
Town Garage Expenses					
Electricity	1,400.00	929.09	470.91	1,320.00	1,400.00
General Expenses	0.00	146.57	(146.57)	2,000.00	2,060.00
Heating Fuel	0.00	2,213.01	(2,213.01)	5,000.00	8,400.00
Bldg Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	215.00	(215.00)	2,800.00	1,000.00
Rubbish	0.00	560.67	(560.67)	1,100.00	1,100.00
Security	0.00	195.00	(195.00)	200.00	5,547.46
Telephone/Communications	600.00	1,097.16	(497.16)	1,900.00	2,575.00
Town Garage Renovation	350.00	863.92	(513.92)	31,000.00	0.00
Total Garage Expenses	2,350.00	6,220.42	(3,870.42)	45,320.00	22,082.46
Highway Labor					
Summer	38,169.00	40,148.91	(1,979.91)	79,040.00	87,420.00
Winter	39,750.00	48,980.10	(9,230.10)	80,833.47	84,336.00
Total Highway Labor	77,919.00	89,129.01	(11,210.01)	159,873.47	171,756.00

EXPENDITURES

	Budget FY07	Actual FY07	Under (Over)	As Voted FY08 Budget	Proposed FY09 Budget
Vehicle Equipment/Repairs	22,800.00		22,800.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
'90 Grader		0.00	0.00		
'93 Cat Loader		8,432.26	(8,432.26)		
'00 Ford 550 Dump Truck		4,154.46	(4,154.46)		
'02 International Dump Truck		8,465.16	(8,465.16)		
'05 International Dump Truck		7,097.36	(7,097.36)		
'07 International Dump Truck			0.00		
'06 John Deere Grader		4,581.77	(4,581.77)		
'72 Ford Fire Truck (EMFD)		0.00	0.00		
'85 Case Excavator		0.00	0.00		
'88 John Deere Backhoe		64.71	(64.71)		
'95 International Pumper/Tanker(EMFD)		0.00	0.00		
'98 MorBark Brush Chipper		0.00	0.00		
'99 International Dump Truck		8,229.64	(8,229.64)		
'82 Ford Chloride Truck		33.46	(33.46)		
York Rake		213.75	(213.75)		
Vehicle-Supplies/Oil/Grease		11,011.45	(11,011.45)	20,000.00	12,000.00
Total Equipment Repairs	22,800.00	52,284.02	(29,484.02)	48,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET	232,223.00	284,239.49	(52,016.49)	547,588.47	558,078.46
TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET	506,591.19	546,194.42	(39,603.23)	1,512,860.24	1,631,531.00
Voted Articles					
Cemetery Commission	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	10,700.00	10,900.00
'06 John Deere Grader -	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	130,000.00
Conservation Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Department Facility Planning	0.00	821.08	(821.08)	0.00	0.00
Four Corners Schoolhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Fire Department	0.00	0.00	0.00		6,667.00
East Montpelier Historical Society loan	0.00	0.00	0.00		3,000.00

Kellogg-Hubbard Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,321.00	31,054.00
Total Voted Articles	3,750.00	4,571.08	(821.08)	188,521.00	184,621.00
Funding Requests					
Battered Women's Services and Shelter	0.00	0.00	0.00	675.00	675.00
Central Vermont Community Action	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,464.00	1,500.00
Central Vermont Home Health Hospice	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Community Connections	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Family Center of Washington County	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Green Mountain Transit	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
Green-up Vermont	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
Montpelier Senior Center.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Onion River Food Shelf Inc.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	250.00
People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	950.00	950.00
Project Independence	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	275.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Twin Valley Seniors, Inc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
U-32 Project Graduation	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Vermont Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Vermont Cares.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Washington County Diversion Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	350.00
Washington County Youth Service Bureau.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Total Funding Requests	200.00	200.00	0.00	13,364.00	13,850.00
Total Voted Articles & Funding Requests	3,950.00	4,771.08	(821.08)	201,885.00	198,471.00
GRAND TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 510,541.19	550,965.50	(40,424.31)	1,714,745.24	1,830,002.00

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Paving Bond debt schedule is determined by the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. Paving Project Bond payments on principal are @ \$90,000 per year over 10 years. Interest averages 4.530% over the life of the loan. Final payment is due 12/1/07.
FY07 Interest Paid on 5/17/07

***FY08 Municipal Loan for 4200 International Low Pro Dump Truck:
Payments on principal @ \$8,000/year over 5 years. Interest at 2%/year on unpaid balance. Final payment to the State of Vermont is due 6/30/12.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

Another year has passed and again this year was a year of transitions.

The change of the Property Tax billing to two installments was perhaps the biggest change. A large hurdle was the State Education Pre/Rebate and the forwarding of those funds directly to the town. Once the application of those funds were applied to the tax bills, the balance divided into two equal installments and made the due date in November quite a bit less painful for most folks.

The homestead declaration filings for your property will again be a factor when filing your income taxes. **Please make sure you file your Homestead Declaration by April 15, 2008.**

The Land recording continues to keep this Clerk's office busy. A total of 799 land record documents were received for recording, filling 4.5 books—totaling 2,501 pages. This brought the entries into Book #100. We received 16 survey mylars for filing in 2007. And there are the many other requests for the safe keeping of important documents to be stored. The recording fee was increased in 2007 to \$8.00 per page.

We continue to maintain the precious records of our town. Six books were microfilmed this past year, and Map Books #1 & #2 are being restored now.

The implementation of the new law to have a Passport or a Birth Certificate has made for an increase in the requests for these certified documents. The fee for a Certified Vital Record was increased last year to \$10.00.

This being an odd year, the Voter Checklist was adjusted with the challenge of nearly 166 voters. The responses from those who have moved away from Town dropped the Voter Checklist total to 1,863 current registered voters.

Remember that the town office has long been a source of information for many things. Whether it be historical town matters, research on your own property or family genealogy, dog registration (522 last year), voter registration, marriage or civil union licenses, hunting or fishing licenses, notary services, land postings, road and trail maps, town ordinances information, town events scheduling—the list goes on! You are always welcome!

— TERESA “TERRI” CONTI, *Town Clerk & Treasurer*



TAXPAYER REMINDER

Property taxes must be received in the Town Treasurer's office by 5 p.m. on the due date. The second installment of fiscal year 2008 property taxes is due on Thursday, May 15, 2008.

EAST MONTPELIER FY07 TAXES RAISED

January 1 – June 30, 2007

Tax Rate:

Town	\$ 0.2698	×
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Municipal Grand List	\$1,516,188.00 *	
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Taxes to be Raised at Town Tax Rate	\$ 409,068.00 **	
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Status of FY07 TAXES as of 3/16/07

Collected	\$ 382,107.00	
Uncollected	27,550.00	
TOTAL	\$ 409,657.00	

* Based on the Grand List as of August 2006,
when the original bills were sent out.

** No school tax collected in FY07.

DELINQUENT TAXES

	Taxes Due Jan. 1, 2007	Paid In FY07	Abated FY07	Balance Due June 30, 2007
2001	407	0	0	407
2002	412	0	0	412
2003	418	0	0	418
2004	0	0	0	0
2005	3,723	3,129	0	594
2006	<u>150,763</u>	<u>53,163</u>	<u>2,020</u>	<u>95,580</u>
	\$155,723	\$56,292	\$2,020	\$97,411
2007 Del. Taxes Submitted to Collector on 3/16/07	<u>27,550</u>	<u>14,342</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,208</u>
	<u><u>\$183,273</u></u>	<u><u>\$70,634</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,020</u></u>	<u><u>\$110,619</u></u>
Interest on Delinquent Tax		<u>5,022</u>		
Total Delinquent Taxes and Interest collected in FY07		<u><u>\$ 75,656</u></u>		

TAXPAYER NOTE

Property taxes must be received in the Town Treasurer's office by 5 p.m. on the due date. The second installment of fiscal year 2008 property taxes is due on Thursday, May 15, 2008. For fiscal year 2009 tax year, payments will be due on Monday, November 17, 2008 and Friday, May 15, 2009. This due date and time 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 SALARIES AND BENEFITS SUMMARY

January 1 through June 30, 2007

	FY07 Salary	Salary & Benefits
OFFICE		
Denise Brown.....	2,921.78	3,157.86
Pauline Coburn.....	1,212.00	1,309.93
Lynn Commo.....	1,718.75	1,857.63
Teresa Conti	16,820.00	19,097.53
Rosendo Cueto	6,276.00	6,783.10
Sherry Culver	7,082.50	9,558.66
Deborah Fillion	1,854.00	2,003.80
Kristi Flynn	452.50	489.06
Robyn Hall	15,890.38	17,174.32
Ross Hazel.....	720.00	778.18
C. Bruce Johnson	7,635.63	8,677.13
Lisa Rice	13,543.79	17,245.66
Sylvia Tosi.....	597.19	645.44
Donald Welch.....	1,206.00	1,303.44
	\$77,930.52	\$90,081.74
HIGHWAY		
Gordon Blow	17,954.90	25,079.55
Frank Campbell.....	20,741.25	33,062.32
Michael Garand	33,479.11	47,874.36
Kenneth Lorden	4,080.00	4,822.38
Michael Ricker.....	12,873.75	15,280.76
	\$ 89,129.01	\$126,119.37
CEMETERY		
Allen Ploof	442.00	499.59
	\$442.00	\$499.59
FY07 TOTALS	\$167,501.53	\$216,700.70

* Benefit packages may include: FICA (Social Security), Medicare, Retirement, Health Insurance, Long-Term Disability, and Workers' Compensation Insurance, Federal/State Unemployment.



Maggie & Alice Angney



Alex



Wilson & family

Exotic Animals

(see also page 88)

East Montpelier Elementary School 2nd/3rd grade students exhibited original art at the T.W. Wood Gallery and Arts Center in January 2008

Children studied the element of art: **TEXTURE**.

They explored with several materials how to create the feeling of texture. Having studied animals in their curriculum, each child chose their favorite animal. They used Cray-Pas and finished their artwork with tempera paint.

VT Standards: 5.22 Students convey artistic intent from creator to viewer. 5.29 Students use the elements of art. 5.30 Students use various materials.

—*Heidemarie Holmes-Heiss, Art Educator*



Emma, Heidemarie & Fiona



Devin & Avery

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
Recreation Field	12.00 acres	Village Cemetery*	2.70 acres
Coburn Covered Bridge		Wheeler Cemetery	1.30 acres

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

**Includes former Town Hall lot*

VEHICLES, ETC.

(Information as of December 31, 2007)

		Mileage	Hours
2007	International 4200 Dump Truck “Low Pro”	4,911	356
2006	John Deere 772D Grader	N/A	1,175
2005	International 7600 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing	42,639	3,556
2002	International 2574 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing	91,369	7,139
2000	Ford 550 Dump Truck One Way Plow and Sand Spreader	SOLD	N/A
1999	International 4900 Dump Truck Sand Spreader, Plow and Wing	85,008	8,035
1998	MorBark Brush Chipper	N/A	730
1993	Caterpillar 928 Front End Loader	N/A	9,185
1988	John Deere 210C Backhoe	N/A	3,638
1985	Case Excavator	N/A	6,877
1982	Ford Chloride Truck	96,802	N/A

PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS

Dog State Rabies Program	\$ 510.00
State Dog Spay / Neuter Program	846.00
Marriage and Civil Union Licenses	75.00
Fish & Wildlife	371.00



TOWN AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS SUMMARY

The Town and Fiduciary Funds are held in separate 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 Fund Balances on pp. 33–35):

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

Fiduciary Funds (see Fund Balances on pp. 36–38):

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



SPECIAL BRIDGE AND CULVERT PROJECTS RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2006	\$ 1,118.67
Interest	13.96
Owed from Other Fund	1.62
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>1,134.25</u>



LAND CONSERVATION FUND

Beginning Balance – December 31, 2006	\$ 35,706.47
Interest Income	875.17
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 36,581.64</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007		\$109,807.75
CD – Beginning Balance	101,671.81	
CD – Interest earned	<u>2,632.90</u>	
CD – Ending Balance		104,304.71
Money Market – Beginning Balance	8,135.94	
Money Market – Interest earned	<u>89.25</u>	
Money Market – Ending Balance		<u>8,225.19</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007		<u>\$112,529.90</u>
Owed from Other Funds		
Proceeds from sale of Ford 550 Dump Truck		<u>8,700.00</u>
Adjusted Ending Balance		<u><u>\$121,229.90</u></u>



CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE

Allocated Funds:		Contrib. Year
Road Department Trucks	\$ 40,000	2005–FY07
Road Department Heavy Equipment	0	
Fire Dept. AED Monitor	6,000	2005–FY07
Fire Dept. Breathing Apparatus	7,000	2004–FY07
Fire Dept. Trucks	44,000	2004–FY07
Paving	196	
Capital Distributions in FY07	0	
Interest earned in prior years	12,612	
Interest earned FY07	<u>2,722</u>	
June 30, 2007 Fund Balance	<u><u>\$112,530</u></u>	

**CAPITAL RESERVE PROGRAM:
CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>
Road Dept. Trucks	\$ 50,000	40,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Road Dept. Heavy Equip.	50,000	0	40,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Fire Dept. AED Monitor	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Fire Dept. Breathing App.	10,000	15,000	14,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fire Trucks	40,000	40,000	26,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Paving	0	35,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
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Total Annual Contrib.	\$150,000	130,000	262,500	267,500	267,500	267,500	267,500

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:
DISTRIBUTIONS**

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>
Road Dept. Trucks	\$ 65,000	65,000	0	150,000	0	0	150,000
Road Dept. Heavy Equip.	0	0	0	0	0	0	175,000
Fire Dept. AED Monitor	0	0	0	0	0	10,000	0
Fire Dept. Breathing App.	0	0	0	56,000	0	0	0
Fire Trucks	0	0	0	180,000	0	0	0
Paving	0	35,000	0	0	0	0	0
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Total Annual Distrib.	\$65,000	100,000	0	386,000	0	10,000	325,000

NOTES:

FY08: '07 4200 International 6 wheel 4WD with Everest Body and plow equipment

FY09: Road Dept Trucks – Lease two 10-wheel trucks, replacing '99-Int. 6-wheel truck & '02 Int. Dump Truck; \$65,000 down pymt toward lease to purchase, \$62,500 trade in allowance & lease of \$201,590

FY09: Paving – contribution toward Towne Hill Rd. paving project

FY11: EMFD Breathing apparatus to work with new truck

FY11: Fire Dept. Trucks – \$295,000 engine; 75% pd by East Montpelier, \$41,250 financed

FY11: '05 10-wheel dump truck replacement

FY14: Loader Replacement

**ANNUAL CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE:
INCORPORATING CONTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE**

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>	<u>FY14</u>
Road Dept. Trucks	\$ 25,000	0	75,000	0	75,000	150,000	75,000
Road Dept. Heavy Equip.	50,000	50,000	90,000	135,000	180,000	180,000	5,000
Fire Dept. AED Monitor	6,000	6,000	8,500	11,000	13,500	6,000	8,500
Fire Dept. Breathing App.	17,000	32,000	46,000	0	10,000	20,000	30,000
Fire Trucks	84,000	124,000	150,000	0	30,000	60,000	90,000
Paving	196	196	105,196	210,196	315,196	315,196	315,196
Interest on Account	15,334	15,334	15,334	15,334	15,334	15,334	15,334
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Annual Total Balance	\$197,530	227,530	490,030	371,530	639,030	746,530	539,030

GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 80,737.91
Interest Income	3,280.49
Received from State of Vermont	11,276.50
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 95,294.90</u>

VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 432.14
Interest Income64
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 432.78</u>

EAST MONTPELIER FIREWORKS FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 305.72
Interest Income46
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 306.18</u>

Funded with donations; available to offset costs of fireworks on Rally Day.

CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	53,360.81
Interest Income	1,088.22
Grant to East Montpelier Trails, Inc.	(1,300.00)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 54,449.03</u>

\$50,000 bequest held in a CD; interest is available for recreation use.

TOWN FOREST FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 24,253.94
Interest Income	717.91
Due to Other Fund	(1.13)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$24,970.72</u>

SESQUICENTENNIAL FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 925.21
Interest Income	1.38
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 926.59</u>

Funded from sales of commemorative items; used for restoring Town records.

EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

Report for January 1 – June 30, 2007

Pauline Coburn was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2007. It is our intention that the graves of all veterans be marked with a flag. Flag holders have been purchased and placed by the graves of known veterans. Please advise the commission if a grave has been missed.

Goals for 2007 include:

- Repair broken monument at the Wheeler cemetery.
- Replace the fence with cedar posts connected by plastic chain at the Peck cemetery.
- Repair leaning and broken tombstones in the Tinkham cemetery.
- Improve the landscaping in the Quaker and Tinkham cemeteries.
- Paint fence at the Cutler cemetery.
- Repair broken monuments at the Village cemetery.

Painting of the border fence at the Cutler cemetery is progressing well. The commission has accepted the proposal of Jeff Lusignan to repair the abutments and cleaning up of the vault at the Cutler cemetery for his Eagle Scout project. Both of the tractors have been repaired and two new string trimmers have been purchased for the 2007 growing season.

PAULINE COBURN, *Chair*
MAURICE CERUTTI

FREDERICK STRONG, *Clerk*
GARY HUDSON

ELLIOTT MORSE



CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 90,056.38
Income: Sale of Lots and Perpetual Care	350.00
Interest Income	1,657.82
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	\$ 92,064.20
Owed from Other Funds ¹	6.47
Income: Town Appropriation (2006 Article 17) ²	2,250.00
Expense: Care of Cemeteries (owed to General Fund) ³	(1,140.79)
Adjusted Ending Balance (see notes below)	\$ 93,179.88

Notes:

1. Owed from General Fund carried over from FY06
2. Town Appropriation for FY07 paid in June 2007 and deposited after June 30
3. Owed to General Fund to reimburse FY07 payment of Commissioner's Orders:

Payroll	\$ 465.54
Parts, Supplies, Repairs, Misc.	675.25
Total Expenses	\$ 1,140.79

SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Report for January 1 – June 30, 2007

Beginning Fund Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 19,245.15
Interest earned in FY07.....	426.87
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	\$ 19,672.02
Due to General Fund *	(9,622.58)
Adjusted Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	<u>\$ 10,049.44</u>

*\$9,269.70 in 2006 and \$352.88 due to General Fund for payment
to Housing Foundation, Inc. in FY07

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.



PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

January 1 – December 31, 2007

The main focus of the Planning Commission's efforts during 2007 has continued to be the updating of town Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Adopted in 1982, our local bylaws are inconsistent in some areas with revised state standards passed in 2004 and with some recent legal decisions as well. Vague language in our current regulations is confusing for townspeople and makes the Planning Commission's work more difficult than necessary. The aim of this project is to make the regulations consistent with the Town Plan and Vermont law and easier for townspeople to understand and use.

Although the Commission anticipated no major substantive changes to existing rules, nonetheless the work was detailed and the process, at times, tedious. The Planning Commission invited public reaction to the proposed revised regulations in a town forum in September and a public hearing in October. After modifying the proposed regulations based on public input, we presented our proposed regulation to the Selectboard in November. In addition to this work, the Commission began an update of our Town Plan that is required in 2008.

In addition to this major undertaking, the Commission has also held 13 sketch plan reviews, approved 8 subdivisions, and 5 commercial permits.

Zoning Administrator Bruce Johnson has been very helpful both in our regular operations and with our zoning re-write efforts.

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 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
KIM WATSON

LYN BLACKWELL
MARK LANE
KEN SANTOR
CAROL WELCH



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

January 1 – December 31, 2007

2007 brought us a continuation, albeit at a somewhat slower rate, of the growth trend of recent years. There were fifteen new home applications, including one multi-family structure, as well as 9 subdivision applications for a total of seventeen new lots. As promised, the other trend noted last year has been broken – I'm still your zoning administrator. I appreciate the efforts of both the Selectboard and Planning Commission in supporting the development of a sustainable position in the rapidly evolving zoning and planning arena.

Zoning & Septic Applications Submitted Jan. 1, 2007 – Dec. 31, 2007

15	New Dwellings
1	Replace Mobile Home
28	Garages and Accessory Structures
12	Home Alterations/Additions/Repairs
6	Porches and Decks
2	Residential Landscaping
4	New Commercial Structures/Uses
5	Commercial Alterations/Additions/Repairs
9	Subdivision/Boundary Adjustments
1	Home Occupation Permit
1	Time Extension Permit
25	Access/Right-of-Way Permits
4	Sign Permits
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113	Total Zoning Applications
5	Replacement Septic
7	New Septic
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12	Total Septic Applications

As of July 1, 2007, the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Wastewater Management Division is the sole source for septic permits. Although I am now the town's sewage officer, the position is essentially advisory at this point. As with most other state permit issues, your first contact for septic permits and concerns should be the District 5 DEC Permit Specialist. Currently John Miller serves in that position out of the Barre regional DEC office and can be reached at 476-0195. Even if you think your project doesn't require any state permits, it never hurts to call the permit specialist and discuss your plans.

— C. BRUCE JOHNSON, *Zoning Administrator*

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER PERMIT FEES — eff. 9/18/06

Access Permits (curb cut)	\$35.00
Additions and Alterations, Residential (<i>includes decks and porches</i>)	35.00
Agricultural Projects, Commercial <i>Written notification & State approval required; NC</i>	
Agricultural Projects, Non-commercial	35.00
Board of Adjustment Hearing (<i>plus application fee, except as noted</i>)	75.00
Building Construction, Residential (<i>plus septic & access, as needed</i>)	75.00
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
Right-of-Way Permit (development road)	35.00
Signs	35.00
Subdivision (<i>includes hearing fee</i>)	20.00 per parcel plus 110.00
Subdivision: Boundary Adjustment (<i>includes hearing fee</i>)	110.00
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	<i>includes hearing fee</i>	
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

Note: Fees include \$8.00 permit recording & cost of publishing warning where applicable.

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST — 2007 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	Exemption	Incl. State	List Value	
Residential I	468	57,403,900	0	57,403,900	57,403,900	58.82	97,592,486	97,592,486	13.34			122,658	
Residential II	380	67,548,100	361,800	67,186,300	67,093,200	55.68	121,259,237	121,092,031	14.57			185,959	
Mobile Homes - U	61	1,297,200	0	1,297,200	1,297,200	58.36	2,222,755	2,222,755	12.92			21,266	
Mobile Homes - L	48	3,185,400	0	3,185,400	3,185,400	63.16	5,043,382	5,043,382	2.46			66,363	
Vacation I	6	673,500	0	673,500	673,500	58.36	1,154,044	1,154,044	0.00			112,250	
Vacation II	2	159,400	0	159,400	159,400	58.36	273,132	273,132	0.00			79,700	
Commercial	50	10,420,500	0	10,420,500	10,420,500	56.87	18,323,369	18,323,369	18.99			208,410	
Commercial Apts.	3	1,992,000	0	1,992,000	1,992,000	56.87	3,502,726	3,502,726	0.00			664,000	
Industrial Plants	3	2,670,500	0	2,670,500	2,670,500	56.87	4,695,797	4,695,797	0.00			890,167	
Utilities - E	5	3,271,900	0	3,271,900	3,271,900	75.79	4,317,060	4,317,060	0.00			654,380	
Utilities - O	2	53,000	0	53,000	53,000	56.87	93,195	93,195	0.00			26,500	
Farms	14	2,474,900	212,600	2,262,300	2,122,100	56.87	4,327,174	4,080,647	0.00			398,893	
Miscellaneous	117	4,900,500	127,800	4,772,700	4,675,800	56.87	8,602,185	8,431,796	27.49			51,397	
Total Real Prop.	1,159	156,050,800	702,200	155,348,600	155,018,400		271,406,542	270,822,421					
Personal Property:	Cable			309,500	0	100.00	309,500	0					
	Inventory			Inv. Exempt	0	100.00	Exempt	0					
	Machinery & Equipment			M&E Exempt	0	100.00	Exempt	0					
Total Personal Property				309,500	0		309,500	0					
GRAND TOTAL (Real and Personal Property)										57.55	\$271,716,042	\$270,822,421	Townwide COD
Listed Value of Contracts and Exemptions													
Total Approved VEPC:		0	Total Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed. Tax): 0										
Total Approved TIF District:		0	Total Special Exemptions Value: 0										
Total Non-Approved Exemptions:		330,200	Total Land Use Reduction Value: 7,759,100										
Total Grandfathered Exemptions:		41,500	Total Veterans Exemptions EGL: 100,000										
			Total Veterans Exemptions MGL: 100,000										
			Certified to County\$271,716,000										
			Certified to State\$271,716,000										

*from the Certified Final Computation Sheet, State of Vermont - Division of Property Valuation and Review, Dec. 12, 2007; Revised: Dec. 19, 2007

LISTERS REPORT

Rosie Cueto, who served this town well as head Lister for 22 years, passed away on December 23, 2007, soon after he retired from the Listers Office. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his service and dedication to the Town of East Montpelier. He will be greatly missed.

The time has come for East Montpelier to undergo a town-wide reappraisal of property values. This is done to ensure a just and fair distribution of responsibility amongst taxpayers in the funding of municipal mandates such as education and maintenance of roads; and under Acts 60 and 68, to ensure that the State of Vermont can provide an equitable distribution of moneys to municipalities to equalize the quality of education throughout the state.

This year a complete reappraisal will be carried out by the Vermont Appraisal Company for the 2009 Grand List. Starting on July 1, 2008, this will entail a visit to most if not all properties in the town to view and assess both the inside and out of these properties. Residents will be contacted by a Lister or staff of V.A.C. for the purpose of setting a time for this visit. We wish to thank all the property owners for their help and patience through this process.

The office of the Listers is open to the public. Please feel free to come in or call the office if you have questions or concerns.

— 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%
2006	60.89%
2007	57.55%

* Common Level
of Appraisal (*details
on facing page*)



Rosendo "Rosie" Cueto Jr.
September 7, 1920–December 23, 2007

CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The conservation fund has had somewhat of a respite this year. However, you can see by the map of conserved lands how the town's commitment to preserving rural, scenic, recreational, and agricultural areas has enhanced East Montpelier.

Our only project closed on February 5th, 2007. It is a 159 acres of agricultural land on Route 2 across from the former Tofani Furniture building. This land contains segments of the old Montpelier-Wells River railroad bed, the potential location for the future east-west running Cross Vermont Trail. Fairmont Farm has agreed to allow the old rail bed on their land to be used for this trail in the future. It is also prime agricultural land that has been farmed for 200 years. Securing the development rights makes it possible to continue to use it this way.

Funds to purchase the development rights on this parcel came primarily through a grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, in addition to \$10,000 from the town's Conservation Fund.

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—all essential to the rural character of our town.

If you or anyone you know is interested in pursuing conservation of your own land for the above purposes, feel free to contact the chairperson of the Committee. Applications are also available in the town clerk's office.

CONSERVATION FUND SUMMARY

Date	Project	Town Funds	Total Amount	Acres
12/07/90	Cleaves Farm	\$ 32,000	\$ 301,968	285
05/14/93	Bair/Chapell	4,000	264,030	479
10/13/94	Sparrow Farm	31,000	307,975	163
06/28/96	Frihauff/VLT	5,000	106,470	167
10/24/96	Sibley Farm	10,000	229,895	172
06/16/99	Christiansen Farm	14,795	150,000	237
10/12/04	Mallory Brook/Pratt	15,000	400,000	481
06/15/06	Clark Farm	5,000	177,500	72
02/05/07	Fairmont Farm	10,000	316,092	159
Total Completed Projects		\$ 126,795	\$ 2,253,930	2,215

The Land Conservation Fund balance on 6/30/07 is \$36,581.64

— SUE CHICKERING, *Chair*

DENNIS CARVER

MICHAEL DWORKIN

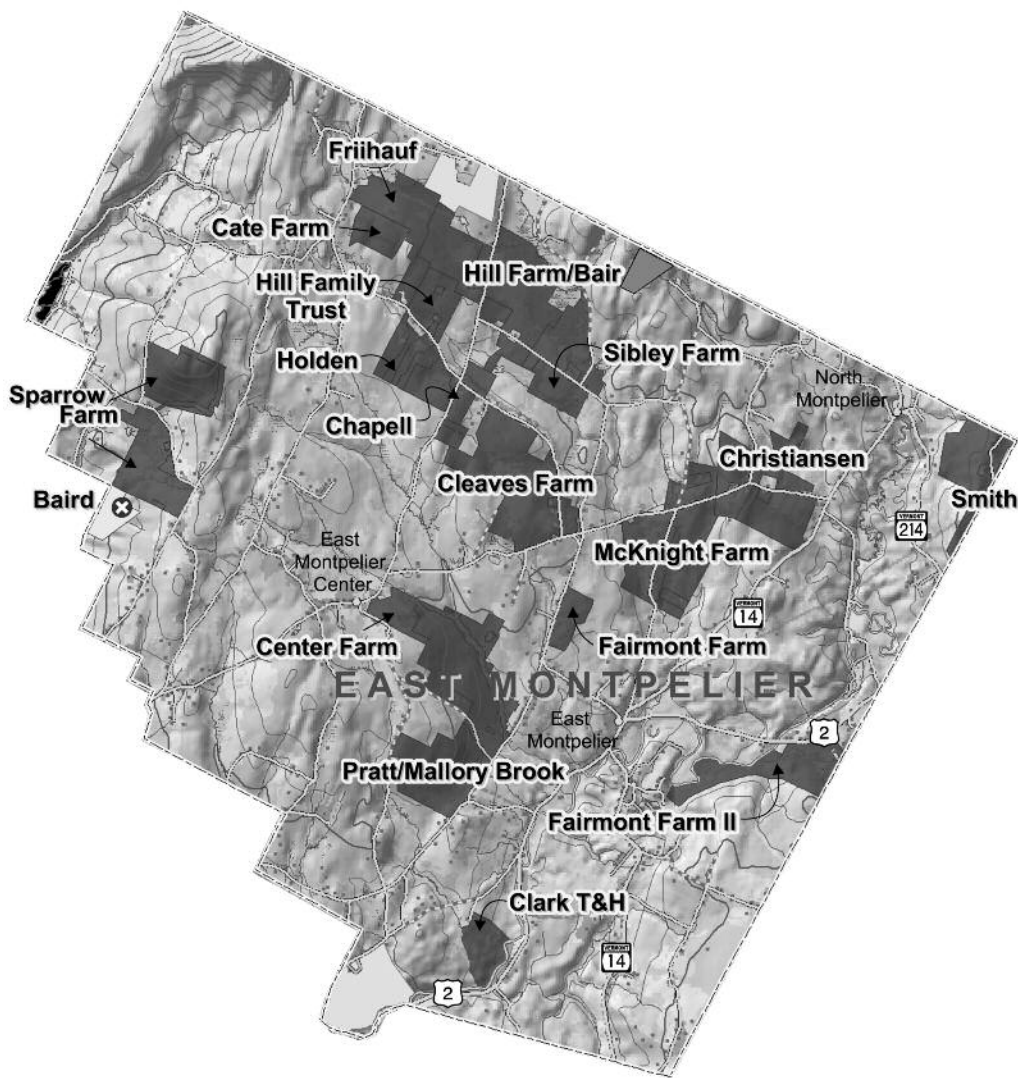
CHARLES JOHNSON

AUSTIN CLEAVES

ARLENE GOODRICH

BRIAN LUSIGNAN

Conserved Lands in East Montpelier



-  VLT Conserved Land
-  Land Conserved by Other Private Organizations
-  State Land
-  Municipal Land



WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

January 1 – December 31, 2007

The summer of 2007 was a challenging one for Wrightsville Beach Day Use Area. After a very promising start, an unusually rainy July culminated in an extreme flooding event that essentially ended the season at its mid-point. Although the Beach remained closed (and revenues dried up) much of the month of August, the work did not stop. Beach Manager Collin O'Neil and his staff undertook a massive cleanup effort to remove debris, rehabilitate the site, and salvage equipment.

Despite the shortened season, the District did manage some improvements this year, including repair of the entrance road and parking lot. The District also continued its popular canoeing and kayaking program, improved and expanded hiking trails, and hosted 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 inflation relentlessly drives up costs. For these reasons, and the financial setback brought on by the floods, the District will raise municipal dues assessments from \$.45 to \$.50 per capita for the 2008 season.

Summary of District's financial operations from January 1 through year end:

<i>Revenues:</i>	Prior year's fund balance	13,411	
	Washington Electric	9,500	
	Season passes/user fees	7,536	(down \$7,531 from '06)
	Municipal assessments	5,960	
	Interest	26	
	Flood Ins. Reimb.	7,400	
		<u>43,833</u>	
<i>Expenditures:</i>	Personnel	17,904	
	Maintenance	4,776	
	Operating	5,986	
	Flood Repairs/Equip. Repl.	7,900	
	Transfer to Reserve Fund	1,000	
		<u>(37,566)</u>	
	Operating Fund Balance	\$ 6,267	
	Reserve Fund Balance	\$ 1,000	

The District's 2008 budget calls for revenues of \$29,708 and expenditures of \$28,317. The Board would like to thank the community for its continued support of Wrightsville Beach.

— RICHARD MILLAR, *Chair, Montpelier*
LISA RICE, *E.M. Representative*

WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report for January 1 – June 30, 2007

The Wastewater Advisory Committee has completed it's work for the Town Selectboard after Forcier & Aldrich Engineering presented their final report in February 2007. The Town Clerk's office has a copy of the final report should anyone wish to review the entire study. Since that date, the Selectboard has authorized a second phase study to evaluate the feasibility of the East and North Villages connecting to the municipal sewer plant in Montpelier or Plainfield. Phase Two analysis will be completed by Forcier & Aldrich, the same engineering firm that did the initial study for the Town. (For more information, see the Selectboard Report.)

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



POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Selectboard has recently appointed a citizen committee to help work on the development and update of policies that guide the operation of the Town.

Members are Tina Feeney, Casey Northrup, Edie Miller, Town Administrator Robyn Hall, and Selectboard members Tom Brazier, Steve Jerome, and Tracy Phillips.

The committee has met to organize its work. Members will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM at the Municipal Office as needed depending on the stages of its work. At the request of the Selectboard, the Committee will start with a review of its personnel policy. Meeting dates will be listed at the Municipal Office and elsewhere, and the public is invited to participate.

	EDIE MILLER	
CASEY NORTHRUP	TINA FEENEY	ROBYN HALL
TOM BRAZIER	STEVE JEROME	TRACY PHILLIPS



EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS

New Board Members: This has been a busy year for East Montpelier Trails. We welcomed several new board members including Sue Rikken, who has taken on the much needed task of organizing our volunteers and getting them out on the trails for maintenance and new trail building. New member Rick Brock took over as treasurer from Kim Kendall, who kept our books shipshape for many years. Joe Feeney also joined us in the spring, and he and his wife Tina serve as trail stewards for the Dodge Rd to Center Rd section of trail.

National Trail Day: Saturday, June 2 was National Trail Day and many volunteers came out to work on two sections of trail: the Center Rd to Templeton Rd section and the Sparrow Farm Trail. We were grateful to be able to utilize funds from the Carlton Smith Fund for materials including lumber and gravel, and MAMBA (Montpelier Area Mountain Bike Asso.) provided excellent volunteer labor and expertise in completing much needed improvements on the upper Sparrow Farm trail.

Town Forest to Templeton Rd Trail Reroute: EMTI member Rick Hopkins is working with MAMBA on rerouting the Templeton Rd to Haggett Rd trail which was disturbed by agricultural land reclamation done on the Fairmont Farm property this spring. Look closely for temporary signage along the tricky route around the new cornfield.

Mallory Brook Trail: We have had several trail construction days on the newly conserved Mallory Brook area. Trail guru Greg Western helped us leverage funds from Vermont Forests and Parks to continue the work begun in 2006. He led several townspeople in moving mighty boulders to create stone stairs through some steep gullies along the trail route. The trail in this section of town is still under construction and can be difficult to follow, especially when the weather has been wet, or in the winter. There are several more opportunities to help build this legacy trail. Construction will continue through the fall of 2008.

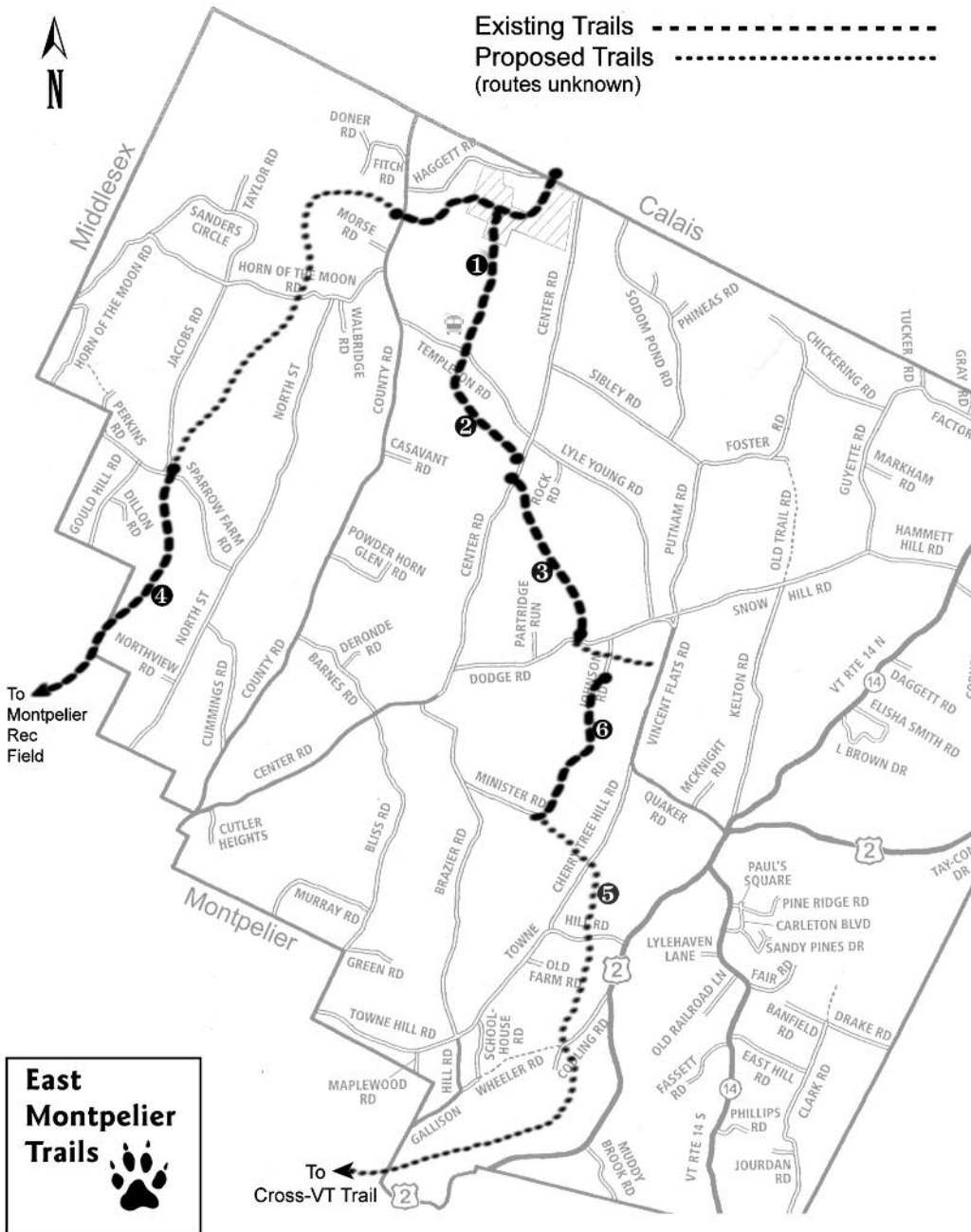
New Trail Map: Jennifer Boyer (jboyer web design) generously donated her time and expertise to create an updated trail map, which is available at the Town Hall, or online at www.emsignpost.com

Volunteer: If you would like to be on the email list for work days please contact Sue Rikken at <sriggen@comcast.net> or 223-4262, or you can call any one of the board members listed below.

— MARY STONE, *President*
RICK BROCK, *Treasurer*
JAMIE SHANLEY
SANDY WOODBECK

NONA ESTRIN, *Secretary*
SUE RIGGEN, *Volunteers*
CARROLL WITHAM, JR.
RICK HOPKINS
JOE FEENEY

EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS



Full-size copies of the new Trail Map, complete with directions and descriptions of the various hikes, are available at the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.emsignpost.com

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Town of East Montpelier is a member of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) along with 21 other communities. Vermonters currently generate about 600,000 tons of waste each year, according to the VT Agency of Natural Resources. This translates into almost one ton per person each year. Through reuse and recycling, residents kept about a third of these materials out of landfills. The CVSWMD continues to work towards a zero waste goal. Along with recycling products, we can take additional steps to reducing what we add to the waste stream/landfill by. The District website offers a simple guide to the issues involved with particular discards, strategies for managing their use, and responsible ways to reduce waste production. www.cvsmmd.org

While compact florescent light bulbs (CFL's) bulbs are an energy-saving alternative to incandescent bulbs—they produce the same amount of light, use one-third of the electricity, and last up to 10 times as long. All fluorescent bulbs (even the green tipped/lower mercury bulbs) contain mercury, a highly persistent and toxic chemical that builds up in fish, wildlife and people.

CFL's should be managed as a hazardous waste. Mercury products are banned from landfill disposal in VT. Options for disposing of the bulbs in bring them to a CVSWMD hazardous waste collection. Another disposal option is bringing them to a local hardware store. A few stores are participating in FREE fluorescent bulb recycling. There's a six bulb per visit limit for recycling. Local sites include: Sticks and Stuff (Middlesex): 223-6393

Harry's Hardware (Cabot): 563-2291

Nelson's Hardware (Barre): 476-5700

Poulin Lumber (Hardwick): 472-5581

Composting food scraps is great way to reduce waste going into the landfill and it can be used as fertilizer for flowers and vegetable gardens. The District offers a free how to compost booklet called "The Dirt on Composting." It covers all you need to know for great home composting including compost bins and pile systems you can make yourself. Composting questions? E-mail the CVSWMD Compost Specialist <compostspecialist@cvswmd.org>

It's illegal to burn trash in Vermont, including household and business refuse and treated wood from construction projects. The toxins released from burning trash can irritate the respiratory system, cause bronchitis, nausea and dizziness, and contribute to cancer in a healthy adult. Children, elders, and those with heart and lung disease are at higher risk. Burn barrels, piles, and wood stoves just don't burn hot or efficient enough to destroy the toxic substances in our trash. And, the chemicals and particulates are released at ground level-into the air we breathe. The emissions also settle into streams and ponds and onto forests and fields. Food for wildlife and humans may be polluted, and drinking water may be, too. Burning brush, leaves, and untreated wood may be allowed, but requires a permit from the town fire warden.

— GINNY CALLAN, *East Montpelier representative for CVSWMD*

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

Since the Kellogg-Hubbard completed its expansion in 2001, it has become what is known as a “third place”—not home, not work or school—but a place where people can go to meet their neighbors, do homework, look for a job, read, listen to a lecture, get book suggestions, and much more. With technology often keeping people more isolated from one another, it appears that the simple presence of a comfortable, friendly public space that is open to all has become increasingly important.

Kellogg-Hubbard is also an inspiring place. Each day, children flock here after school, leaving with armloads of books. It is where our youngest children learn to love reading, and it is where people of all ages can engage in learning and in civic discussion.

The attendance at library programs has been particularly noteworthy this year. Many of these programs are free to the library, thanks to many partnering organizations and individuals. The fall series on the Inuit drew record attendance. Copies of *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett have flown off the shelves as part of the “Big Read” in partnership with Lost Nation Theater, ORCA Media and the Vermont Arts Council. We also offered a Finnish Film Series, a Healthier Living workshop, Biking for Boomers, and a series on religious traditions. The children’s library continues to promote literacy by offering the ever-popular storytime three times each week.

2008 marks the final year in a three-year initiative to help the library reach financial sustainability. This plan includes cutting costs, increasing the library’s endowment for the next century, encouraging state funding for public libraries, and bringing our tax support to a sustainable level. Taxpayer support for the Kellogg-Hubbard continues to lag behind state averages. The Kellogg-Hubbard is the second busiest library in the state but ranks among the bottom third for tax support. We are grateful for the generous support of East Montpelier voters, which helped make the first two years of this program a success. In 2008, we are again asking East Montpelier residents for an increase in taxpayer support. The Board of Directors pledges not to increase our request greater than the rate of inflation for the subsequent four years.

Library use by East Montpelier Residents:

Approximately 1,000 East Montpelier residents have registered for library cards, including over 200 children. In 2007, East Montpelier residents borrowed approximately 20,500 items from the Kellogg-Hubbard. In addition, they brought their children to pre-school story times, attended classes and lectures, reserved meeting space, applied for jobs using library computers, met with their tutors, read the newspaper, picked up their children here after school, and asked the librarians to find all kinds of information for them.

We at the library are privileged to provide such a wide range of services to our community and we thank East Montpelier voters for your support!

COMMUNITY CAPITAL OF VERMONT

Loan Funds extended through 2008 to support East Montpelier Small Businesses, Housing Rehab, and Community Development Initiatives

Community Capital of Vermont's mission is to be an effective, sustainable source of capital and business development services that supports the successful start-up and growth of Vermont-based micro and small businesses owned by individuals who lack sufficient access to conventional sources of financing.

Since 2004, Community Capital of Vermont has operated a Revolving Loan Fund designated to benefit low-income East Montpelier home owners and business owners. The Loan Fund was established with repayments from a loan made in 1995 to Fairmont Farms by the Town of East Montpelier with Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) grant fund. Community Capital, a non-profit loan fund that utilizes VCDP funds throughout the state to finance small business start-ups and expansions, operates the business loan program and contracts with the Central Vermont Community Land Trust for housing loans.

In 2004, the Fairmont Farms loan and repayments were transferred to Community Capital and a three-year agreement was signed to restrict Community Capital's use of the loan funds to small business loans and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation loans for East Montpelier residents only. While the agreement expired in 2007, Community Capital, the Town of East Montpelier, and the State of Vermont agreed to extend it through the end of 2008 and to set aside \$50,000 of the Revolving Loan Fund for an additional eligible use—special community development projects that benefit low-to-moderate income residents of East Montpelier.

As of March 15, 2008, Community Capital will accept applications from qualified and eligible organizations that need up to \$50,000 to finance their community development project. The application criteria and process will be posted on Community Capital's website by March 1, 2008 (www.cvcapital.org). Applications will be reviewed and funded by Community Capital on a first come, first serve basis. Applications will be accepted for the business loan program, owner-occupied housing program, and special community development loan program through December 31, 2008. After the deadline passes, the East Montpelier Revolving Loan Fund dollars will no longer be restricted for use in just East Montpelier. Rather, they will be added to Community Capital and Central Vermont Community Land Trust's respective loan pools for Central Vermont (Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties). The community development project loan pool will no longer be available at that time.

If you are interested in learning more about either of these programs or non-profit organizations, contact either Chris Rottler, Loan Officer with Community Capital at (802) 479-0167 regarding the business loan fund, or Harry Sanderson, Director of Homeownership Programs with CVCLT at 476-4493 regarding the owner-occupied home rehabilitation loan fund.

FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

Our committee reviews requests to the town for financial support from local non-profit organizations and makes a funding recommendation to the Select-board. These social service organizations provide vital support and prevention programs for people in East Montpelier. In reviewing applications, the committee considers the nature of the services provided, the number of residents served, the availability of other funding sources, and each organization's unique ability to meet critical needs. These appropriations acknowledge and encourage valuable local services and strengthen the connections among residents in our community.

Last year voters agreed to appropriate \$13,364 as recommended by the Select-board to support 18 organizations. This year the committee received requests for a total of \$15,211 from 22 organizations. We recommended appropriations to support 21 organizations for a total of \$13,850, a 3.6 % increase.

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 in 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 residents become economically self-sufficient through a variety of service programs, including: 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; **\$1,500**)

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. (\$2,800; \$3,000; **\$3,000**)

Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center (229-5900) operates the community skating facility and provides opportunities for families to enjoy healthy recreation through public skating activities. (\$250; **\$250**)

Community Connections (223-3456) provides afterschool, vacation, and summer programming for pre-school and school-age children, including mentoring and youth outreach, and creates opportunities for children to learn from community members. (\$2,500; \$2,500; **\$2,500**)

Family Center of Washington County (828-8765) provides services for children and families, including preschool, after school activities, playgroups, parent education, home visits, and child care support services. (\$400; **\$400**)

Green Mountain Transit (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. (\$1,000; \$1,100; **\$1,200**)

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**)

Montpelier Senior Center (223-2518) provides meals, recreational activities, and educational classes for people 50 years and older. (**\$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; \$400; **\$250**)

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) links retired and senior volunteers with organizations (hospitals, schools, and nonprofits) that can use their volunteer skills. Funds help offset travel expenses, insurance, and volunteer training. (\$275; \$275; **\$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; \$200; **\$200**)

Twin Valley Senior Center (426-3447) serves meals and delivers meals-on-wheels to seniors in the local area. (\$500; 0; **\$500**)

U-32 Project Graduation (229-0321), sponsored by the senior class at U-32 High School, provides students with a drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (828-5997) provides training and support services to children and adults with vision problems, either blindness or impairment, to maintain independence. (**\$100**)

Vermont Cares (863-2437; 800-649-2437) provides support services for those living with HIV/AIDS and education, training, testing, and prevention for youth and adults. (**\$150**)

Vermont Center for Independent Living (229-0501) provides services and advocacy for people with disabilities. The organization assists disabled people to lead active and productive lives with as great a degree of independence as possible. (\$200; **\$200**)

Washington County Diversion Program (229-0536) offers first-time offenders a one-time opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses by compensating crime victims, volunteering community service hours to local organizations, and saving tax dollars that would have been spent in court. (\$300; \$300; **\$350**)

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**)

RHODA CHICKERING	LYN BLACKWELL	
FRANK PRATT	LINDY JOHNSON	ALLEN PLOOF
	ANNE SHERMAN	SYLVIA TOSI



RECREATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2007	\$ 4,611.41
Revenues:	
2006 Town Appropriation	3,000.00
(paid by Town in 2006; deposited in 2007)	
Expenses:	
Easter Egg fillers	(285.29)
Recreation Field maintenance	(847.14)
Recreation Field rubbish	(66.61)
P & P Septic Service	(232.22)
Softball Backstop	(3,545.00)
	<u>(4,976.26)</u>
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007	\$ 2,635.15
FY07 Town Appropriation*	3,000.00
Adjusted Balance	<u>\$ 5,635.15</u>

** Town Appropriation of \$3,000 was
paid in FY07; Deposited in FY08*

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOL HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Last year's announcement that both Hobie Guion and Rachel Senechal were leaving the Board was only half right. In light of Rachel's resignation, Rick Meleady's and Barbara Dall's departures, and concerns from the remaining Board about continuity, Hobie remains and has assumed the duties of Board President. At the Annual Meeting, now held in June, Diana Fielder was elected as Vice-President. Both Paulie Coburn and Rhoda Carroll remain in their respective positions as Treasurer and Clerk, continuing the wonderful work that they have done in the past for the FCSA Board. The entire Board thanks Rachel, Rick, and Barbara for their contributions to the FCSA. In particular, Rachel's quiet confidence and cheerful leadership over many years were greatly appreciated.

Joining the Board this past year are Rachael Grossman, Conrad Ormsbee, and Benedict Koehler. They all bring new, thoughtful perspectives and fresh energy to the Board. Also instrumental to the Board are returning members Elaine Manghi, and Rose Riley.

The Four Corners Schoolhouse continues to serve the community. Seven different groups or organizations use the building on a regular basis, among them, the Historical Society, the Gully Jumpers, and Strong Living. New to the building, a Women's Support Group recently completed a multi-week meeting this past Fall. In addition, the building continues to be a great place for birthday parties, especially for children.

Peter Burroughs graciously donated both his expertise and the material to repaint the piano that resides in the schoolhouse. Aside from Peter's improved piano and a new pressure tank, it has been a fairly quiet year in terms of renovation and upkeep, the welcome fruit of past years labors. However, looking ahead, the Board plans to deal with an aging yet functioning furnace, and moisture issues.

A new fee schedule has been developed, with the typical day now being separated into three different rental periods, morning, afternoon, and evening. East Montpelier service groups continue to use the building free of charge. Local groups wishing to use the building for a social event will pay \$20 for a single period (and \$30 for two consecutive rental periods). Local groups that use the building where a fee or donation is charged—say a musical event—will be charged \$40 for a single period (\$60 for two). All outside groups, where less than one-half the attendees are town residents, will be charged an additional 50%. Anyone wishing to reserve a space should contact Elaine Manghi at 229-5811 in the **early** evening, or at Manghi's Bakery during the day. Elaine will provide a rental rate sheet that explains the rate structure much better than I can (!).

— HOBIE GUION, *President*

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance – Dec. 31, 2006		\$ 6,307.29
Income		
Rentals & Donations		480.00
Expenses		
Electricity	282.03	
Fuel Oil	1,444.87	
Janitorial Services	200.00	
Insurance	329.00	
Plowing/Mowing	440.00	
Supplies	84.05	
Repairs	<u>1,550.00</u>	
		(4,329.95)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2007		<u>\$ 2,457.34</u>
FY07 Town Appropriation (2006 Article 19)*		<u>1,500.00</u>
Adjusted Balance		<u>\$ 3,957.34</u>

** Town Appropriation of \$1,500 was
paid in FY07; Deposited in FY08*



EAST MONTPELIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1998, the East Montpelier Historical Society was resurrected after a period of about 10 years of dormancy. Its unofficial purpose is to build understanding and appreciation of local heritage by bringing together people of all ages who are interested in the history of the town and preservation of its historic resources.

The Society holds program meetings that are open to all on the 3rd Monday of each month (except December and January) at the Four Corners Schoolhouse. The Society is learning to be a steward of its collection of town memorabilia by cataloguing pictures and other ephemera, and by exhibits in the town office, at Vermont History Expo, and participation at Rally Day. Most of its collections are stored in the town office vault at present, although the picture collection and many other materials are stored in members' homes due to lack of vault space.

The Society is a member of the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, and the League of Local Historical Societies. Current officers are: Teresa Doyle, president; Anne Ormsbee, vice president/treasurer; Florence Morse, secretary; and Joanne Bair, curator.

CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (CVHHH) is a 97-year-old not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary Board of Directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing comprehensive, high-quality home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay, geographic remoteness or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health clinics, and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

CVHHH Services in East Montpelier Jan 1–Dec 31, 2007

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	
Skilled & High-Technology Nursing	519
Home Health Aide Service	411
Physical Therapy	212
Occupational Therapy	43
Medical Social Service	41
Hospice Care	
Nursing	143
Aide Service	317
Therapy	51
Bereavement	15
Long Term Care	
Care management	48
Aide and Attendant Care	711
Maternal Child Health	18
TOTAL VISITS	2,529
TOTAL PATIENTS	58

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in East Montpelier through 2008 and beyond. For more information contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Barbara Butler, Community Relations Director, at 223-1878.

EAST MONTPELIER SENIOR LIVING INITIATIVE

The East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI) exists to promote the preservation and creation of safe and affordable housing opportunities for senior citizens within our town.

In early 2007, the EMSLI received grants from The Vermont Community Foundation (\$7,000) and a Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs (\$15,000) for the purpose of studying the need for dedicated senior housing facilities and the capability of constructing such facilities in East Montpelier.

Working with consultant Michael Crane of Crane Associates, members of EMSLI composed a questionnaire and mailed it to townspeople approximately 60 years and older. We received responses from 160 of the 312 surveys mailed. Of the respondents, about two-thirds said they had no plans to move; however, 29 stated they would like to live in an independent senior housing facility. About one-third were paying more than 30% of their income on housing, including 16 who owned their homes outright.

Crane then completed a market analysis in which the data supported the development of a facility providing 15 to 25 affordable units, with additional market-rate units also feasible. The most likely location for the facility would lie within the Village area or nearby, with paved road access.

The last six months of the year have been spent meeting with prospective property sellers, and a possible site is currently under option, subject to septic consideration and town permits. We continue to determine the feasibility of the particular optioned property, and Crane Associates will work with us on ownership and management issues, facility design, financing options, and citizen participation. Our application to the Internal Revenue Service seeking status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is pending. This will enable us to apply for grants and other forms of financing going forward.

Our outreach to the community this year included an information table at September's Rally Day. And in October, we held a forum at the Old Brick Church, at which EMSLI member Dave Coburn, along with the rest of our committee, explained our purpose and our activities to 41 attendees.

Anyone with an interest in the future of our community is invited to come to an EMSLI meeting. Or contact a committee member for more information. Our success will rely on input from local people. EMSLI members: Austin Cleaves, *Chair*; Cherie Staples, *Treasurer*; Deborah Fillion, *Secretary*; Bob Bisson, Nancy Bisson, Paul Cate, Wes Cate, Dave Coburn, Sandy Fair, Donna Hall, Ross Hazel, Steve Jerome, Fern Tilsley Langer, Rick Mastelli, Norma Raymond, Stanley St. John, Doris Washburn, and Molly Wingersky.

**EMSLI meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
at the Town Clerk's Office at 6:30 p.m.**

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 guidance about the requirements of Chapter 117, Vermont's Planning and Development law. During this year, significant time was spent by staff working with member municipalities on mapping, analyses, and policy review in order to understand how current bylaws are likely to influence future development patterns.

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. CVRPC also began work on updating the Plan and has approved the Housing element which includes the regional housing distribution 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. Both the Regional and Transportation Plans are being updated for adoption in 2008. 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.

CVRPC assisted the Town with review of the flood hazard bylaws, assisted with the village center planning, provided a flood plain overlay map, assisted with the pre-disaster mitigation planning and mapping, assisted with a fluvial assessment of the Upper Winooski River, did traffic counts, a park and ride survey, updated the road surface management system, developed a culvert inventory, and developed a map of U-32 land for a Land and Water Conservation grant application. In addition, staff is assisting the Town with the Municipal Planning Grant that is funding the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative.

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. For more information on CVRPC, visit 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*

ANCIENT ROADS COMMITTEE

In an effort to bring order to the complex issue of forgotten roads and property rights, the Vermont legislature enacted Act 178. The Act developed a scheme for “finding” these roads and essentially reclaiming public rights-of-way. These lost roads must be identified by July 1, 2009 and formally reclaimed by July 1, 2015. A municipality’s legislative body also has the right to perform a mass discontinuance of roads by July 1, 2009 to divest the town of all unwanted legally established highways. East Montpelier received a \$1,500 Ancient Roads Grant from VT Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs in 2007. Armed with the grant the Selectboard authorized the creation of an Ancient Roads Committee, charged with investigating the road records of East Montpelier to determine if there were any “unidentified corridors” as those are defined by statute. These so-called ancient roads do not include trails and other rights-of-way identified on the official VTrans town highway maps or roads that have been properly discontinued.

The committee listened to anecdotal evidence and examined a variety of maps from the 1800’s as well as more recent orthographic and highway maps in the effort to narrow down the possible areas of interest. After numerous meetings and various individual research projects the Ancient Roads Committee determined nine areas delineated on the following set of maps as most likely to harbor “unidentified corridors.” The Selectboard directed the committee to gauge the public interest in and possible public worth, especially in terms of recreational use, of any of the identified areas.

The committee is now requesting input from town residents regarding the potential public value of re-establishing public use of the nine identified possible ancient roads or any other possible “unidentified corridor.” For those interested in further research, large-scale copies of many of the maps we used are currently hanging in the Town Office’s main meeting room. Please feel free to direct questions or information to Bruce Johnson, Zoning Administrator and acting facilitator of the committee, although any of the members listed below would be happy to discuss the issues with you.

Absent any substantial public interest with regard to any particular right-of-way, on June 1, 2008, the committee intends to complete its work and will likely recommend that the Selectboard do a mass discontinuance of all possible town roads not identified on the 2008 official Vermont Agency of Transportation Highway Map for East Montpelier.

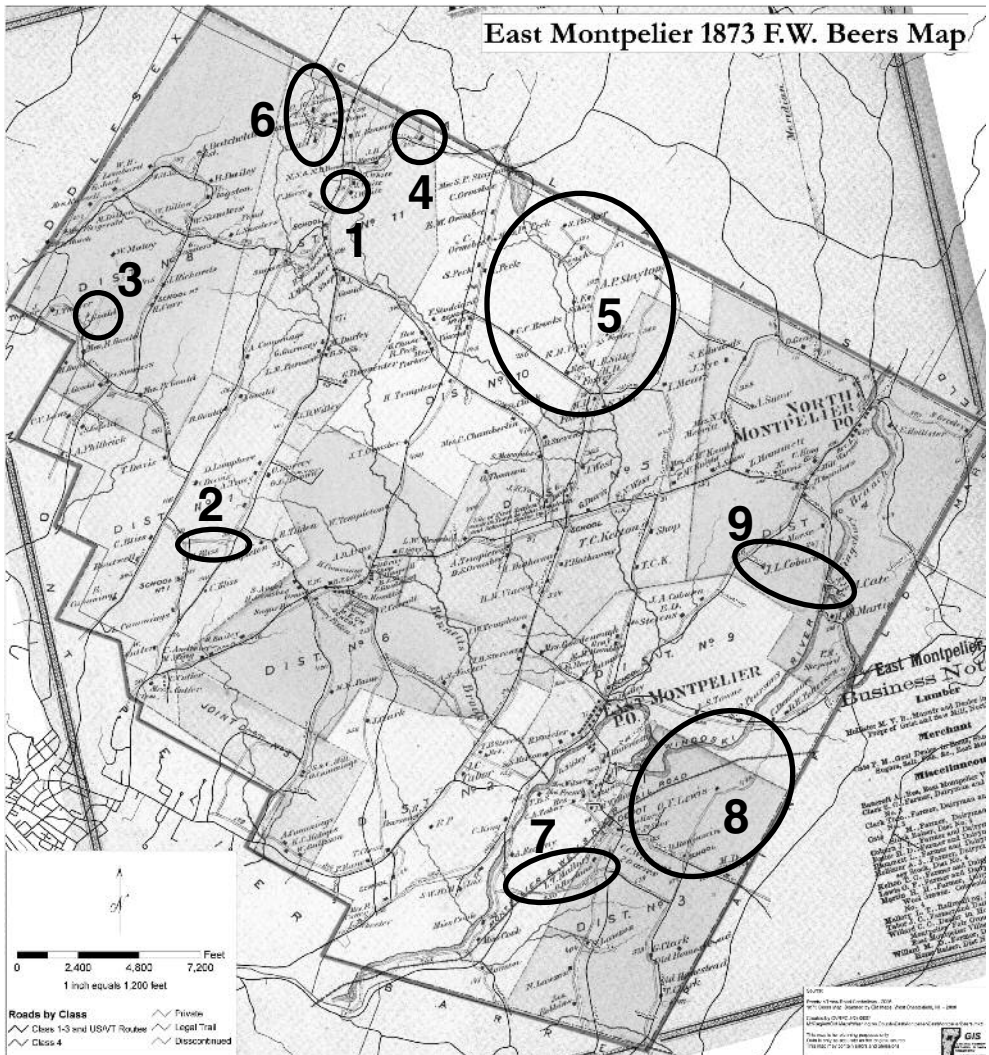
As of June 30, 2007, the committee had not spent any of the \$1,500 grant, although as of this writing (November 26, 2007) \$424 has been expended on map research and development.

BRUCE BJORNLUND
PAULINE COBURN
KAREN GRAMER
MARTIN MILLER

LYN BLACKWELL
MICHAEL DUANE
DAVE HUDSON
LISA RICE

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EAST MONTPELIER ANCIENT ROADS

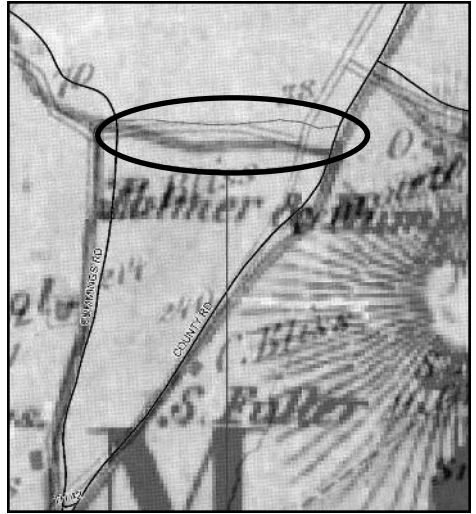


Large-scale color copies of these maps are hanging in the Town Office's main meeting room. Please feel free to direct questions or information to Zoning Administrator Bruce Johnson or any of the members listed at the bottom of the Committee Report on page 61.

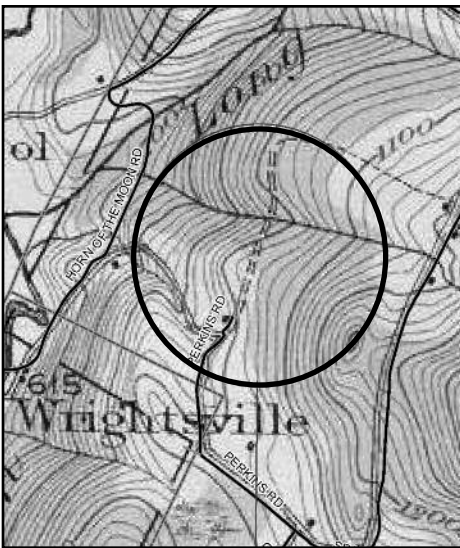
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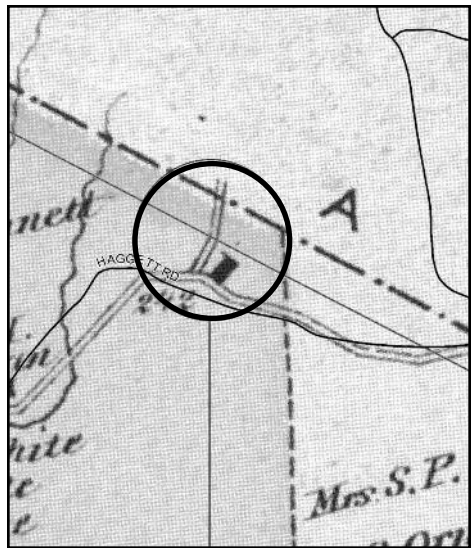
- 1** Northwest corner site 1: a "road" east off County Rd, south of Haggett Rd and the brook to White's property. (White's Cemetery?) 1858 Walling map is background with 1873 Beers map as overlay



- 2** Northwest corner of town site 2: a "road" between County to Cummings Rd? Discontinued? Map indicates it has been discontinued. Should be researched to make sure it was done properly. 1858 Walling map is background with 1873 Beers map as overlay



- 3** Northwest corner of town site 3: Perkins Rd continuing as a "road" north to Maloy property discontinued? Part of the road shows discontinuance then it continues again. 1923-43 USGS Topo map is background

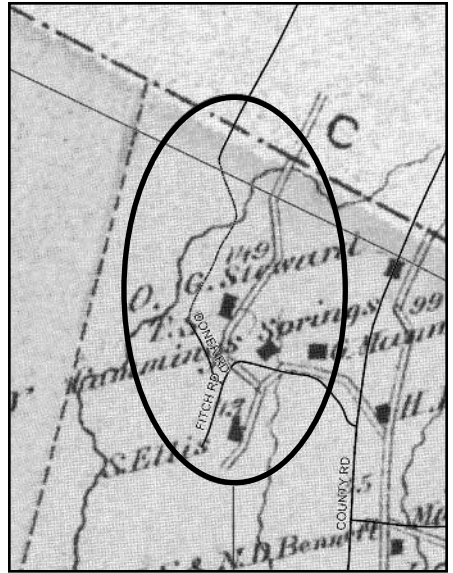


- 4** Northwest corner of site 4: a "road" north off Haggett Rd west of a brook to the Calais line? 1873 Beers map is background

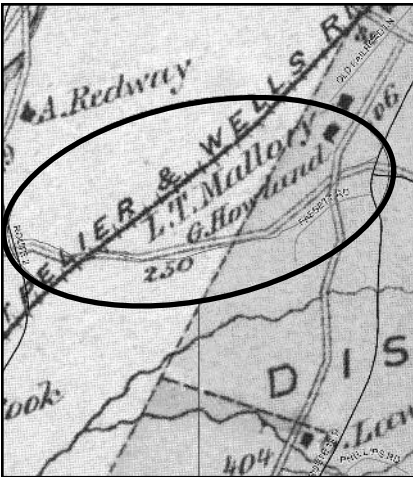
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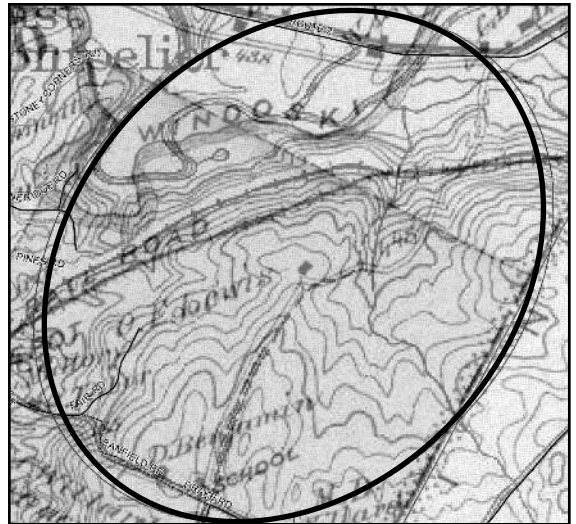
5 Northwest corner of site 5:
Sodom Pond Rd?
1873 Beers map is background



6 Northwest corner of site 6:
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be considered for fire/emergency
purposes. Currently enter in from Calais?
1873 Beers map is background

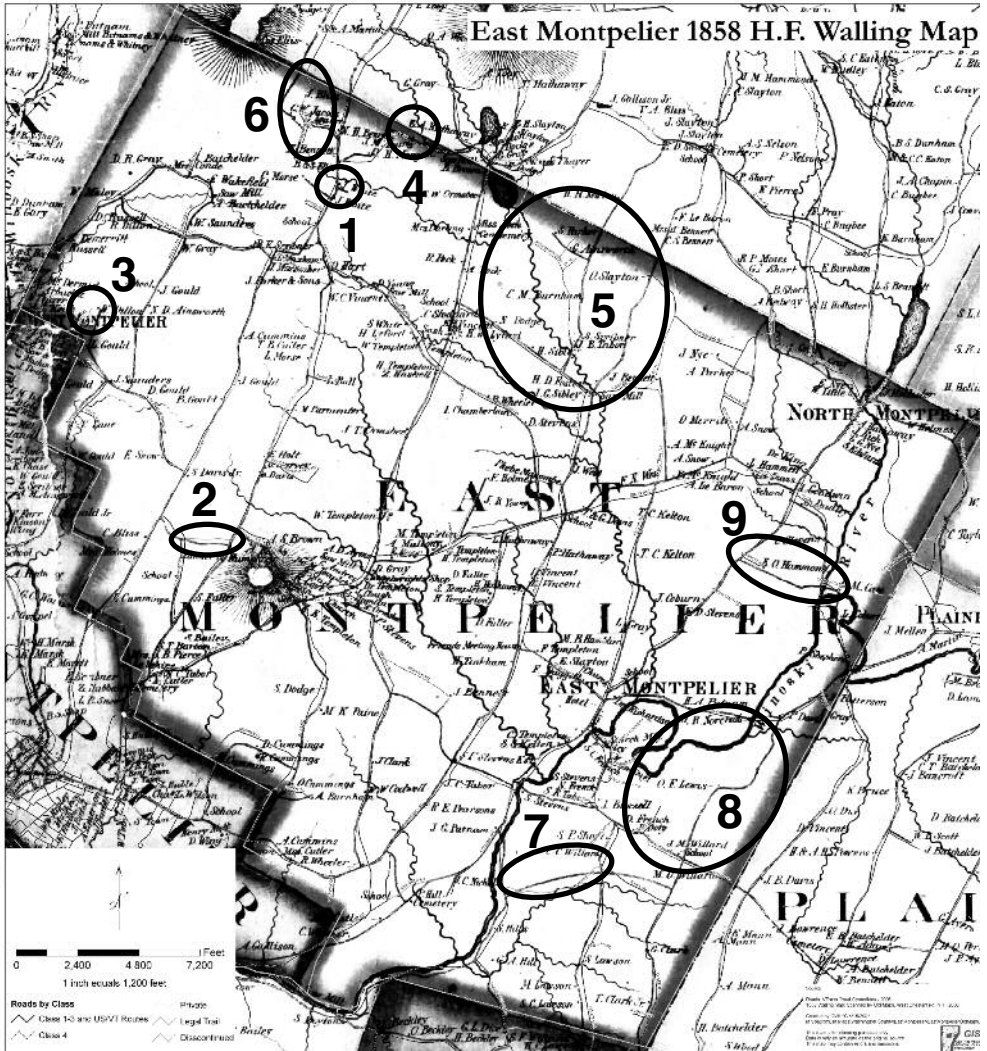


7 Southeast corner of site 1:
Fassett Road discontinued?
1873 Beers map is background



8 Southeast corner of site 2: Banfield Rd?
1923-40 USGS Topo map is background
with 1873 Beers map as overlay

EAST MONTPELIER ANCIENT ROADS



9 Southeast corner of site 3: Daggett Rd?
1858 Walling map is background with 1873 Beers map as overlay

CENTRAL VT STATE POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Central Vermont State Police Community Advisory Board (CVSPCAB) is made up of representatives from the 18 Central Vermont towns for which the Middlesex Barracks of Vermont State Police is the primary law enforcement agency. CVSPCAB works to increase understanding and awareness among towns of State Police and law enforcement issues and provides ways to better advocate for public safety. CVSPCAB facilitates communication between towns and their law enforcement agencies about law enforcement issues, between neighboring towns about common problems, and between towns and their residents about local citizen initiatives and concerns.

New in 2006 was support for individual towns' Neighborhood Watch programs, funded by a grant from Homeland Security through Central Vermont's Local Emergency Planning Committee #5 (LEPC#5). There is an on-going initiative in East Montpelier to establish a town-wide Neighborhood Watch program. For more information, contact one of your town CVSPCAB representatives.

The Trooper Appreciation Day picnic in September 2007 found troopers and their families mingling with CVSPCAB members and their families, all eating large quantities of delicious food. Events like this help to bridge the gap between law enforcement and civilians—troopers usually interact with civilians at their worst moments, so it is good to balance that with an enjoyable social event.

More information: http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vtsp/cab_middlesex.htm

East Montpelier Representatives: CAROL & DON WELCH

“A” Troop Middlesex Barracks: 2007 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 Call	Total Law Incident
'07	0	0	0	7	5	18	2	26	5	55	3	28	66	11	2	3	213	444
'06	0	0	0	10	11	19	2	25	11	40	1	35	65	10	3	0	194	426
+/-	0	0	0	-3	-6	-1	0	1	-6	15	2	-7	1	1	-1	3	19	18

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.

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

The past year, 2007, has been a busy year for your Health Officer. I have handled a total of eight calls: landlord-tenant disputes, sewerage problems, dog bites, mould. These problems were brought to satisfactory solutions. We have more and more dog bites. If a person goes to the hospital as a result of a dog bite, the hospital must notify me. Then I have to verify the dog's current licensing and rabies vaccinations. If the dog is not vaccinated, it must be quarantined for ten days. This could get quite costly! Please make sure your dogs are licensed and have up-to-date shots. Rabies is serious business.

If you have concerns about possible public health hazards, please call me at 223-6279 or 839-8723.

— ELLIOTT MORSE, *Health Officer*



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Call volume decreased this year to 2,764 calls, compared to 2,812 calls for service in 2005/2006. Long-distance transfer volume decreased with a call volume of 403 compared to 488 calls for service in the preceding year. Local transfers decreased from 969 to 726; emergency calls decreased from 1,843 to 1,759. Mutual aid responses decreased this year from 210 to 147 calls. BTEMS personnel participated supplied coverage for 103 special events this year.

Critical Care Transportation service utilizes advanced life support equipment and specially trained personnel. Nurses have been in great demand in the primary care area; and there are few nurses with the required level of care in this area. Regulations had required that the unit be staffed by a critical care nurse, critical care paramedic, and an EMT driver. The lack of personnel has prompted another look at the criteria, and findings indicate that approximately 80% of critical care transports could safely be transported by critical care paramedics alone. This adjustment to the crew would relieve a system overburdened with delays and cancellations due to lack of personnel. The EMS Dept will become the primary transporter of inter-facility specialty care patients beginning in September 2007.

Personnel: The Public Education and Training staff continue to offer three community education programs to the citizens and schools in the service area:

- the “File of Life” pertinent medical and emergency contact information (approximately 1,800 per year);
- the “What To Do Until The Ambulance Arrives” program for 8–10 year-olds;
- the “Healthy Homes Initiative” an awareness program for recognizing environmental and safety hazards for families with young children.

The Explorer Post has five teenagers working hard at training, riding along with the crews, and participating in scouting special events. The Department supplies a meeting place, medical training, and training staff. They purchase

their own equipment and uniforms. They meet weekly in the evening from 6:00 to 8:00. Anyone who is 14 years or older, and has completed the eighth grade, is welcome to attend a meeting and see what EMS Exploring is all about. Call the Senior Post Advisor, Lynn Doney, at 476-3147.

Vermont Homeland Security has mandated specific training in Incident Command System again this year. All of the full-time staff and Auxiliary crews have completed training of NIMS 700 and ICS 100 level; many of the part-time staff have completed the courses as well. ICS 200 was offered in December 2006, and again in May 2007. All emergency personnel will be required to be certified in IC200 and Hazardous Materials Awareness by 12/31/2008. The department has six staff members at the IC300 level and the Director is at the IC400 level. The courses describe how EMS is to function in the Incident Command System during a catastrophic event.

Full-time personnel are assigned several duties in addition to emergency medical response. These collateral duties include vehicle and building maintenance, billing, training, supply, quality improvement, communications, drug inventory control, and shift supervision.

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 Critical Care 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 was offered to other non-member towns in the district in October 2006. This program could benefit other ambulance services in the area by offering 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. Cabot and Marshfield have contracted the intercept service, as well as mutual-aid service.

Equipment: The new ambulances purchased in 2006 were placed in a rotation so that all units would age at approximately the same rate. To date mileages range from 28,000 to 34,000 miles; this is within the expected range.

A fifth Medtronics Life-Pac 12 defibrillator will be purchased in the Fall of 2007. Currently there are four Life-Pacs in service. The sixth, and final, defibrillator is scheduled to replace the last Zoll defib in 2008. These are expensive pieces of equipment costing \$18,500 each and have a service lifetime of 7 to 10 years, and are considered the “Gold Standard” in the pre-hospital environment, and also in hospitals. There have been several other equipment replacement programs in place, for example: 5 new Stryker cots were purchased (\$3,200 each) to replace the five original cots that were 7 to 10 years old.

— DAVID JENNINGS, *EMS Director*

06/07 Emergency Runs: Berlin (616); Barre Town (548); East Montpelier (162); Plainfield (77); Topsham (71); Barre City (54); Washington (46); Orange (45); Calais (43); Williamstown (24); Montpelier (19); Cabot (17); Northfield (13); Marshfield (9); Worcester (6); Middlesex (3); Chelsea (2); Corinth (2); Woodbury (2) = **1,759 total**

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

The EMFD, once again, would like to thank the residents of East Montpelier and Calais for their continued support. 2007 figures show a steady call volume with the majority of the responses for medical emergencies. These figures are from January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007

Type of Call	East Montpelier	Calais	Mutual Aid	Total
Fire	4	1	8	13
Medical	53	35	13	101
Other	12	8	11	31
1/1–9/30/07 Totals	69	44	32	145

EMFD participates in a mutual aid system. This is a system of preplanned responses from EMFD and other area fire/EMS departments and is based on the need and location of the incident. The mutual aid system ensures an effective and timely response to any major emergency.

We have a group of fire department members continuing to seek grants when appropriate. In years past we have been awarded sizeable grants which allowed us to purchase and upgrade essential equipment.

Last year, EMFD attempted to receive voter approval for a new fire station and was unfortunately denied. At this point, EMFD is still evaluating what to do next. Recently, EMFD met with the select boards from Calais and East Montpelier to discuss that our facilities are still inadequate and our future plans to move forward with a more suitable building proposal.

Finally a couple of safety notes. Please install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your house and test them every month. These detectors, undisputably saves lives. Recently, Barre City Fire Department tested the two most common types of smoke detectors, Ionization and Photoelectric. They found that Ionization detectors worked best in “Flash” type fires, much like one would have with a grease fire. Photoelectric detectors worked best with a “smoldering” type of fire, much like one would have if a cigarette was left on a couch. Therefore, it is EMFD recommendation that a combination type Photoelectric and Ionization detectors be installed. For more information regarding this please visit www.barrecityfire.org.

— JOHN AUDY, *Fire Chief*
GREG PELCHUCK, *President*

2006 Call Totals	143	45	32	220
2005 Call Totals	217	66	28	311
2004 Call Totals	187	75	13	275
2003 Call Totals	164	84	25	273

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD

	Budget 1/1/07– 6/30/07	Actual 1/1/07– 6/30/07	Current Appr. Budget 7/1/07–6/30/08	Proposed Budget 7/1/08–6/30/09
Operating Revenue				
East Mont. Contribution ..	\$56,321.00	\$37,548.00	\$106,537.50	\$107,859.00
Calais Contribution	18,774.00	18,774.00	35,512.50	35,953.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$75,095.00	\$56,322.00	\$142,050.00	\$143,812.00
Operating Expenses				
Administrative / Operating	1,800.00	1,800.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Audit	800.00	1,650.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Building Station 1	750.00	125.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Building Station 2	750.00	1.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Annual fee Station 2	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
Bookkeeping Services.....	1,340.00	1,860.00	3,000.00	3,250.00
Treasurer	600.00	600.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Cellular Phones	450.00	459.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Diesel Fuel	1,500.00	1,122.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Dispatch Services.....	4,000.00	3,389.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Dry Hydrants.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues	500.00	487.00	500.00	650.00
Electricity Station 1	600.00	514.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Electricity Station 2	350.00	315.00	650.00	650.00
Snow plowing	350.00	1,020.00	750.00	750.00
EMS Supplies	1,500.00	2,684.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment Repair	2,500.00	1,476.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Firefighting Supplies.....	2,500.00	1,741.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Gasoline	250.00	106.00	500.00	500.00
Heating Oil Station 1	2,000.00	2,519.00	4,000.00	4,131.00
Heating LP Station 2.....	2,000.00	2,441.00	4,000.00	5,131.00
Insurance	26,000.00	21,949.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
Legal Expenses	0.00	437.00	750.00	750.00
Bank charges.....	75.00	63.00	150.00	150.00
Chaplain Fund.....	200.00	109.00	400.00	400.00
Office supplies	1,000.00	206.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
Personal gear.....	2,500.00	984.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Physical exams.....	2,000.00	1,701.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Postage	150.00	444.00	350.00	500.00
Radio repairs	1,750.00	839.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Radio replacement	650.00	600.00	1,300.00	2,000.00
Refreshments.....	1,000.00	528.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Stipends/Matching funds	0.00	0.00	9,400.00	9,400.00
Telephone	400.00	424.00	650.00	900.00
Truck repair.....	5,000.00	6,497.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Training	1,500.00	1,592.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Turnout gear maintenance	400.00	21.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer to Truck/Equipment Replacement Fund	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Equipment Lease.....	7,280.00	4,002.00	4,000.00	0.00
Defibrillator Maintenance Contract				1,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$75,095.00	\$65,355.00	\$142,050.00	\$143,812.00

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, CASH BASIS

	12/31/06	6/30/07
Unrestricted Assets		
Checking Account	\$25,795.63	\$7,834.03
Donations Account	5,546.83	4,833.63
Contingency Account	21,602.06	15,575.28
	<u>\$52,944.52</u>	<u>\$28,242.94</u>
Restricted Assets		
Capital Accounts: Physicals/Hep B Shots....	7,575.41	8,436.06
Truck Replacement Account †	49,673.59	49,840.90
	<u>\$57,249.00</u>	<u>\$58,276.96</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>110,193.52</u>	\$ <u>86,519.90</u>

† See also: Town's Capital Reserve contributions to Fire Dept. projects on pp.34–35.

EMFD BUDGET SUMMARY

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2007)		\$120,216.00*
Revenues:		
East Montpelier (75% of budget)	37,547.69	
Calais (25% of budget)	0.00	
Donations	1,067.00	
Grants	419.00	
Interest/Dividends	86.00	
Net assets released from restriction:		
Satisfaction of Capital Equipment		
Acquisition Restriction	1,655.00	
		40,774.69
Expenses:		
Operating expenditures	65,354.42	
Donation expenditures	1,593.21	
Homeland Security expenditures	6,873.54	
Capital expenditures	1,654.80	
		(75,475.97)
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets		
Other contribution	2,500.00	
Interest income	161.00	
Net assets released from restriction	(1,655.00)	
Increase in temporarily restricted net assets		<u>\$1,006.00</u>
Net Asset — Ending Balance (June 30, 2007)		<u><u>\$ 86,520.72</u></u>

* Total from Jan–June 07 audited final report.

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

— VITAL STATISTICS —
Report for January 1 – June 30, 2007

BIRTHS

Name of Child	Sex	Parents
Ella May Balentine	F	Tiffany Balentine & Jason Balentine
Amelie Jade Whittaker	F	Kristine Pozatek & Robert Whittaker
Mason Hunter Frazier	M	Diane Frazier & Timothy Frazier
Eric James Burgess	M	Christie Burgess & Edward Burgess
Hunter James Wheeler	M	Alene Wheeler & Lucas Wheeler
Ava Grace Pryce	F	Tonia Pryce & Derek Pryce
Gideon William Johnson	M	Judith Johnson & Matthew Johnson Jr.
Aaron Shane Casey	M	Stacey Parnitzke & Shane Casey
Christin Lauren Haynes	F	Julia Haynes & Paul Haynes
Kaleb Joe Farnsworth	M	Jessyca Manning & Thomas Farnsworth
Logan Joseph Kimball	M	Christina Sandvill & Joshua Kimball
Sawyer John Glaser-West	M	Christine West & Christopher Glaser
Preston Edward Scribner	M	Tracy Cano-Scribner & Joshua Scribner

MARRIAGES

Groom, Residence

Jason Giroux, E. Montpelier
 Jorge Arias E. Montpelier
 Richard Lafrance, Stockbridge
 William Bissell, E. Montpelier
 Jason Deforge, E. Montpelier

Bride, Residence

Rachel Metayer, E. Montpelier
 Lauri Brewster, E. Montpelier
 Elizabeth Atkins, E. Montpelier
 Katherine Clark, E. Montpelier
 Talia Lavigne, E. Montpelier

DEATHS

NAME	AGE
Edwin A. Clark	60
W. Howard George	78
Dorothy Morrill	82
Harold E. Pastore	67
Leona Arlene Andrus	81
Virginia Lee Sudhoff	87
Paul Ideale Mazcitti	88
Gene W. Budbill	40
Sandra Jean (Kiser) Holt	67

TOWN AUDITORS' REPORT

January 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007

The Town Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the indicated fiscal 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 six-month transitional fiscal period ended June 30, 2007. As this Town Report goes to the printer, the Selectboard has not signed off on FSV's audit. It is available in draft form for public inspection at the Town Office. The draft, released in September, identified weaknesses and deficiencies in financial reporting and recommended ways to address them. Some of the problems were circumstantial, attributable to unusual events or staff changes. Others were due to insufficient internal controls and inadequate oversight. In December, new office procedures were adopted. In January, the Town Auditors interviewed the Town Treasurer and the Finance Director/Town Administrator. We followed up with written recommendations to improve some of the new procedures. At this time, these recommendations are in the process of being implemented.

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, 2007, is available at the East Montpelier Elementary School, at the Town Clerk's Office, and the Washington Central Supervisory Union office.

We would like to thank Paulie Coburn for her service as a Town Auditor. In December, Paulie stepped down from her office in order to resume duties as Assistant Town Clerk in response to the needs of the Town.

DEBORAH FILLION, *Chair*
DON WELCH
January 31, 2008

VOTING RECORD AND POPULATION

2000 Census: East Montpelier Residents = 2,578
VT Dept. of Health Estimate July 1, 2005 = 2,699

Year	Total Registered	AB Australian Ballot	FV AB/FV Percentage	Floor Vote
Town Meeting:				
2007	2,102	743	36% / 11%	222
2006	2,059	674	33% / 12%	249
2005	2,076	626	30% / 8%	160
2004	1,984	807	41% / 8%	164
2003	2,011	525	26% / 8%	167
2002	1,973	587	30% /	
2001	1,993	513	26% / 8%	156
2000	1,832	727	40% /	
1999	1,805	511	28% /	
1998	1,777	671	38% /	
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:				
2006	2,066	423	20%	
2004	2,053	224	11%	
2002	1,995	394	20%	
2000	1,892	724	38%	
1998	1,777	432	23%	
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:				
2006	2,097	1,450	69%	
2004	2,116	1,569	74%	
2002	2,029	1,300	64%	
2000	2,020	1,530	76%	
1998	1,806	1,299	72%	
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.

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 Wednesday before any election. The Town Clerk’s Office is open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM for Voter Registration on the Wednesday 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.



RALLY DAY 2007



A creative fundraiser held at our annual Rally Day celebration in September

COW PLOP BINGO!



...to benefit the Elementary School Playground Renewal Project.

EAST MONTPELIER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In 2008, Community Connections moves into its seventh year serving the children and families of East Montpelier, Calais, Berlin, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. Underlying all programming is the mission to make a positive difference in the lives of the area's youth, encourage healthy behaviors, and decrease substance abuse. With prevention strategies central to this mission, Community Connections continues to deliver engaging, enriching programs during all out-of-school-time periods—when youth are most vulnerable to risk.

During the past school year, East Montpelier's Community Connections programming enrolled 171 EMES pre-K through 12th graders (73%), plus 95 total adult enrollments. Summer break saw 40 East Montpelier kids signed up for a variety of CC camps. Coordinator Guy Viens amped up an already high-energy curriculum to keep his East Montpelier kids active, engaged, and ready to discover. A broad program "menu" included such diverse options as Unicycling, Sign Language, Sit & Sketch, Sugaring, Checkers & Chess, and much, much more. Perennial favorites like scrapbooking and wreathmaking were again popular, as was Hunter Education for which six adults and 21 kids enrolled!

Stilting again drew a capacity crowd. East Montpelier kids grades 1–12 signed up for the series, which begins with each child building his/her own stilts, then segues to learning to walk, run, and even dance on them.

East Montpelier 5th/6th grade teacher Ben Weiss presented his active group games series, focusing on getting kids up and moving toward increased fitness, while "Chef Boy 'R Guy" instructed kids in the making of pumpkin griddle cakes, stained glass cookies, and more.

New offerings for '07 included before-school programming as well as After Pre-K, which helped working parents to access the morning pre-school program. Also new was musical instruction by U-32 returning EMES student Evan Crandall who has formed his own jazz band, the High Note Jazz Club.

Our sister organization, Girlz Boyz First Mentoring, enrolled five East Montpelier students in '07. Mentor/mentee teams engaged in focus group evaluations, a rallying potluck get-together, and a volunteer effort at a local soup kitchen.

Finally, Community Connections' Alternative Path to Diploma dropout prevention initiative saw unprecedented results over the past year. Nineteen students, eight from U-32 and eleven from Montpelier High, identified as at risk of not graduating were issued diplomas this year after successfully completing their Alternative Path requirements. Under the guidance of highly respected CC Youth Outreach Coordinator Danny Hendershot, these grads participated in a variety of academic, employment, internship, and community service projects as part of their individual graduation plans.

Several students volunteered at the Montpelier Senior Activity Center, teaching computer skills, use of digital cameras, and providing general help around the center. Internships ranged from fashion design, to culinary arts to masonry and carpentry. Some internships resulted in employment offers at year's end!

**REPORT OF THE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007**



WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent's Office Report

January 17, 2008

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the educational and financial status of Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU). WCSU is comprised of Berlin, Calais, Doty, East Montpelier, and Rumney Elementary Schools, as well as U-32 Middle and High School. As a supervisory union, our 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 set two major, multi-year goals and continued to focus on: improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development; enhancing school climate, safety and wellness; expanding our early education programs; special services; improving technology and financial services to our member schools; and recruiting and retaining high caliber staff. Below I have highlighted some of our work and accomplishments over the past year.

Multi-year goals- Strategic Planning and Roles and Responsibilities

Last year, the WCSU Executive Committee set two major, multi-year goals in which we are still currently engaged.

Strategic Planning: The purpose of this goal is to help us as a school system proactively plan for the future needs of our students Pre-K through grade 12. Five key areas have been identified as areas of focus: collaborative systems, green and wired, engaged citizens, innovative programming and starting early. Staff, parents and community members are helping us develop a five year strategic plan articulating a desired state for each of these key areas as well as strategies and resources needed to implement the plan.

Roles and Responsibilities: The purpose of these goals is to clarify roles and responsibilities and operating procedures of the executive committee, supervisory union full board, standing committees, central office administrators and principals. The clarification of these roles will allow us to work more efficiently.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development

Under the leadership of Dr. Carole Freeman, our Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Professional Development, our elementary schools reviewed their math programs and went through a program selection process. The end result was that the elementary schools changed math programs and began using *Investigations in Number, Data, and Space* in grades K-2 this fall. WCSU schools have committed to on-going professional development and classroom

support for teachers making this change. In the fall of 2008, all K-5 classrooms will be using the new program.

Last year, all WCSU schools met the academic goals in reading, writing, and mathematics set for them by the Vermont Department of Education as mandated by the federal *No Child Left Behind* legislation. These goals, called Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are based upon student performance across our schools on the State assessments. All WCSU schools met AYP, and in most areas, WCSU students performed above the State average on all assessments.

All WCSU schools continue to follow the Vermont requirements for annual Action Plans. Dr. Freeman works with each of our school action planning teams helping to coordinate school improvement across each of the schools and finding ways for schools to share resources when they are working together on common goals.

School Climate and Safety

All WCSU schools are committed to providing a safe and supportive school environment in which all students are treated with respect. At the elementary schools, the Responsive Classroom Program is integrated into daily instruction. At all levels, there is a focus on respecting differences, anti-bullying and anti-harassment.

Each of our schools has a school crisis team. They have developed a school emergency and crisis plan and practice emergency evacuation drills on a regular basis. Many of our schools have met with Town Select Boards to coordinate emergency plans.

Wellness and Healthy Learning Environments

All of our schools have adopted Wellness policies. These policies include educating students about making healthy food choices, eating well and staying active and healthy.

Our school lunch programs are using more local and fresh foods and introducing whole grains.

The staffs in all of our schools and central office participate annually in PATH—a statewide wellness program for school employees.

Early Education Programs

Helping our youngest learners to be ready for kindergarten is an important step in assuring school success. Each of our five WCSU elementary schools has a part-time preschool program that serves 3 and 4 year olds from their towns. Four of the programs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children with the fifth program in the process of applying for that accreditation. These programs are funded by a combination of funds from the local school budget and state supports.

In addition, WCSU provides programs and supports for our preschool children with disabilities and those at-risk of school failure in all of the schools. We

also coordinate with the regional Family Infant Toddler Program to support our youngest children (ages 0 – 2) with significant challenges. Our collective efforts in early education are an excellent investment in the future success of all our children.

Special Services

Nancy Thomas, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Special Services, oversees the continuum of services and support for the 200 + students receiving special education in WCSU in addition to the Educational Support System. Each school has developed an Educational Support System, including an Educational Support Team (EST) which is available to assist families and teachers in meeting the individualized needs of students.

WCSU, like schools across the country, has seen an increase in the number and complexity of needs of students on the Autism Spectrum as well as those with Emotional Disabilities. The staff collaborates across the district and works with other agency partners, such as Washington County Mental Health, to meet the diverse needs of this population, and assure their success.

Technology

Over the past year, Jeff Arey, WCSU Director of Technology, has reviewed our entire system and specifically worked to improve the speed of our network connections by changing the network so each of our schools has their own Internet connection at 4 times their original speed, but at a lower overall cost.

Under Jeff's leadership WCSU developed a comprehensive 3-year technology plan for each of our schools and the central office. The plan focuses on the national standards for technology integration and professional development for staff.

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.

Fiscal Services

Lori Bibeau, Business Administrator, manages and oversees all WCSU fiscal and business operations. Last year the total funds processed through WCSU, including school budgets, grants, food programs, capital improvement funds and construction projects, totaled \$35,907,403. Lori works closely with central office and school administrators, school directors, and town officials to develop and monitor school and central office budgets, grant funds, and special projects. Further, she aggressively seeks out revenue sources and investment opportunities.

Over the past several years, all of our schools have been looking more closely at their per pupil costs. This year the per pupil costs (combined elementary and high school) for our five towns range from \$11,528 to \$11,925. The state per equalized pupil average from 2007-08 budgets is \$11,068.

WCSU participates in joint bidding and purchasing for fuel, supplies, transportation and technology, which has resulted in a significant cost savings.

High Quality Administrators and Staff

Recruiting and retaining high quality staff continues to be a top priority. WCSU currently employs 196 teachers, 18 administrators, and 151 support staff, totaling 365 employees. Last year we welcomed approximately 30 new staff members. To assist new staff, we have a mentor program for teachers in their first three years of teaching.

Each year we recognize staff members who have served in our supervisory union for 10 years or more. Last year 41 staff members were recognized for their years of service.

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. On behalf of the students and staff, I wish to thank you for your continuing support for our schools and students.

— 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.

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

For the year ending June 30, 2007, the Washington Central Supervisory Union operated on approved general fund and special education budgets totaling \$1,206,320. The supervisory union ended fiscal year 2007 with a \$423,543 reserved fund balance. This fund balance is reserved as follows: \$67,130 operations, \$52,720 special education, \$51,459 capital and technology, \$235,219 building project fund and \$17,015 fiscal agent.

For fiscal year 2008, the supervisory union budgets total \$1,242,389 and it is anticipated that the year will end in balance.

For fiscal year 2009, it is anticipated that the supervisory union general fund and special education budgets will total \$1,299,088.

— ROBBE BROOK, *Superintendent of Schools*

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2007

All Fund Types

	Governmental Funds		Proprietary Funds	Total Funds
ASSETS	General	Special Revenue	Enterprise	
Current Assets				
Cash	\$1,258,966	0	0	\$1,258,966
Accounts receivable - State	96,462	0	0	96,462
Accounts receivable - Federal	0	10,170	0	10,170
Accounts receivable - Employees	108	0	0	108
Accounts receivable - Other LEAs	1,837	3,786	0	5,623
Accounts receivable - Other	3,142	800	0	3,942
Due from other funds	0	688,733	115,469	804,202
Prepaid expenses	18,159	0	0	18,159
Total Assets	\$1,378,674	\$703,489	\$115,469	\$2,197,632

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts payable - Other	49,573	41,730	0	91,303
Accrued expenses	6,833	0	0	6,833
Due to other funds	804,202	0	0	804,202
Deferred revenue	94,523	661,759	0	756,282
Total Liabilities	\$ 955,131	\$703,489	\$ 0	\$1,658,620

Fund Equity

Fund Balance: Reserved	423,543	0	0	423,543
Fund Balance: Unreserved	0	0	0	0
Retained Earnings	0	0	115,469	115,469
Total Fund Equity	\$ 423,543	0	\$115,469	\$ 539,012
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$1,378,674	\$703,489	\$115,469	\$2,197,632

**WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
BUDGET SUMMARY: FISCAL YEAR 2008–2009**

Anticipated Revenues:

	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Budget 2009	Increase (Decrease)
Assessments	\$ 865,820	893,177	949,876	56,699
Earnings on Investments.....	63,664	20,212	20,212	0
State Placed Reimbursements	567,226	329,000	329,000	0
Misc Income and Fiscal Fees	20,159	0	0	0
Total Anticipated Revenues	1,516,869	1,242,389	1,299,088	56,699
Fund Balance Usage	0	0	0	0
Total Source of Funds	\$1,516,869	1,242,389	1,299,088	56,699

Expenditures:

Instructional Svcs-State Placed Students	568,431	329,000	329,000	0
Early Education Program	39,666	29,324	40,375	11,051
Special Area Admin. Services	147,701	163,034	171,041	8,007
Instruction Develop. Services.....	103,018	109,363	115,818	6,455
Technology	73,085	60,245	64,483	4,238
Superintendent's Office & Admin. Costs	254,760	263,418	278,405	14,987
Fiscal Agent Costs	7,817	0	0	0
Fiscal Services	231,337	242,124	252,365	10,241
Operation & Maintenance of Bldg.....	44,203	45,881	47,601	1,720
Total Expenditures	1,470,018	1,242,389	1,299,088	56,699
Total Use of Funds	\$1,470,018	1,242,389	1,299,088	56,699 4.56%

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET SUMMARY: FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

BUDGET 2008-2009 School	As of FY0708 ADM	ADM %	Administrative Assessment	Curriculum Assessment	Technology Assessment	(See Note #1) Fiscal Services Assessment	Special Svcs Assessment	Early Educ. Assessment	Total Assessment	(See Note #1) Local Revenues	Net Assessments
Berlin	208	13.0%	41,251	15,058	8,384	31,315	22,237	6,974	125,219	(18,537)	106,682
Calais	117	7.3%	23,212	8,473	4,717	17,621	12,513	9,381	75,917	(15,888)	60,029
East Montpelier	229	14.4%	45,535	16,621	9,254	34,566	24,546	7,112	137,634	(19,876)	117,758
Middlesex	149	9.3%	29,610	10,808	6,018	22,478	15,961	12,758	97,633	(21,058)	76,575
Worcester	73	4.6%	14,551	5,311	2,957	11,046	7,844	4,150	45,859	(8,229)	37,630
Union 32	822	51.4%	163,135	59,547	33,153	123,839	87,940	0	467,614	(45,729)	421,885
Total	1,598	100.0%	317,294	115,818	64,483	240,865	171,041	40,375	949,876	(129,316)	820,560

BUDGET 2007-2008 School	ADM	ADM %	Administrative Assessment	Curriculum Assessment	Technology Assessment	(See Note #1) Fiscal Services Assessment	Special Svcs Assessment	Early Educ. Assessment	Total Assessment	(See Note #1) Local Revenues	Net Assessments
Berlin	207	13.0%	38,688	14,076	7,754	30,192	20,984	8,424	120,118	(19,336)	100,782
Calais	118	7.4%	22,098	8,040	4,429	17,246	11,986	5,753	69,552	(11,986)	57,566
East Montpelier	211	13.2%	39,431	14,346	7,903	30,772	21,387	6,585	120,424	(17,706)	102,718
Middlesex	139	8.7%	26,050	9,478	5,221	16,374	14,129	5,311	76,563	(12,658)	63,905
Worcester	73	4.5%	13,541	4,927	2,714	10,568	7,344	3,251	42,345	(7,070)	35,275
Union 32	861	53.9%	160,779	58,496	32,224	125,472	87,204	0	464,175	(45,346)	418,829
Total	1,610	100.7%	300,587	109,363	60,245	230,624	163,034	29,324	893,177	(114,102)	779,075

School Summary	Assessment Incr(Decr)	Addl NET Cost Incr(Decr)
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Berlin	5,101	5,899
Calais	6,365	2,463
East Montpelier	17,210	15,040
Middlesex	21,070	12,670
Worcester	3,514	2,355
Union 32	3,439	3,056
Total	\$56,699	\$41,484

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

WASHINGTON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
SALARY & BENEFIT PROJECTION
As of December 27, 2007

	WCSU Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits	Benefits include cost of:
Arey, Jeffrey	76,812	94,475	Health Insurance,
Bibeau, Lori	86,882	112,875	Retirement,
Blondin, Patricia	43,535	61,001	Section 125 Plan,
Breer, Virginia	38,398	58,641	Social Security/Medicare,
Brook, Roberta	106,240	120,346	Dental Insurance,
Carr, Ann	37,543	49,099	Disability Insurance,
Chevalier, Candy	42,909	51,806	Workers Compensation
Cykon, Cynthia	34,181	53,431	Insurance, and
Freeman, Carole	78,964	91,392	Unemployment Insurance.
Green, Hilary	42,674	52,262	
Hull, Joanne	6,000	6,519	
Ksepka, Michelle	35,078	54,752	
Marineau, Craig	44,603	55,256	
McDermet, Doug	28,792	39,737	
Mier, Louise	55,653	67,481	
Ormsby, Mary	39,108	55,817	
Powers, Bess	41,781	59,615	
Thomas, Nancy	83,411	94,728	* 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.
Thompson, Sara	36,394	45,627	
Wilson, Susan	18,145	28,109	
TOTALS *	\$ 977,103	\$1,252,969	
<i>Prior Year projected</i>	\$ 929,280	\$1,184,288	— WCSU

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

Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) offers Special Education services to eligible children age birth through twenty-one. Eligible students with disabilities are entitled to receive a free, appropriate, public education. WCSU may be unaware of all resident children and youths with a disability. If you know of a child who has a disability and is not in school or otherwise being educated at public expense, please notify us by contacting your local school principal or by calling or writing: Nancy Thomas, Director of Special Services, WCSU, 22 East View Lane, Barre, VT 05641, 802-229-0553 ext. 303.

EDUCATION SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL THREE PRIOR YEARS COMPARISONS

January 15, 2008 Preliminary Estimates — Format as provided by DOE

District: **East Montpelier**
County: **Washington**

LEA: **T065**
S.U.: **Washington Central**

Expenditures	Act 68			Act 130
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009
Budget (local budget, including special programs, full tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$5,272,594	\$5,441,635	\$2,660,498	\$2,899,717
plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	\$38,000
minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$5,272,594	\$5,441,635	\$2,660,498	\$2,937,717
plus U32 High School UHSD #32	+	-	\$3,047,662	NA
plus No union elementary or junior high school assessment	+	-	-	NA
plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in budgets	+	-	-	-
Gross Act 68 Budget	\$5,272,594	\$5,441,635	\$5,708,160	\$2,937,717
S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Prior year deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues				
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$601,669	\$363,398	\$370,461	\$451,127
plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	-	-	-
minus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues	-	-	-	-
minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
Total local revenues	\$601,669	\$363,398	\$370,461	\$451,127
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$4,670,925	\$5,078,237	\$5,337,699	\$2,486,590
Equalized Pupils	449.40	454.92	462.83	208.59
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$10,394	\$11,163	\$11,533	\$11,921
minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	- \$804.29	- \$787.46	- \$789.27	- 202
plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$11,347	threshold = \$11,728	threshold = \$12,594	threshold = \$13,287
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$10,394	\$11,163	\$11,533	\$11,921
District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$11,921 / \$8,210)	149.013% based on \$6,975	152.291% based on \$7,330	149.079% based on \$7,738	145.201% based on \$8,210
Prorating the local tax rate				
Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (145.201% x \$0.85)	\$1,520 based on \$1.02	\$1,447 based on \$0.95	\$1,297 based on \$0.87	\$1,234 based on \$0.85
Percent of East Montpelier equalized pupils not in a union school district	Not applicable prior to Act 130			43.379%
Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (43.379% x \$1,234)	Not applicable prior to Act 130			\$0.535
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	77.38%	68.91%	60.89%	57.55%
Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (Tax rates were not prorated in FY06 - FY08) (\$0.535 / 57.55%)	\$1,964 based on \$1.02	\$2,100 based on \$0.95	\$2,130 based on \$0.87	\$0,930 based on \$0.85
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.				
Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (145.201% x 1.80%)	Not applicable prior to Act 130			2.61% based on 1.80%
Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (43.379% x 2.61%)	2.76% based on 1.85%	2.74% based on 1.80%	2.68% based on 1.80%	1.13% based on 1.80%
Percent of equalized pupils at U-32 UHSD	Not applicable prior to Act 130			56.621%
	Not applicable prior to Act 130			-

The projected base education spending amount of \$8,210 is subject to Legislative approval.

The Commissioner of Taxes recommended a base education homestead tax rate of 0.85. The income percentage cap is 1.80%. Final figures are subject to Legislative approval.

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY: REVENUES

Description	Actual 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Projected 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
REVENUES				
Tuition	\$ 188,173	161,820	279,437	262,397
Investment Income	191,432	73,261	164,776	107,106
Educ Spending Rev *via Towns	9,885,134	10,340,368	10,340,368	10,857,365
Miscellaneous Income.....	332,138	224,195	221,555	203,939
Transfer from Construction Fund	54,759	27,738	27,738	0
SPED Mainstream Block Grant	259,334	273,040	273,040	278,737
Special Education Income.....	755,445	816,290	816,290	801,986
Subtotal Revenues	\$11,666,415	11,916,712	12,123,204	12,511,530
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$11,666,415	11,916,712	12,123,204	12,511,530

Exotic Animals

(see page 31)



Terrin



Noah

U-32 BUDGET SUMMARY: EXPENSES

Description	Actual 2006-2007	Budget 2007-2008	Projected 2007-2008	Budget 2008-2009
EXPENSES				
Business Ed.	\$138,821	145,494	145,315	151,653
Driver Ed.....	83,720	89,415	91,353	97,575
English	714,458	745,234	695,806	726,179
Acting, Dance & Visual Arts	257,751	265,165	274,806	285,852
Foreign Language	254,787	276,753	270,961	282,376
Technology Ed.	122,096	124,369	119,604	128,833
Living Arts	123,878	115,650	116,675	119,524
Music	210,104	216,999	197,935	207,165
Physical Ed.....	305,280	316,645	311,134	320,701
Mathematics	620,931	647,996	611,383	638,244
Science	754,202	805,936	785,279	825,976
Social Studies	484,250	520,171	504,496	525,148
Instructional – Schoolwide	373,972	328,783	403,194	590,171
Other Instruction – 504	3,751	2,500	2,500	3,000
Middle School Programs.....	32,712	31,165	31,165	32,080
Co-Curricular Activities	553,557	558,614	563,163	584,314
Guidance Services	409,647	429,477	440,825	461,141
Health Services	96,973	103,864	101,726	107,167
Curriculum Services	52,349	58,496	58,496	59,547
Media Services	94,084	95,552	95,561	95,690
School Library Services	212,766	233,728	235,376	243,250
Technology Services	255,664	261,634	261,260	315,000
Board of Education	49,775	52,444	52,444	54,159
Office of Superintendent	157,933	160,779	160,779	163,135
Office of Principal	813,961	837,943	845,115	883,545
Fiscal Services	118,756	125,472	125,472	123,839
Auditing Services	3,700	4,100	4,100	4,100
Operation and Maintenance	1,028,863	1,030,905	1,036,040	1,075,776
Student Transportation Svcs	367,343	373,065	388,065	404,416
Transfers to Other Funds	1,283,497	1,036,360	1,036,360	1,058,622
Special Education	1,666,811	1,922,004	1,916,441	1,943,353
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,646,392	11,916,712	11,882,829	12,511,530

U32 Cost per Equalized Pupils

NOTE: Adjusted for comparative purposes

Historical Trends	Budget FY08	Budget FY09
Local Education Spending – Per State Formula	\$10,340,368	\$10,857,365
U32 Equalized Pupils – Average Daily Membership.	889.92	895.56
Local Ed. Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$11,619	\$12,124

U-32 SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projection as of Dec. 27, 2007

Benefits include the costs of: Health Insurance, Retirement, Section 125 Plan, Social Security/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
Antonucci, John	32,432	39,922	Cook, Vicki	17,872	24,384
Ball, Kathleen	42,782	54,798	Cooke, Ellen	51,709	70,445
Barrows, Stephen	50,630	59,023	Crossett, Paula	43,022	61,002
Bartlett, Derek	26,852	36,702	Cueto, Linda	17,954	24,478
Bonamico, Andrea	40,540	54,876	Dalmasse, Denise	60,558	69,604
Bazis, David	40,540	54,854	David, Beatrice	44,263	58,879
Beebe, Larry	56,673	72,395	Dean, Fletcher	19,059	32,821
Bennett, Erik	35,761	42,830	DeCicco, Sally	21,868	30,965
Bickford, Judy	57,914	66,933	Decker, Anne	42,002	48,884
Hannigan, Jessica	24,221	37,309	Dentith, Susan	57,914	68,781
Blackburn, Christopher	45,504	63,708	Desch, Marguerite	54,191	64,739
Stanton, Jennifer	25,160	41,864	Disenhaus, Nancy	57,914	63,602
Baker, Victoria	19,059	35,207	Ditmeyer, Christine	10,838	11,769
Clous, Karen	18,687	26,182	Dolan, Paula	46,745	64,574
Jaworski, Elizabeth	19,830	24,967	Durgin, H. Herbert Jr.	24,597	34,106
Goddard, Rebecca	11,518	12,507	Eaton, Margaret	61,325	77,531
Singleton, Dorothy	15,255	20,456	Emery, Paula	26,558	32,389
Jette, Andrea	33,094	41,768	Fair, Patricia	26,336	36,151
LaPlante, Lisa	70,000	86,866	Ferguson, Kristie	40,183	52,047
Martin, Tracy	33,679	47,629	Ferris, Sheryl	23,993	31,143
Hunnewell, Ralph	41,781	51,246	Fitch, Lesley	39,651	60,054
Brown, Ronald Jr.	49,227	57,500	Flynn, Timothy	71,321	91,741
Bruno, Barbarann	19,830	28,619	Fowler, Cathy	25,641	35,308
Budliger, Kurt	18,202	19,805	French, Adam	41,691	51,148
Burbach, Lisa	18,314	23,313	Gaffney, Sandra	21,041	30,013
Byrd, Melanie	17,954	24,478	Gandin, Dan	55,432	74,488
Cahill, Roy	30,527	46,021	Gandin, Tracy	46,745	51,515
Cahill, Theresa	28,752	33,617	Garand, Laura	18,687	25,322
Cameron, Nathalie	15,255	23,353	Garand, Travis	15,246	21,361
Carey, Bodo	51,709	70,480	Garcia, Joan	22,491	36,771
Caron, James	41,781	59,431	Garrity, Leigh	52,950	63,391
Cate, Thomas	47,986	66,403	Gerritt, Keith	92,400	114,159
Cate, Weston III	23,347	32,668	Gora, Peter	21,038	30,010
Chaloux, Sandra	40,540	48,044	Gordon, Maria	35,576	42,628
Chaplin, Mark	63,085	79,357	Grace, Caroline	44,263	52,106
Chase, Betty	16,189	23,947	Grantz, Christopher	40,540	49,892
Cioffi, Barbara	43,022	54,307	Greenberg, Joanne	34,004	40,336
Clark, Bonnie	32,989	52,385	Greene, Daniel	58,807	77,672
Colangeli, Steven	39,299	56,940	Herrick, Amy	31,770	36,753

	U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits		U-32 Projected Salaries	Total Salaries & Benefits
Hannigan, David	35,483	55,256	Peck, Douglas	9,251	10,045
Hayes-Colangeli, Corinne	45,504	50,166	Pelletier, Kathleen	55,432	66,086
Heintz, Benjamin	44,263	62,356	Perry, Brittany	40,540	54,853
Hilferty, John	39,299	56,940	Petrella, Albert	20,650	29,563
Hill, MaryEllen	24,320	33,788	Phillips, Charles	22,325	29,028
Horowitz, Michael	36,486	43,243	Pollock, Pamela	17,954	35,079
Hoermann, Tammy	22,653	40,488	Poplawski, Virginia	20,222	29,071
Houston, Glenn	47,495	57,467	Post, Deborah	21,466	28,370
Hungerford, Richard	44,060	56,377	Randall, Nanci	22,325	31,491
Hurley, Kevin	26,433	41,172	Reardon, Michael	47,986	56,152
Jenkins, Jamie	39,934	56,368	Riby-Williams, Emmanuel	18,314	35,494
Keys, Margaret	41,781	51,246	Saxe, Kenneth	52,950	58,252
Kiefer, Julie	49,227	64,309	Segar, James	60,268	66,198
Keck, Eric	50,468	69,098	Segar, Kathleen	21,882	36,070
Johnson, Emily	27,509	37,461	Simmons, Mary, Ellen	46,745	56,419
Klima, Judith	45,504	63,708	Slopey, Brian	57,914	73,742
Kohn-Saxe, Barbara	47,986	66,403	Smetana, Jessica	37,603	46,126
Kopecky, Barry	27,716	33,130	Smith, Emily	35,107	45,751
Korecki-Moll, Barbara	43,022	57,561	Snell, Lizabeth	55,432	71,045
Lamberti, Sheryl	19,251	36,572	Spannbauer, Christy	18,963	36,241
Law, Michael	56,672	72,394	Stevens, Debra	17,954	24,478
Levine, Judd	49,227	57,500	St. Peter, Hollis	41,781	59,431
Lunn, Jeneane	44,263	62,356	Tolassi, Jane	57,914	73,742
MacKenzie, Todd	45,504	58,560	Trombly-Holcomb, Arlene	31,661	47,327
MacMartin, Roxana	22,325	31,491	Vandal, Norman	47,986	62,962
Magoon, Heather	21,930	37,055	VanDeren, Lauren	33,007	43,788
Malloy, Janilyn	61,495	70,714	Verchereau-Staab, Suzanne	25,027	32,139
Mayette, Sue, Anne	57,914	73,742	Violette, Daniel	56,472	72,182
McAndrew, Shane	32,374	40,984	Volinsky, Sarah	46,745	56,654
McCann, Katherine	43,187	50,555	Walker, Katherine	29,536	34,087
McCord, Denise	54,191	62,409	Wheelock, Ann	34,332	50,401
McKone, Thomas	73,500	94,107	Wiese, Kathy	57,914	77,243
McNaulty, William	26,142	30,612	Williams, Christopher	49,156	57,423
Mercer, Nancy	46,331	55,080	Wilmott, Margaret	56,673	65,585
Mitchell, Spencer	44,082	56,535	Wilson, Lori	5,370	5,831
Molina, Amanda	64,496	75,929	Witherspoon, Tracey	45,504	63,708
Mooney, Mark	73,150	93,727	Woodfield, Eleanor	38,389	55,143
Newcomb, Sharon	51,005	68,279			
Nicholson, David	47,986	66,039			
Olson, George	28,957	36,533			
Palmer, Victoria	45,983	64,233			
Papineau, Amy	19,807	26,130			
Parrott, Diane	30,735	41,172			
Parry, Arthur	32,739	41,497			
			TOTALS	\$6,049,254	7,893,614

Washington Central Supervisory Union
Budget & Tax Information As of January 28, 2008
Explanation of Tax Rate Changes From Budget 08 to Budget 09

Town Meeting
Proposed Budgets

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

Not Affected by
School Spending

	Budget 09 December 2007 Common Level Of Appraisal	Budget 08 Final 2006 Common Level Of Appraisal	Change	<u>Local Residential</u>		<u>Local Nonresidential</u>	
				Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin*	58.97%	66.21%	-7.24%	\$243	\$0.243	\$0.252	\$252
Calais	103.18%	106.14%	-2.96%	\$34	\$0.034	\$0.037	\$37
East Mont	57.55%	60.89%	-3.34%	\$124	\$0.124	\$0.129	\$129
Middlesex	78.91%	87.87%	-8.96%	\$170	\$0.170	\$0.175	\$175
Worcester	111.92%	123.70%	-11.78%	\$103	\$0.103	\$0.116	\$116

* Appealing to adjust to 100% due to reappraisal in process.

**Part #2 Impact of State-wide Tax Rate-
Projected to remain at \$.87 and \$1.36.**

	<u>Local Residential</u>		<u>Local Nonresidential</u>	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$0	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0
Calais	\$0	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0
East Mont	\$0	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0
Middlesex	\$0	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0
Worcester	\$0	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0

**Part #3 Impact of both Elementary & U32
Proposed FY 09 Budgets with
Equalized Pupil Changes**

	<u>Local Residential</u>		<u>Local Nonresidential</u>	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$0	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0
Calais	-\$14	-\$0.014	\$0.000	\$0
East Mont	-\$38	-\$0.038	\$0.000	\$0
Middlesex	-\$33	-\$0.033	\$0.000	\$0
Worcester	\$6	\$0.006	\$0.000	\$0

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

	<u>Local Residential</u>		<u>Local Nonresidential</u>	
	Addl Tax \$100K	Tax Rate Impact	Tax Rate Impact	Addl Tax \$100K
Berlin	\$243	\$0.243	\$0.252	\$252
Calais	\$20	\$0.020	\$0.037	\$37
East Mont	\$86	\$0.086	\$0.129	\$129
Middlesex	\$137	\$0.137	\$0.175	\$175
Worcester	\$109	\$0.109	\$0.116	\$116

Town of East Montpelier
Estimated Tax Calculations
As of January 28, 2008

NOTE: Includes East Montpelier Elementary and U32 Proposed Budgets.
WITH EMES SPECIAL ARTICLE

	Education Spending Per Eq Pupil	Base Ed Spending Amt	District Spending Adjustment	Equalized Pupils	TAX RATES:			
					Equalized Homestead	Actual Homestead	Equalized Nonresidential	Actual Nonresidential
Town								
Projected Budget 0809	\$12,036	\$8,210	146.60%	480.85	\$1,275	\$2,216	\$1,360	\$2,363
Budget 0708	\$11,533	\$7,736	149.08%	462.83	\$1,297	\$2,130	\$1,360	\$2,234
	4.36%	6.13%		3.89%				

Common Level of

	Common Level of		Actual		Income Cap
	Appraisal	Homestead	Homestead	Nonresidential	
FY04-05	87.67%	\$1.74	\$2.06	\$2.06	3.51%
FY05-06	77.38%	\$1.96	\$1.76	\$1.76	2.76%
FY06-07	68.91%	\$2.10	\$1.95	\$1.95	2.76%
FY07-08	60.89%	\$2.130	\$2,234	\$2,234	2.68%
FY08-09	57.55%	\$2,216	\$2,363	\$2,363	2.68%

**See Note

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

Excess
Spending Per
Equalized Pupil

Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	Excess Spending Per Equalized Pupil
\$13,287	\$11,310
\$12,036	\$11,719
\$11,921	\$10,997
\$12,124	

Penalty Amount Per State
Amount Per Town
Elementary
U32

**Note: the tax rate is allocated as follows:

TAX RATES:

Current CommonAppraised at 100%

FY08-09	Level of Appraisal		Total Tax Rate	
	Equalized	Equalized	Equalized	Equalized
Elementary Tax Rate	\$0.41	\$0.54	\$0.54	\$0.95
U32 Tax Rate	\$0.55	\$0.71	\$0.71	\$1.26
TOTAL Tax Rate	\$0.97	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$2.22

REPORT OF THE EMES SCHOOL BOARD

Dear East Montpelier residents:

It has been a very busy year at East Montpelier Elementary School (EMES). Along with many educational achievements and opportunities we have also had our share of challenges. The EMES Staff, Washington Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) Staff and EMES Board of Directors continue to work together to find solutions to the educational needs of our students and effective operation of the school.

The Board is very grateful to Carole Freeman, WCSU Director of Curriculum, who was our Acting Principal from October through December and Alice Angney, recently retired Superintendent of Lamoille South Supervisory Union, who is our Interim Principal through the end of the school year. Principal Angney is assisted by Kathie Ball, a teacher at U-32, who will be in the school a few hours per day. Kathie has her State of Vermont principal licensure and will be working on administrative projects. The search process for a permanent Principal began in January and a committee to review applicants is in the development process.

Since October, Robbe Brook, WCSU Superintendent, has spent many hours in our school providing administrative support and overseeing educational needs. WCSU Business Manager Lori Bibeau has also been at the school overseeing facility and cafeteria needs through early January of this year. The Board is very appreciative of the support of WCSU staff throughout the year.

General Budget Information: The EMES 2008–2009 budget is warned as not to exceed \$2,899,717 for annual school operations. The proposed annual operations budget and Article 7 in the amount of \$38,000 for computers and a phone system, is projected to have a net tax impact of *\$86 per \$100,000 assessed value for residential properties*. The total budget increase with Article 7 is 10.42%; however, this is decreased to 4.36% due to increased student enrollment. EMES has the lowest cost per equalized pupil in our district at \$11,921 and the total budget is approximately \$300,000 away from the penalty phase of the education funding formula.

At the time the EMES budget was approved, the statewide tax rate was projected to decrease from \$.87 to \$.85 and the Schoolboard had voted on a net tax impact of 4.36% (an increase of \$46.00 per \$100,000 residential assessment). At the end of January, due to declining state revenues, the Board was told the statewide tax rate would remain at \$.87.

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA): Our CLA dropped from 60.89% to 57.55% and equals a \$124 *increase* in local residential tax per \$100,000 residential assessment. The CLA cost impact was somewhat negated by increased student enrollment.

Special Education: Special Education staff have been added proportionate to increased students and needs. Special education costs are offset by reimbursement that is usually 57% of incurred expenses. The additional expense for special education is approximately \$140,000 and partially offset by the \$79,439 in expected revenue reimbursement.

Kindergarten Paraeducator: This position is a renewal of a full-time paraeducator to be shared by the two Kindergarten classes. In the past the position had been budgeted; however, over time it was not and the sharing of paraeducators in the school resulted in limited or no assistance for the Kindergarten classes. The Paraeducator supports the classroom teachers in many areas including helping seventeen five and six year olds with their outerwear. More importantly, the Kindergarten Paraeducator provides classroom assistance to ensure necessary guidance and support is provided for beginning learners who are making their first attempts at reading, writing and math.

Early Elementary Education – Preschool: A budget increase of \$10,192 for EMES pre-school has been added to the existing expense, bringing the total cost to \$62,550 with a revenue reimbursement of \$26,096. The increase will phase in ten hours for children now enrolled or could add a class for the ten children currently on the waiting list. Twenty-four children are currently enrolled and there is an anticipated thirty-four pupils for next fall.

East Montpelier Community Connections (EMCC): The EMCC program is an after-school, vacation and summer enrichment program originated with large grants in 2001 to WCSU and the Montpelier school district. EMCC has had one full-time site coordinator and a sliding fee based system for some time. The user fee sliding scale is from \$6 to \$12 per day per activity unless there is transportation involved and then the minimum is \$8 per activity per day. In 2007, due to community requests, EMCC began piloting a before school program that is paid entirely from fees. All programs are well received and utilized heavily. We are the only school in the district that receives State daycare reimbursement because our site coordinator is a licensed teacher. The reimbursement is \$12.00 per day. EMCC no longer has the original grant funding and EMCC has become largely dependent upon user fees that cover the majority of costs. The EMES Board added \$10,000 to the school budget to allow the program to continue while EMCC administrators and council investigate other income streams to ensure financial sustainability.

Article 7 - Technology: This article consists of \$16,000 to replace the existing phone system and \$22,000 to replace the mobile computer lab that includes 24 laptops. EMES computers are on a five-year replacement schedule. All of the WCSU elementary schools, U-32 and the district office have been asked to update computer hardware for a total of \$207,484 for fiscal year end June 30,

2009. Please refer to <http://www.wcsuonline.org/Technology/WCSUTechPlan07-10FINAL-toState.pdf>, which directly correlates to this and future school budgets.

The telephone system was purchased used from U-32 in 2005 and has had up to three days where it was not functioning. The replacement schedule for the telephone system is eight years. Information provided to the Board indicates the phone system manufacturer is out of business and it is increasingly difficult to find parts. If a serious hardware problem occurs on the phone system, it may be difficult to find a replacement part and could take several days to acquire.

Capital Budget: For the first time EMES's Capital Budget is in the Town Report. The School Board includes a line item in each year's operating budget for \$20,000 as an annual contribution to the Capital Budget. Additionally, last fall the fund balance had sufficient additional revenue from savings and investment returns to allow the Board to transfer \$50,000 to the Capital Budget. Therefore, the total contribution to the Capital Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, is \$70,000. The additional \$50,000 contribution allowed for a reduction in future year contributions. The Capital Budget is a working document and will continue to be reviewed and changed as needed. Line items have been added for computers and telephone systems with their expected replacement schedules to reduce the need for future large budget requests.

5/6 Roof Project: John Audy coordinated the replacement of this roof section last summer. The total cost of the project was \$38,700 with anticipated State aid of \$11,610 and a distribution (withdrawal) from the Capital Fund of \$27,090.

Facilities: John Audy and the Facilities Committee have been utilizing software to analyze the entire facility and create maintenance schedules and staffing needs assessments. In addition, a group of East Montpelier residents with backgrounds in alternative energy and needs assessment are assisting the Facilities Committee with a review of current systems and appliances.

CURRENT SCHOOL SERVICES:

- **54** students, **22%** are eligible for free and reduced meals.
- An average of **43** students have school breakfast daily.
- An average of **117** students have hot lunch daily.
- **23** students receive Special Education services.
- **6** students have U-32 mentors and **3** students have adult mentors.
- **25** fourth grade students participate in Beginner Band, **11** fifth and sixth grade students are members of the 5/6 chorus, **14** fourth grade students are members of the fourth grade chorus, and **14** students participate in Jazz Band.
- **25** fifth and sixth grade students are in the Advanced Band.

As my term comes to a close I would like to thank my co-Board members who have diligently attended to EMES matters this past year. The wide variety of viewpoints of East Montpelier residents have been passionately represented. I hope the honest, thoughtful and vigorous dialogue that occurred within the Board and with EMES & WCSU staff and community members continues.

Board members continued to act and meet on the areas they were responsible for during the year and I would like to thank them (in last name alpha order) for their hard work:

Jan Aldrich – Board Representative to the WCSU Executive Committee & WCSU Negotiations Committees,

John Audy – Board Representative to Facilities Committee, coordinating roof project, and for the purchase and installation of cupboards out of pocket for the Staff room,

Andi Colnes – Board Representative to Community Connections Council; and

Julie Rochat – Board Representative to WCSU Policy Committee.

Thank you to all of the residents who continue to support the education of our children financially and as volunteers. EMES is a unique and vibrant school and you make that possible.

— MARLENE BETIT, *EMES Board Chair*

EMES FACTS FOR 2006–2007

- There are **242** students enrolled in E.M. Elementary School as of Dec 31, 2007.
- There are **27** students enrolled in East Montpelier Preschool as of Dec 31, 2007.
- Student daily attendance was **96.14%** for the 2006–2007 School Year.
- Student daily attendance was **96.91%** from August 28–December 31, 2007.
- **100%** of our Kindergarten through 6th graders received health screenings provided by our school nurse. Preschool screenings were done on an as needed basis.
- There were more than **3,500** visits to the school nurse's office. **73** visits required medical referral in 2006–2007.
- **75.4%** of first through sixth grade students participated in the fluoride program.
- **23** students had Individual Education plans as of December 2007.
- **5** new students were referred for evaluations from September–December 2007.
- **6** new students referred from September 2006–September 2007.
- **46** students had EST plans as of November 7, 2007.
- **8** students have 504 plans as of December 2007.
- **72%**, **147** students participated in Community Connections after-school programs.
- **13%** participated in the 9 weeks of Community Connections 2007 summer programs.

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMBINED BALANCE SHEET: ALL FUND TYPES

June 30, 2007

	Governmental			Proprietary	Fiduciary		
	General	Special	Capital		Agency	Trust	Total
ASSETS	Fund	Revenue	Project	Enterprise	Fund	Fund	Funds
Current Assets							
Cash	\$ 237,194	0	0	0	14,830	2,342	254,366
Accounts receivable – State	20,591	2,138	0	0	0	0	22,729
Accounts receivable – Other	0	0	0	2,684	0	0	2,684
Due from other funds	0	0	27,252	4,479	0	0	31,731
Inventory	17,941	0	0	0	0	0	17,941
Total Current Assets	275,726	2,138	0	7,163	14,830	2,342	329,451
Fixed Assets – Net	0	0	0	10,556	0	0	10,556
Total Assets	\$ 275,726	2,138	27,252	17,719	14,830	2,342	340,007
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities							
Accounts payable – Other	14,325	1,052	0	0	0	0	15,377
Accrued expenses	11,486	0	0	0	0	0	11,486
Due to other funds	30,644	1,086	0	0	0	0	31,730
Deferred revenue	0	0	0	2,229	0	0	2,229
Amount held for agency funds	0	0	0	0	14,830	0	14,830
Total Liabilities	56,455	2,138	0	2,229	14,830	0	75,652
Fund Equity							
Fund Balance: Reserved	219,271	0	27,252	0	0	2,342	248,865
Retained Earnings: Undesignated	0	0	0	15,490	0	0	15,490
Total Fund Equity	219,271	0	27,252	15,490	0	2,357	264,355
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$ 275,726	2,138	27,252	17,719	14,830	2,342	340,007

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, 2007, 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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

In this year of transition for the East Montpelier Elementary School, we would like to highlight a few of the fine programs and activities that take place at the school everyday. The school community, including students, teachers, support staff, and parents have demonstrated their resiliency through all of the changes in the principal's office this fall. As the EMES Board worked through the many issues raised by this year's Audit Report and made necessary changes in the school's leadership, the teachers and support staff continued to provide the children of the community with the same quality education as they have year after year.

One of the most significant changes in the educational program this year has been the introduction of the new WCSU-wide math program, Investigations in Number, Data, and Space. EMES teachers worked with elementary teachers from across WCSU last year to review math programs and selected Investigations as the best fit for our students, teachers, and communities. Teachers in grades Kindergarten through second grade across WCSU are working in a Professional Learning Community with a math consultant to implement the new program. In addition, at EMES the new program is being piloted in grade 4 and with one section of students in grade 5. Teachers and children are enthusiastic about the content of the program and its emphasis on using concrete materials to demonstrate concepts as well as its greater emphasis on explaining student thinking and problem solving. Next fall, the program will be fully implemented in grades K–5.

In addition to this major change in the instructional program, EMES teachers have continued to provide many enrichment and special opportunities for student learning. This year's program in Reading to End Racism in November was very successful. Building on that program, teachers are planning for a special school-wide "Celebration of Learning" in February that will see students learning more about Vietnam and the Celebration of TET.

In addition to its strong academic program, EMES continues to have a very active PTNO and enjoys the support of many parent volunteers. The Four Winds program (used to be ELF) continues with parent volunteers leading monthly lessons in environmental education. Community Connections continues to be a strong partner to parents and the school. From the pre-school aftercare program to its jazz band and everything in between, the Community Connections programs provide a safe and enriching program for children that extends the school day.

One major project to enhance the school facilities that is being driven by committed parents and community members is to raise funds for the renewal of the EMES playground. This group has embarked on an ambitious campaign to raise \$100,000 from private contributions and grants to provide EMES with a state of the art playground. The school is grateful for this dedicated group of volunteers.

As EMES moves forward this spring, the school and community will engage in the process of hiring a new leader. The school is well positioned to find an outstanding educator and make EMES an even stronger school.

**East Montpelier Elementary School Capital Reserve Program
Contributions 2008–2012**

Building Replacement	FYE 2008	FYE 2009	FYE 2010	FYE 2011	FYE 2012
Doors	10,000	4,500	0	2,000	2,000
Roof	35,000	15,000	30,000	25,000	25,000
Carpet	5,000	7,000	0	2,000	2,000
Storage Building	12,000	0	0	7,000	7,000
Flooring	3,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	3,000
Painting	0	0	2,000	22,000	22,000
Utilities					
Oil Tank	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Oil Burner	0	0	2,000	1,000	1,000
Chip Equipment	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Water Heaters	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Septic Pumps (2)	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Well Pump	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Computers					
5 year replacement	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000
Telephone System					
7 year replacement	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Equipment					
Tractor & Accessories	0	0	0	14,000	14,000
Total Annual Contributions	\$70,000	\$39,500	\$50,000	\$92,000	\$94,000

**East Montpelier Elementary School Capital Reserve Program
Distributions 2008–2012**

Building Replacement	FYE 2008	FYE 2009	FYE 2010	FYE 2011	FYE 2012
Doors	0	4,500	0	0	0
Roof (state aid available) ¹	27,090	0	0	60,000	60,000
Carpet ²	0	7,000	0	0	0
Storage Building	0	12,000	0	0	0
Flooring ³	0	3,000	0	0	0
Painting	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities					
Oil Tank	0	5,000	0	0	0
Oil Burner	0	0	0	0	0
Chip Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Water Heaters	0	0	0	0	0
Septic Pumps (2)	0	0	0	0	0
Well Pump	0	0	0	0	0
Computers					
5 year replacement	0	0	0	0	0
Telephone System					
7 year replacement	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment					
Tractor & Accessories	0	0	0	0	0
Total Annual Distributions:	\$27,090	\$31,500	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000

1. Section over 5/6th Grade Classrooms – Replace & Repair in 2007

2. Library in 2008

3. Learning Center in 2008

**East Montpelier Elementary School Capital Reserve Program
Balance 2008–2012**

Building Replacement	FYE 2008	FYE 2009	FYE 2010	FYE 2011	FYE 2012
Doors	10,000	10,000	10,000	12,000	14,000
Roof	35,161	50,161	80,161	45,161	10,161
Carpet	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,000	9,000
Storage Building	12,000	0	0	7,000	14,000
Flooring	3,000	3,000	8,000	11,000	14,000
Painting	0	0	2,000	24,000	46,000
Utilities					
Oil Tank	0	0	0	5,000	10,000
Oil Burners	0	0	2,000	3,000	4,000
Chip Equipment	0	0	2,000	4,000	6,000
Water Heaters	0	0	2,000	4,000	6,000
Septic Pumps (2)	0	0	1,000	2,000	3,000
Well Pump	0	0	1,000	2,000	3,000
Computers					
5 year replacement	3,000	6,000	9,000	12,000	17,000
Telephone System					
7 year replacement	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000
Equipment					
Tractor & Accessories	0	0	0	0	0
Total Balance	\$70,161	\$78,161	\$128,161	\$146,161	\$166,161

EMES ENROLLMENT										
as of October 1st										
Year	PreK	EEE	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Grand Total K–6
1989–90			31	34	40	36	31	44	38	254
1990–91			26	34	37	40	35	34	43	249
1991–92			21	28	33	36	40	35	32	225
1992–93			36	23	29	38	37	43	40	246
1993–94			32	32	24	28	37	38	42	233
1994–95			22	33	30	24	30	38	39	216
1995–96			39	26	32	33	23	33	41	227
1996–97			37	41	31	33	37	24	33	236
1997–98			20	41	41	35	34	34	24	229
1998–99			32	24	41	40	35	32	37	241
1999–00			23	34	26	38	40	34	32	227
2000–01	16	3	21	25	37	29	43	40	35	249 230
2001–02	18	1	21	26	27	37	31	45	43	250 231
2002–03	5	13	26	25	26	30	35	33	47	240 222
2003–04	20	3	27	29	24	26	28	32	36	225 202
2004–05	22	1	33	29	32	25	29	29	35	235 212
2005–06	23	3	30	28	27	31	26	27	29	224 198
2006–07	28	3	26	32	29	29	34	26	28	234 204
2007–08	21	3	31	36	25	34	34	34	27	247 223

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Salary & Benefit Projection as of December 27, 2007

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	57,914	77,120
Christiano, Christine	40,540	54,809
Christy, Kathryn	58,914	74,763
Donovan, Jennifer	18,850	23,416
Dunkling, Pamela	38,389	50,348
Gannon, Robin	57,914	77,120
Gardner, Michelle	22,300	24,191
Gariboldi, Lisa	45,504	63,658
Giammusso, Laura	25,587	32,834
Holmes-Heiss, Heidemarie	27,302	38,212
Klinefelter, Susan	24,369	26,435
MacHarg, Jennifer	18,202	25,489
O'Hare, Jamie	57,914	74,579
Parker, Bethany	40,540	58,250
Pastore, Carolyn	57,914	68,718
Quackenbush, Gary	44,263	62,308
Shedd, Ellen	44,263	61,830
Towne, Stephen	44,522	62,570
Weiss, Benjamin	45,504	55,256
SUBTOTAL TEACHERS	770,705	1,011,906
Hall, Linda	12,513	13,667
Powers-Campbell, Amanda	12,979	14,175
SUBTOTAL TECHNICAL	25,492	27,842
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL	796,197	1,039,748
GUIDANCE 2120:		
Dickerson, Kristin	41,781	49,403
TOTAL GUIDANCE	41,781	49,403
HEALTH SERVICES 2130:		
Wirth, Elizabeth	56,673	75,773
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	56,673	75,773
LIBRARY 2222:		
Knoelder, Ellen	50,468	58,843
TOTAL LIBRARY	50,468	58,843
SCHOOL ADMIN. 2410:		
Angney, Alice	27,600	29,940
Ball, Kathleen	15,396	16,701
Golub, Mitchell	39,398	49,457

Badger, Jane.....	23,776	36,055
Royce, Linda	33,047	42,733
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMIN.	139,217	174,886
OPER. & MAINTENANCE 2540:		
Fletcher, David	29,232	42,134
Petrella, Albert	25,640	30,247
Storey, Tracy	19,607	29,037
TOTAL OPER. & MAINT.	74,479	101,418
SPECIAL EDUC. 1210:		
Acebo, Brett.....	43,022	58,734
Carter, Anne	57,914	73,669
Taffel, Patricia	52,950	61,530
Wilcox, Joy	24,166	27,591
SUBTOTAL TEACHERS	178,052	221,524
Badger, Sandra.....	17,027	23,721
Blodgett, Derrick	16,269	22,982
Deforge, Susan	16,935	18,648
Farnham, Ruth	22,187	34,461
Hall, Linda	8,342	9,132
Humphries, Carol	19,266	21,040
Mitchell, Susan	16,269	17,688
Phillips, Doris	22,187	29,433
Sisson, Carrie.....	16,602	23,346
Sophrin, Leah	15,691	17,142
Stone, Katherine	18,933	30,915
Whitney, Daniel	15,603	16,925
SUBTOTAL TECHNICAL	205,311	265,433
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUC.	383,363	486,957
PRE-SCHOOL 1200:		
Apgar, Amy	28,212	33,014
Dutton, Renee	8,159	8,843
TOTAL PRE-SCHOOL	36,371	41,857
Subtotal General Fund	1,578,549	2,028,885
FOOD SERVICES:		
Clark, Lisa	9,677	17,451
Commo, Lynn	7,874	8,541
Lynde, Robert	3,747	4,065
TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	21,298	30,057
SCHOOL-WIDE PROGRAMS		
DeForge, Susan.....	10,161	11,225
Macharg, Jennifer	27,302	38,222
TOTAL SCHOOL-WIDE PROG.	37,463	49,447
TOTAL SAL. & BENEFITS	\$1,637,310	2,108,389

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET 2008-2009

DESCRIPTION	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Projected 2008	Budget 2009	Budget 08- Budget 09 Incr/(Decr)	%
REVENUES							
TUITION FROM INDIVIDUALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 70,000	186,410	133,000	94,000	133,000	0	
INTEREST EXP.ON INVESTMENTS	(70,000)	(129,816)	(133,000)	(84,776)	(133,000)	0	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-Purchase Discount	2,053	8,177	714	3,958	714	0	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME-ERATE-Technology	3,000	2,837	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	
STATE TRANSPORTATION AID REIMBURSEMENT ..	32,352	31,403	31,403	33,366	31,427	24	
SPED-MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT	63,966	63,966	63,024	63,024	65,999	2,975	
SPED-INTENSIVE REIMBURSEMENT-Current Year	240,658	250,435	248,625	314,681	323,891	75,266	
EEE GRANT-PRESCHOOL	21,369	21,369	23,695	23,695	26,096	2,401	
EDUC. SPENDING REVENUES FROM STATE	2,261,159	2,261,158	2,290,037	2,290,037	2,448,590	158,553	
SUBTOTAL REVENUES	2,624,557	2,695,939	2,660,498	2,740,985	2,899,717	239,219	
FUND BALANCE USAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL REVENUES	2,624,557	2,695,939	2,660,498	2,740,985	2,899,717	239,219	8.99%
NOTE: FUND BALANCE SUMMARY							
FUND BALANCE AS OF 7/1		45,071.00					
SPECIAL ARTICLE		100,000.00					
INCREASE FROM OPERATIONS		74,200.00					
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE 6/30		219,271.00					

EXPENSES

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	708,150	714,353	767,333	771,705	798,466	31,133
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.....	13,471	27,403	13,837	30,757	34,442	20,605
SALARIES-REGULAR-RETIRE	15,954	15,954	0	0	0	0
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	28,000	15,162	22,000	22,000	22,000	0
SALARIES-TEMPORARY-ESL	4,410	7,320	8,820	4,817	4,817	(4,003)
HEALTH BENEFITS	163,461	166,274	196,732	166,956	173,883	(22,849)
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE.....	55,508	55,274	59,493	61,395	63,494	4,001
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	612	612	756	756	756	0
WORKMENS COMPENSATION.....	8,109	8,555	8,818	4,801	6,116	(2,702)
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	369	288	629	629	707	78
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	8,000	12,238	12,000	11,200	15,000	3,000
DENTAL BENEFITS	7,098	6,486	7,725	7,725	7,384	(341)
DISABILITY BENEFITS	3,648	3,383	4,042	3,570	3,726	(316)
PROF EDU SVC-ADMFFEE FIELD TRIPS.....	4,820	3,056	4,931	4,931	4,931	0
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-EST & Enrichmt.	0	0	7,000	0	7,000	0
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-Fata Warehouse...	0	0	1,600	0	0	(1,600)
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVCS-Community Connect ...	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
GENERAL SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE	27,521	32,561	30,966	25,375	33,966	3,000
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.....	5,462	2,867	4,885	10,476	13,347	8,462
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	1,054,593	1,071,786	1,151,567	1,127,093	1,200,035	48,468

INSTRUCTIONAL SVCS-ENRICHMENT						4.20%
PROFESSIONAL SVCS-ELF	1,680	1,500	1,680	1,680	1,680	0
GENERAL SUPPLIES-CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES.....	750	500	750	750	750	0
TOTAL INSTRUCT. SVCS-ENRICH.	2,430	2,000	2,430	2,430	2,430	0
						0.00%

BUDGET 2008-2009

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	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Projected 2008	Budget 2009	Budget 09 Incr/(Decr)	Budget 08- %
GUIDANCE SERVICES							
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	31,973	33,990	44,885	44,885	46,712	1,827	
HEALTH BENEFITS	10,261	0	0	0	0	0	
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	2,307	2,600	3,434	3,434	3,573	139	
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	36	36	40	40	40	0	
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	337	337	451	451	320	(131)	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	16	16	33	33	39	6	
DENTAL BENEFITS	363	0	481	481	492	11	
DISABILITY BENEFITS	166	151	217	217	226	9	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	405	815	780	780	780	0	
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	250	129	500	500	500	0	
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	46,114	38,074	50,821	50,821	52,682	1,861	3.70%
HEALTH SERVICES							
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFOTH	49,240	54,532	56,673	56,673	58,940	2,267	
HEALTH BENEFITS	11,544	12,751	13,727	13,765	14,447	720	
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	3,611	3,819	4,150	4,150	4,317	167	
SECTION125 BENEFIT	36	36	40	40	40	0	
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	519	519	612	612	434	(178)	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	24	24	45	45	53	8	
DENTAL BENEFITS	408	454	433	433	492	59	
DISABILITY BENEFITS	256	234	295	234	234	(61)	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,020	1,013	1,120	1,120	1,120	0	
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	0	0	145	145	145	0	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	66,658	73,382	77,240	77,217	80,222	2,982	3.90%

CURRICULUM SERVICES	12,897	12,897	14,346	14,346	16,621	2,275
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-CURRICULUM.....						
TOTAL CURRICULUM SERVICES	12,897	12,897	14,346	14,346	16,621	2,275
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES						
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	50,949	51,173	53,572	53,572	57,037	3,465
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE.....	3,898	3,647	4,098	4,098	4,363	265
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	36	36	40	40	40	0
WORKMENS COMPENSATION.....	506	506	545	545	396	(149)
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	24	24	40	40	48	8
DENTAL BENEFITS.....	454	454	481	481	492	11
DISABILITY BENEFITS	250	230	262	234	234	(28)
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.....	500	1,202	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,500	1,528	1,900	1,900	1,900	0
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.....	5,600	5,429	5,600	5,600	5,600	0
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS	500	298	500	500	500	0
COMPUTER SOFTWARE.....	250	131	250	250	250	0
TOTAL SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	64,467	64,658	68,788	68,760	72,360	3,572
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES						
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	100	0	100	100	100	0
SUPERV UNION SERVICES	7,189	7,189	7,903	7,903	9,254	1,351
SUPERV UNION SERVICES-NETWORK SUPPORT	15,887	16,460	18,678	18,678	18,672	(6)
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.....	4,060	2,148	3,300	2,018	2,000	(1,300)
COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE.....	9,970	10,181	9,970	13,214	7,200	(2,770)
TRAVEL.....	50	0	50	50	50	0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	3,500	3,608	3,500	3,500	3,000	(500)
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2,500	3,979	2,500	2,500	10,000	7,500

BUDGET 2008-2009

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	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Projected 2008	Budget 2009	Budget 09 Incr/(Decr)	Budget 08- %
EQUIPMENT - REPLACEMENT	2,240	4,847	3,800	5,082	3,800	0	
EQUIPMENT -TELEPHONE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	45,496	48,412	49,801	53,045	54,076	4,275	8.60%
BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.							
TECHNICAL SVC.SCHOOL BD	700	550	700	700	700	0	
SALARIES-TEMPORARY-CLERICAL.....	660	507	660	660	660	0	
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	101	81	101	101	101	0	
OFFICIAL SVC TAX COLLECT.	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	
PROFESSIONAL EDUC SVCS	250	100	250	50	250	0	
LEGAL SERVICES	1,000	1,487	1,000	16,000	1,000	0	
FIDELITY BOND PREMIUMS	200	100	200	0	0	(200)	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	0	0	0	200	200	200	
DUES & FEES	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SVCS.	12,711	12,525	12,711	27,511	12,711	0	0.00%
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT							
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-SUPT	38,910	38,910	39,431	39,431	45,535	6,104	
TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT	38,910	38,910	39,431	39,431	45,535	6,104	15.50%
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL							
SALARIES-REGULAR-ADMIN.....	78,795	78,795	81,868	86,394	82,766	898	
SALARIES-REGULAR-CLERICAL.....	55,448	55,496	57,302	56,823	59,096	1,794	
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	600	130	600	1,361	1,361	761	
HEALTH BENEFITS	26,507	26,218	28,368	21,885	29,811	1,443	
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	10,153	9,851	10,518	10,835	10,776	258	

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	959	953	995	995	1,031	36
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	108	108	120	120	120	0
WORKMENS COMPENSATION.....	1,421	1,421	1,510	1,042	1,045	(465)
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	67	67	112	112	68	(44)
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,200	2,984	1,200	200	1,200	0
DENTAL BENEFITS	907	907	962	962	984	22
DISABILITY BENEFITS	698	513	724	529	541	(183)
RENTALS & LEASES/REPAIRS-COPIER	7,994	5,995	7,500	7,500	7,500	0
COMMUNICATIONS-POSTAGE	1,700	1,413	1,800	1,800	1,800	0
ADVERTISING	1,500	2,535	1,600	8,600	3,600	2,000
TRAVEL.....	300	527	300	150	300	0
GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,350	1,775	2,020	2,120	2,020	0
DUES & FEES.....	400	645	610	665	610	0
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	190,107	190,333	198,109	202,093	204,629	6,520
						3.30%
FISCAL SERVICES						
SUPERVISORY UN SERV	29,258	29,258	30,772	30,772	34,566	3,794
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	29,258	29,258	30,772	30,772	34,566	3,794
						12.30%
AUDITING SERVICES.....						
AUDIT SERVICES	2,600	2,600	2,900	5,500	2,900	0
TOTAL AUDITING SERVICES	2,600	2,600	2,900	5,500	2,900	0
						0.00%
OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT						
SALARIES-REGULAR-SERVICE.....	66,315	66,791	68,604	74,478	86,549	17,945
SALARIES-TEMPORARY	3,000	2,419	2,000	2,505	4,000	2,000
HEALTH BENEFITS	22,394	21,984	23,965	23,965	30,576	6,611
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE.....	5,303	4,999	5,401	5,889	6,927	1,526
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	1,133	1,131	1,175	543	1,228	53

BUDGET 2008-2009

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	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Projected 2008	Budget 2009	Budget 09 Incr/(Decr)	Budget 08- %
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	72	72	80	80	120	40	
WORKMENS COMPENSATION.....	730	730	763	763	667	(96)	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	34	34	56	56	51	(5)	
DENTAL BENEFITS.....	454	454	481	481	492	11	
DISABILITY BENEFITS.....	345	323	357	262	450	93	
WATER TESTING AND SEWER.....	2,500	3,145	2,500	3,500	2,500	0	
DISPOSAL SERVICES	3,000	3,164	3,000	3,050	3,000	0	
SNOW PLOWING.....	2,700	2,910	2,700	3,820	2,700	0	
LAWN CARE SERVICES.....	900	365	900	0	900	0	
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE & DIU RECOMMEND.	5,880	10,906	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	
REPAIRS AND MNT-TRACTOR.....	1,000	554	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	
INSURANCE	8,845	7,465	8,845	7,614	8,845	0	
TRAVEL.....	570	343	600	600	600	0	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	12,500	14,018	13,000	15,584	13,000	0	
ELECTRICITY	28,988	24,150	28,988	26,431	28,988	0	
OIL	5,586	481	5,586	5,586	5,586	0	
OTHER ENERGY-WOOD CHIPS	5,900	4,800	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	
EQUIPMENT -FLOOR MACHINE-LEASE PURCHASE	2,300	2,014	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	
TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINT.PLANT	180,449	173,252	194,201	200,407	222,379	28,178	14.50%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV							
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	84,822	71,425	78,718	76,318	78,775	57	
STUDENT TRANSP SV-FIELD TRIPS	2,614	2,971	4,252	4,252	4,252	0	
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SV	87,436	74,396	82,970	80,570	83,027	57	0.10%
DEBT SERVICE							

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BUDGET 2008-2009

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	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008	Projected 2008	Budget 2009	Budget 09 Incr/(Decr)	Budget 08- %
TRAVEL.....	50	206	600	1,300	850	250	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	4,375	3,825	4,700	6,200	7,200	2,500	
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.....	50	758	500	500	500	0	
TOTAL INSTR.SVC-STUDENT SUP SVC	536,881	534,448	542,468	654,989	681,835	139,367	25.70%
EEE & PRESCHOOL.....							
SALARIES-REGULAR-PROFESS.	23,117	23,807	25,135	30,137	37,937	12,802	
SALARIES-REGULAR-TECH.....	7,913	10,109	8,020	8,159	11,083	3,063	
HEALTH BENEFITS	7,952	7,976	8,511	0	0	(8,511)	
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	2,266	1,991	2,421	2,930	3,749	1,328	
SECTION 125 BENEFIT	36	36	40	40	40	0	
WORKMENS COMPENSATION.....	327	327	358	358	343	(15)	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	15	15	27	27	32	5	
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	570	385	570	570	570	0	
DENTAL BENEFITS	281	281	298	298	369	71	
DISABILITY BENEFITS	0	123	0	0	185	185	
SUPERVISORY UN SERV-EARLY ED	10,079	10,079	6,585	6,585	7,112	527	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	900	796	1,130	1,130	1,130	0	
TOTAL EEE & PRESCHOOL	53,456	55,925	53,095	50,234	62,550	9,455	17.80%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,624,557	2,621,739	2,660,498	2,824,337	2,899,717	239,219	8.99%
PROFIT/(LOSS)	(0)	74,200	(0)	(83,352)	(0)	(0)	

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Significant Changes Budget 2009 vs. 2008

	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>Entire Budget % Change</u>	<u>Budget FY08</u>	<u>Budget FY09</u>
Salary & Benefit items				
Negotiated Items:				
Salary Increases	\$67,262	2.53%		
Horizontal Salary & Benefit Costs	3,216	0.12%		
Health Ben—Current Enrollment @5% Inflation	15,739	0.59%		
Miscellaneous Benefit Changes	493	0.02%		
Subtotal Negotiated Items	\$86,710	3.26%		
Impacts from FY07-08 Staffing Changes:				
Workers Compensation Insurance Savings	(5,705)	(0.21%)		
Disability Insurance Savings	(964)	(0.04%)		
Misc Sal & Ben Savings—primarily Health Ins	(41,570)	(1.56%)		
Subtotal FY0708 Items	(\$48,239)	(1.81%)		
Staffing Changes:				
Full Time Kindergarten Paraeducator	17,414	0.65%		
Add'l Time Paraeducator Meetings	4,634	0.17%		
Stipends	(1,614)	(0.06%)		
ESL Tutoring	(4,309)	(0.16%)		
Operation of Plant—Add'l .5 FTE Custodian	22,093	0.83%		
Operation of Plant—Add'l Summer Work	2,167	0.08%		
Special Education Svcs—Add'l .4 FTE Teacher	26,398	0.99%		
Special Ed Svcs—Add'l 1.0 FTE Paraeducator	18,465	0.69%		
Special Ed Svcs—Add'l Summer Tutoring	21,136	0.79%		
Preschool Enhanced Time	10,192	0.38% *		
Subtotal Staffing Changes	\$116,576	4.38%	<u>Budget FY08</u>	<u>Budget FY09</u>
Total Salary & Benefit Items	\$155,047	5.83%	\$2,077,050	\$2,232,097
Nonsalary changes:				
Instructional Svc—Supplies, Books-				
Investigations Grades 3–5 (\$8462)	11,462	0.43%		
Instructional Svc—Tuition Reimbursement	3,000	0.11%		
Instructional Svc—Other Professional				
Services—Data Warehouse	(1,600)	(0.06%)		
Instructional Svc—Other Professional				
Services—Community Connections	10,000	0.38% *		
Tech Svcs—Equipment	2,930	0.11%	Article 7 \$22K	
Tech Svcs—Phone System—Special Article	\$0	0.00%	Article 7 \$16K	
WCSU Assessments—Full Board Approved				
Budget—Due to increase in enrollment	17,210	0.65%		
Principal's Office—Advertising	2,000	0.08%		
Special Ed—Prof Svcs, Tuition Supplies, etc	54,099	2.03%		
Special Education—Summer Services—				
Prof Svcs, Supplies & Travel	2,750	0.10%		
Student Transportation Services & Field Trips	57	0.00%		
Debt Savings—Bond	(17,689)	(0.66%)		
Miscellaneous Changes	(47)	0.00%		
Total Nonsalary	\$84,172	3.16%	<u>583,448</u>	<u>667,620</u>
Subtotal Expense Change	\$239,219	8.99%	\$2,660,498	2,899,717
Add'l Special Ed Rev @ 57% Intensive Rate	(79,439)			
Net Impact to Tax Payers	\$159,780	6.01%		

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARNING

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 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.

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following School Directors by Australian ballot:

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

ARTICLE 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors.

ARTICLE 4. Will the School District adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,899,717.00 for the operation of the school for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 5. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2008 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?

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?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the East Montpelier School District raise the sum of \$38,000.00 for the Capital Improvement Fund for technology (computers and phone system)?

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

A meeting will be held on March 1, 2008 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting will be held at the East Montpelier Elementary School Cafeteria at 9:30 P.M.

* **Please note time.** The Town and School Meeting 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. 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 after a short break.

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

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:
MARLENE BETIT, *Chair*
JANICE ALDRICH, *Vice Chair*
JULIE ROCHAT, *Clerk*
JOHN AUDY JR.
ANDREA COLNES

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 2009. 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 qualifying households with incomes up to \$97,000 a year. If you might qualify, but aren't sure how to file, free help is available at 1-866-828-2865. The deadline to file is April 15, 2008. Late filed claims will be accepted only until September 2nd, and late filing penalties apply.

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

The legal voters of the Berlin Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2008 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 4th day of March, 2008 from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the East Montpelier Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2008 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Middlesex Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Middlesex Town Hall in Middlesex on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2008 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

The legal voters of the Worcester Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Doty Memorial School on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2008 from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. to transact the following business:

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. To 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 5. Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$12,511,530.00 for the 2008–2009 school year?

ARTICLE 6. 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, 2008 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?

ARTICLE 7. 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?

A meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian ballot at Town Meeting. The meeting 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)

MARK BERRY, *Vice Chair* (Berlin)

CONRAD SMITH, *Clerk* (Calais)

ALLEN GILBERT (Worcester)

ADRIENNE MAGIDA (Middlesex)

SUSAN H. CHICKERING (East Montpelier)

THOMAS R. WILLIAMS (Berlin)

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2007 — TOWN MEETING

Called to order at 9:40 a.m. Moderator opened Town Meeting and School Meeting. Motion to recess School Meeting until completion of Town Meeting was passed by floor vote.

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

Town Moderator, 1 Year	Michael H. Dworkin
School District Moderator, 1 Year	Michael H. Dworkin
Select Board Member, 3 year term	Tracy M. Phillips
Lister, 3 year term	Earl Montague
Auditor, 3 year term	Deborah Fillion
Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term	Sylvia M. Tosi
Town Law Agent, 1 year term	Dennis Carver
Town Grand Juror, 1 year term	no candidate
First Constable, 1 year term	Sandy F. Conti
Second Constable, 1 year term	Paul Haynes
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year term	Robyn Hall
Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term	Pauline Coburn
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term	Rob Chickering
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term	Kim B. Watson
Planning Commissioner, 3 year term	Carol Welch
EMES School Director, 3 year term	Andrea (Andi) Colnes
EMES School Director, 2 year term	John J. Audy Jr.
U-32 School Director, 3 year term	Virginia (Ginny) Burley

Art. 2: Voted to hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon. Passed by voice vote. Selectboard Chair Edie Miller recapped the last year, including the transition to a July 1 to June 30 Fiscal Year. Miller and retiring Collector of Delinquent Taxes Norma Raymond were honored for their years of service to the Town. Accepted by voice vote.

Art. 3: Voted to have Town raise the sum of \$1,050,613.97 as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2008 (7/1/07 to 6/30/08). Passed by Australian Ballot.

Art. 4: Voted to have Town raise the sum of \$150,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund. Passed by Australian Ballot.

Art. 5: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to (1) finance an amount not to exceed \$40,000 toward the purchase of a new Town Highway Dump Truck; and (2) expend an amount not to exceed \$65,000 from the existing Capital Reserve Fund towards said purchase. Passed by Australian Ballot.

Art. 6: Voted to raise \$25,321 for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Passed by Australian Ballot.

Art. 7: Voted on: Shall bonds of the Town of East Montpelier in an amount not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000) be issued for the purpose of constructing a fire station for use by the East Montpelier Fire Department and for making improvements to the Templeton Road Fire Station,

the total estimated cost of said improvements being Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000), and the issuance of said bonds being conditioned upon the approval of a fire service interlocal contract between the Town of East Montpelier and the Town of Calais. Defeated by Australian Ballot.

Art. 8: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of taxes. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 9: Voted to authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2008 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 5 p.m. Thursday November 15, 2007 and the second installment will be due on or before 5 p.m. Thursday May 15, 2008. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 10: Voted to raise a sum not to exceed \$10,700 to be expended by the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during 2008 fiscal year. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 11: Voted to raise a sum not to exceed \$2,500 for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association operating expenses for fiscal year 2008. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 12: Voted to raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations for fiscal year 2008. Passed by voice vote.

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	3,000
e) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	250
f) Community Connections	2,500
g) Family Center of Washington County.....	400
h) Green Mountain Transit.....	1,100
i) Green-up Vermont.....	150
j) Onion River Food Shelf	400
k) People's Health and Wellness Clinic.....	950
l) Project Independence	500
m) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	275
n) Sexual Assault Crisis Team	200
o) U-32 Project Graduation.....	200
p) Vermont Center for Independent Living	200
q) Washington County Diversion Program	300
r) Washington County Youth Service Bureau	400
Total.....	\$13,364

Art. 13: Voted for the Town of East Montpelier to enter into a fire service interlocal contract with the Town of Calais and the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department under which debt service on fire station improvement bonds issued by the Town of East Montpelier shall be allocated. Discussion and questions from the floor; clarification that the term of the contract is 20 years, with a review every 3 years. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 14: Voted on: Shall the Town of East Montpelier add two additional members to its Selectboard, for a total of five members. At the March 2008 Town Meeting, the two additional members will be elected with the initial term of the first additional member to be for one year and initial term for the second additional member to be for two years. At the end of their initial terms, the two additional members will be elected for two-year terms. (Petitioned article.) Discussion from the floor and comments from Selectboard members. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 15: Shall the Town continue offering local farmers' contracts, the costs of which are borne entirely by East Montpelier, when a state program offering equal benefits is available with costs shared statewide?

Discussion: Currently 13 farms (minimum of 25 acres) participate in the local program with renewable 10-year contracts. The town makes up the shortfall of tax monies, about \$9,000 last year. Often, landowners benefit more under the State's Current Use program, which allows smaller parcels. The town has two Grand Lists—one for the Town Tax rate, and the other for the Education Tax rate. The State doesn't allow a local discount on the Education Tax, so the town must make up the lost revenue. State Current Use is reimbursed to the town. **Motion** to amend the article for clarity: replace "when" with "even though." Amendment passed by voice vote. Amended Article passed by card vote.

Art. 16: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to accept and to spend grant funding received during the fiscal year 2008 without a vote of the Town. Passed by voice vote.

Art. 17: Other business:

Wes Cate presented a Resolution recognizing Martin and Edie Miller for their many years of dedicated service to the town and moved that the resolution be recorded by the Town Clerk. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Rick Mastelli inquired about accepting post-marked tax payments. Treasurer said a mail slot had been installed at the Town Office for after-hours drop-off. Selectboard said the deadline allows the Treasurer to close out the tax system, reconcile the funds available, and pay the State a few days later. Someone asked about accepting electronic payments. Motion for Selectboard to consider recommendations passed unanimously.

Carl Etnier, of East Montpelier Peak Energy, spoke briefly on the abatement of energy costs. He presented special low energy light bulbs.

Paul Earlbaum presented a Resolution to impeach the President and Vice-President of the United States. Motion seconded. After discussion, motion for paper ballot and recess for lunch while ballots are cast was passed. Meeting called back to order at 1:09 p.m. Board of Civil Authority announced votes of Yes: 123; No: 27; Blank: 1. Moderator called motion passed, though unbinding; Selectboard duly noted the recommendation.

Rachel Grossman asked about creating a voluntary fund to provide assistance to townspeople in need; to be administered by the Town Service Officer. Edward Deegan opposed the Town administering aid funds, citing area agencies in Article 12.

Representative Tony Klein thanked Townspeople for their input. He spoke of legislation regarding Renewable Energy, Education Spending, Property Tax impact.

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2007 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m. and recessed until after the Town Meeting.
School Meeting resumed at 1:32 p.m.

- Art. 1: Voted by Australian Ballot and elected Michael Dworkin, Moderator.
- Art. 2: Voted and elected School Directors for EMES (by Australian Ballot):
EMES School Director – 2 Years John J. Audy Jr.
EMES School Director – 3 Years Andrea (Andi) Colnes
U32 School Director – 3 Years Virginia (Ginny) Burley
- Art. 3: Heard the reports of the EMES (East Montpelier Elementary School) School Directors.
- Art. 4: Voted to adopt a budget not to exceed \$2,660,498.00 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, 2007 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 EMES School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of receipt of revenues for the school year. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 7: Voted to authorize the EMES School District to borrow a sum not to exceed \$47,000.00 to repair a portion of the school roof and subject to reduction from available grants-in-aid (up to 30% of project costs). It was noted that State funds may not be available at the time the process is otherwise eligible to received state school construction aid. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of State school construction aid.
- Art. 8: Other business:
Richard Czaplinski inquired if the school had any policy with regard to the idling of busses and the emissions that have become a concern. The school board indicated that there was no policy in force at this time and they would look into it.
Jane Burroughs inquired as to why the budget was not on Australian Ballot. Board Member Jan Aldrich answered that the topic comes up every five or six years, and gets defeated every time.

RESULTS OF U32 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

Results for the vote on March 6, 2007 are:

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

Deborah Wolf: 1,847 Write Ins: 13 Spoiled: 0 Blank: 269 Total: 2,129

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

Florence J. Young: 1,830 Write Ins: 4 Spoiled: 2 Blank: 293 Total: 2,129

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

Edward Deegan: 1,776 Write Ins: 15 Spoiled: 1 Blank: 337 Total: 2,129

ARTICLE 4. 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

Votes: **Yes: 1,632** No: 340 Spoiled: 3 Blank: 154 Total: 2,129

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Union High School District No. 32 adopt a budget of \$11,916,712.00 for the 2007–2008 school year?

Votes: **Yes: 1,133** No: 939 Spoiled: 2 Blank: 55 Total: 2,129

ARTICLE 6. 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, 2007 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?

Votes: **Yes: 1,474** No: 572 Spoiled: 2 Blank: 81 Total: 2,129

ARTICLE 7. 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?

Votes: **Yes: 1,448** No: 603 Spoiled: 0 Blank: 78 Total: 2,129

ARTICLE 8. Will the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to create a capital improvement/replacement fund?

Votes: **Yes: 1,390** No: 662 Spoiled: 0 Blank: 77 Total: 2,129

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
 - ☐ Other _____

Background/Experience: _____

Previous Boards or Committees served on: _____

Interests: _____

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

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

*Change of Name From: _____

To: _____

Change of Address to: _____

Signature of Property Owner/Voter

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

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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	<u>\$7.00</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>
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	<u>\$11.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>

Spaying or neutering certificates from veterinarian must be exhibited.

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

A current rabies vaccination means that:

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

2008 Annual RABIES CLINIC

Contact the Town Clerk @ 223-3313 for date & time



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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