

# Town of East Montpelier, Vermont *171st Annual Report*



**Reports of Town Officers**  
**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

# **TOWN OFFICES at 40 Kelton Road**

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Monday – Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Closed on official holidays.

**Town Clerk: Rosie Laquerre – ext.201**

email: [clerk@eastmontpeliervt.org](mailto:clerk@eastmontpeliervt.org)

**Town Treasurer; Tax Collector: Don Welch – ext.207**

email: [treasurer@eastmontpeliervt.org](mailto:treasurer@eastmontpeliervt.org)

**Town and Zoning Administrator; Collector of Delinquent Taxes:**

**C. Bruce Johnson – ext.204**

email: [manager@eastmontpeliervt.org](mailto:manager@eastmontpeliervt.org)

**Listers' Office: ext.206**

Ross Hazel, Rob Chickering, Chris Racanelli

email: [listers@eastmontpeliervt.org](mailto:listers@eastmontpeliervt.org)

## **OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency: Medical, Fire, Police .....	911
East Montpelier Fire Dept. (Fire or Ambulance Call) .....	911
East Montpelier Fire Dept. (Non-emergency Calls).....	225-6245, 225-6247
State Police (Non-emergency Calls) .....	229-9191
Fire Chief & Fire Warden ..... Ty Rolland .....	229-1153
Permits for Fireworks & Open Burning.....	225-6247
Town Garage ..... Guthrie Perry .....	223-5870
Town Constable ..... Jon Boucher .....	917-4855
Elementary School .....	223-7936
U-32 Middle & High School .....	229-0321
Washington Central Unified Union School District .....	229-0553
State Rep. Kimberly Jessup ..... <a href="mailto:jessupkimberly@gmail.com">jessupkimberly@gmail.com</a> .....	249-9306
Animal Control Officer ..... Carl Etnier .....	552-4343
Town Health Officer ..... Ginny Burley.....	272-4045
Truant Officer ..... Alicia Lyford.....	223-7936
Town Service Officer ..... Rachael Grossman .....	223-3177

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*Voting during a pandemic—East Montpelier, November 2020.*

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## *In Appreciation*

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

Casey Northrup .....	Selectboard Capital Improvement Committee East Montpelier Village Committee
Gene Troia .....	Selectboard
Jean Vissering .....	Planning Commission
Bruce Bjornlund .....	Town Attorney
Michael Duane .....	Justice of the Peace
Florence Morse .....	Justice of the Peace
C. Bruce Johnson .....	School District Moderator
Jack Pauly .....	Regional Planning Alternate Rep.
Owen Myka-Smith .....	Recreation Board Youth Member
Sandal Cate .....	Funding Request Study Committee
Darci Coleman-Graves .....	Funding Request Study Committee
Bob Smith (d. 2/12/20) .....	East Montpelier Village Committee
Natalie Chapell .....	Conservation Fund Advisory Committee

*Photo: Alex Brown*



*Selectboard members at Town Meeting on March 3, 2020.*

## **EAST MONTPELIER TOWN FORUM**

**MONDAY, March 1, 2021, at 7:30 P.M.**

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public Hearing and Informational Meeting hosted by the East Montpelier Selectboard, conducted utilizing Zoom remote conferencing services (see page 12 for participation options), to discuss the Australian Ballot Articles on the 2021 Town Meeting Warning.

## **NAMES TO BE PRINTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

East Montpelier Town Meeting — Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
at the East Montpelier Elementary School, 665 Vincent Flats Road  
Australian Ballot Voting  
7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

WCUUSD Australian Ballot voting will also occur at the above place and time.

### **OFFICE FILED FOR**

### **CANDIDATE(S)**

TOWN MODERATOR for 1 year ..... MICHAEL DUANE

SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 3 years ..... SETH B. GARDNER

SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 2 years ..... AMY WILLIS

SELECTBOARD MEMBER for 2 of 3 years ..... JUDITH DILLON

(Vote for not more than ONE) ..... GENE TROIA

LISTER for 3 years ..... ROSS HAZEL

AUDITOR for 3 years ..... ED DEEGAN

FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year ..... JONATHAN A. BOUCHER

PLANNING COMMISSIONER for 3 years ..... RICHARD H. HALL

(Vote for not more than THREE) ..... MARK LANE

..... [WRITE-IN]



**Board of Civil Authority:**

Town Clerk, Selectboard, and Justices of the Peace

**Town Board for the Abatement of Taxes:**

Board of Civil Authority, Listers, and Town Treasurer

**WCUUSD Directors from East Montpelier:**

Expires 2023; 3-year term ..... Stephen Looke  
Expires 2022; 3-year term ..... Flor Diaz Smith  
Expires 2021; 2-year term ..... Lindy Johnson

**TOWN OFFICERS, APPOINTED**

Town Administrator ..... Bruce Johnson  
Town Clerk (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Rosie Laquerre  
Town Treasurer (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Don Welch  
Collector of Current Taxes (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Don Welch  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Bruce Johnson  
Zoning Administrator & E-911 Coord. (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Bruce Johnson  
Sewage Officer ..... Bruce Johnson  
Municipal Assistant ..... Denise Sparrow  
Assistant Town Clerk (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Denise Sparrow  
Assistant Town Treasurer (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Denise Sparrow  
Road Foreman ..... Guthrie Perry  
Road Commissioner (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Seth Gardner  
Road Commissioner (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Bruce Johnson  
Acting Zoning Administrator (1 year; exp. June 2021) ..... Gene Troia  
Town Attorney ..... vacant  
Town Health Officer (3 years; exp. Dec. 31, 2023) ..... Ginny Burley  
Second Town Health Officer (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Rachael Grossman  
Town Service Officer (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Rachael Grossman  
Animal Control Officer (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Carl Etnier  
Assistant Animal Control Officer (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Amber Perry  
Town Fire Warden (5 years; exp. 2023) ..... Ty Rolland  
Emergency Management Director (Selectboard Chair) ..... Seth Gardner  
Emergency Management Director (Selectboard Vice-Chair) ..... Carl Etnier  
Emergency Management Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Toby Talbot  
Second Emergency Management Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Jon Boucher

Town Tree Warden (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Paul Cate  
 Cemetery Sexton (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Elliott Morse  
 Solid Waste District Representative (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Ann Stanton  
 Regional Planning, Town Representative (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Julie Potter  
     Alternate (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Clarice Cutler  
     Transportation Advisory Committee Rep. (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Frank Pratt  
 Wrightsville Beach Recreation District Rep. (3 years; exp. 2022)..... Kim Kendall  
 Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc. Rep. (1 year; exp. 2021)..... Carolyn Shapiro  
 State Police Community Advisory Board (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Carol Welch  
 State Police Community Advisory Board (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Don Welch  
 Green Up Coordinator (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Chris Racanelli  
 CVFiber Governing Board, Town Rep. (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Tom Fisher  
     Alternate (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Tom McMurdo  
 Revolving Loan Fund Advisor (1 year; exp. 2021) ..... Rebecca Schrader

**Development Review Board: 3 years**

Steve Kappel, <i>Chair</i> (2023)	Kim Watson (2023)	Lauren Oates (2023)
Jeff Cueto (2022)	Norman Hill (2022)	Steve Justis (2022)
Mark Lane (2021)	Clarice Cutler (2021)	Glenn Weyant (2021)

**Cemetery Committee: 1 year; Exp. 2021**

Tim Lamson, <i>Chair</i>	Elliott Morse, <i>Sexton</i>	Mark Lane
Jon Boucher	Emily Goyette	

**Recreation Board: 3 years**

Jack Zeilenga, <i>Chair</i> (2022)	Jan Aldrich (2022)	Alex Rob (2023)
Mike Blanchard (2023)	Bob Fitch (2023)	Paul Winters (2021)
Darci Coleman-Graves (2022)	Jason DeForge (2021)	Kate Bean (2021)
Claire Obeldobel, <i>Youth Member</i> (2021)		

**Resilient Roads Committee: No term set**

Jeff Cueto, <i>Chair</i>	Paul Cate	Carl Etnier
Mark Lane	Jack Pauly	Guthrie Perry
Jean Vissering	Jennifer Boyer	Steve Justis

**Forest Committee: 3 years**

Paul Cate, <i>Chair</i> (2022)	Mark Lane (2023)	Colin Blackwell (2022)
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**Conservation Fund Advisory Committee:** 3 years

Charles Johnson, <i>Chair</i> (2021)	Brian Lusignan (2023)	Ginny Callan (2023)
Bruce Howlett (2022)	Nora Duane (2022)	Hannah Phillips (2022)

**Capital Improvement Committee:** 1 year; Exp. 2021

Gene Troia, <i>Chair</i>	Kim Watson	Jon Jewett
Don Welch	Ed Deegan	

**Funding Request Study Committee:** 1 year; Exp. 2021

Lindy Johnson, <i>Chair</i>	Sue Racanelli	Jeanne Malachowski
Paul Erlbaum	Kate Rader	Ginny Callan
		Sarah Kinter

**Emergency Management Committee:** No term set

Selectboard Members	Emergency Management Coordinator(s)	
Planning Commission Chair and Vice-chair (or chosen delegates)		
EMFD Chief	Town Administrator	Town Road Foreman

**Town Garage Facility Improvements Committee:** No term set

Guthrie Perry	Seth Gardner	Gene Troia
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**East Montpelier Village Committee:** No term set

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

**Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee:** No term set

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

**Energy Committee:** No term set

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

**Town Charter Committee:** No term set

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

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER**  
**ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in said Town, on **Tuesday**, the **second (2<sup>nd</sup>)** day of **March, 2021**, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 1 through 13 as outlined below. The polls will be open from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Town Moderator, 1-year term  
 Selectboard Member, 3-year term  
 Selectboard Member, 2-year term  
 Selectboard Member, 2 of 3-year term  
 Lister, 3-year term  
 Auditor, 3-year term  
 First Constable, 1-year term  
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term  
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term  
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,927,032** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022).

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2022 to be paid to the Town Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received by the Treasurer at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due and postmarked on or before Monday, November 15, 2021 and the second installment will be due and postmarked on or before Monday, May 16, 2022.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$42,022** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,500** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$9,700** for the East Montpelier *Signpost* to provide for the production and mailing of six issues of the East Montpelier *Signpost* for each East Montpelier resident household and non-resident property owner during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$9,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,833.06** for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to provide services to residents of the Town of East Montpelier, including \$6,833.06 as its RCT portion of the fiscal year 2022 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into East Montpelier and \$1,000 as its fiscal year 2022 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the commuter bus service along Routes 14 & 15 with service into East Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,499.94** as its Green Mountain Transit portion of the fiscal year 2022 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into East Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$5,000** for Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee for the following organizations for fiscal year 2022.

1) American Red Cross .....	\$ 250
2) Big Heavy World.....	\$ 250
3) Capstone Community Action.....	\$ 500
4) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education .....	\$ 750
5) Central Vermont Council on Aging .....	\$ 1,875
6) Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team .....	\$ 200
7) Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity .....	\$ 350
8) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center .....	\$ 1,000
9) Circle .....	\$ 675
10) Community Harvest of Central VT .....	\$ 250
11) Downstreet Housing & Community Development .....	\$ 150
12) East Montpelier Community Connections .....	\$ 2,500
13) Family Center of Washington County .....	\$ 500
14) Friends of the Winooski River.....	\$ 200
15) Girls/Boyz First Mentoring.....	\$ 300
16) Good Beginnings of Central VT.....	\$ 300
17) Good Samaritan Haven .....	\$ 900
18) Green Mountain Transit .....	\$ 1,366
19) Green Up Vermont .....	\$ 150
20) HomeShare Vermont .....	\$ 800
21) Mosaic Vermont .....	\$ 250
22) North Branch Nature Center .....	\$ 750
23) Onion River Food Shelf.....	\$ 1,200
24) OUR House of Central VT .....	\$ 250
25) People's Health and Wellness Clinic .....	\$ 1,750
26) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont .....	\$ 300
27) T. W. Wood Gallery.....	\$ 500
28) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired ....	\$ 150
29) Vermont CARES .....	\$ 150
30) Vermont Center for Independent Living .....	\$ 300
31) Vermont Family Network .....	\$ 200
32) Washington County Diversion Program.....	\$ 600
33) Washington County Mental Health Services .....	\$ 800
34) Washington County Youth Service Bureau .....	\$ 400
35) Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District.....	\$ 600
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$21,466</b>

# **EAST MONTPELIER TOWN FORUM**

**MONDAY, March 1, 2021**

**7:30 p.m.**

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public Hearing and Informational Meeting hosted by the East Montpelier Selectboard, conducted utilizing Zoom remote conferencing services (see below for participation options), to discuss the Australian Ballot Articles on the 2021 Town Meeting Warning.

**A. 7:30 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**B. 7:40 PM REVIEW OF & DISCUSSION ON 2021 TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

[Public Comment Will Be Allowed On All Articles]

Article 2: FY2022 Budget

Article 3: Property Tax Protocol

Article 4: Kellogg-Hubbard Library Appropriation

Article 5: Four Corners Schoolhouse Association  
Appropriation

Article 6: East Montpelier Signpost Appropriation

Article 7: East Montpelier Trails, Inc. Appropriation

Article 8: Montpelier Senior Activity Center Appropriation

Article 9: Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice  
Appropriation

Article 10: Rural Community Transportation, Inc.  
Appropriation

Article 11: Green Mountain Transit Appropriation

Article 12: Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. Appropriation

Article 13: Funding Request Study Committee  
Recommendation for Appropriations to Worthy  
Organizations

**C. 9:15 PM OTHER BUSINESS**

**D. 9:30 PM ADJOURN**

**\* \* TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING, SEE FOLLOWING PAGE \* \***

## **TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

To join by web browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679224234>

By phone: 1 + (646) 558-8656 [this is not a toll-free number]

Meeting ID: 876 7922 4234

Meeting documents and complete participation options can be seen here:

<https://eastmontpeliervt.org/march-1-2021-town-forum/>

If you have difficulty accessing the forum, please call or email Town  
Administrator Bruce Johnson:

(802) 223-3313 x 204

[manager@eastmontpeliervt.org](mailto:manager@eastmontpeliervt.org)

You may also email comments to Mr. Johnson in advance of or during the forum.

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of January, 2021.

### **East Montpelier Selectboard:**

SETH GARDNER

CARL ETNIER

AMY WILLIS

JON JEWETT

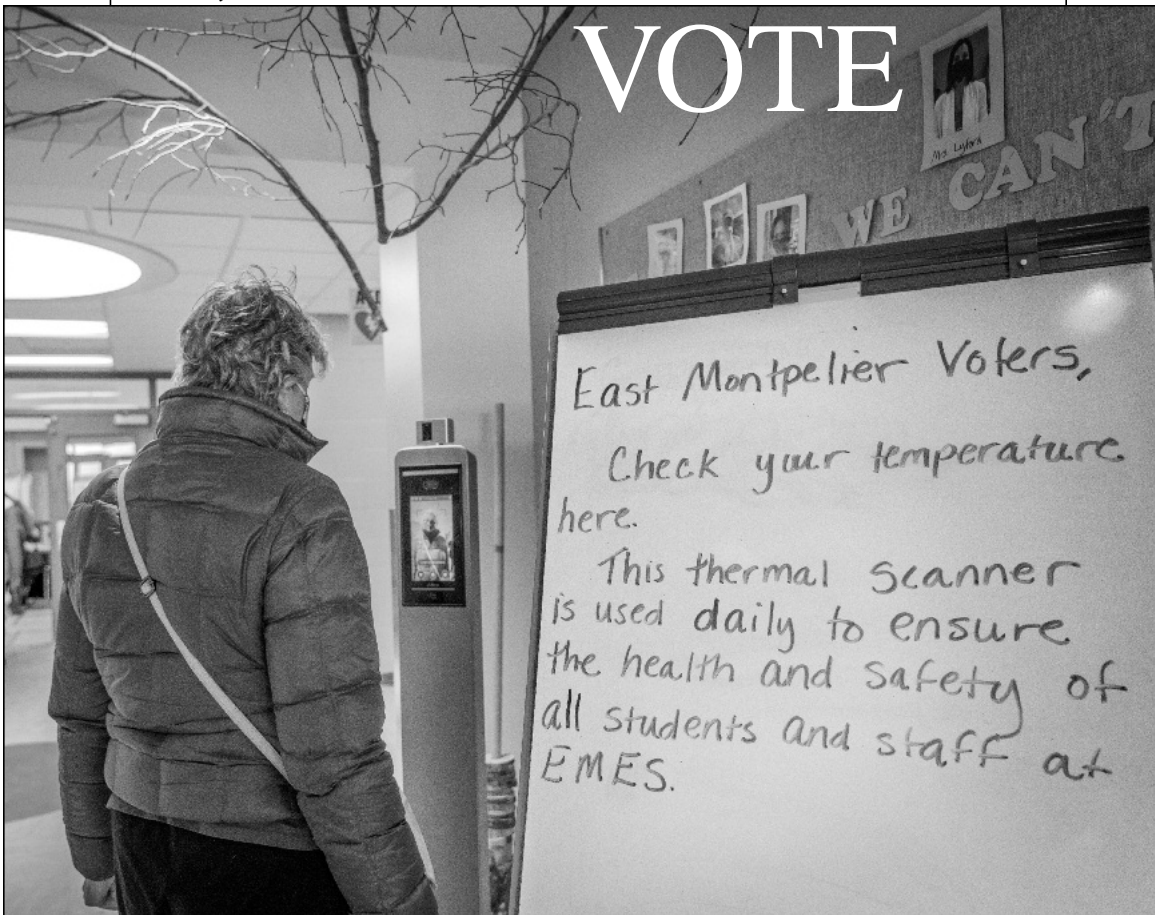
JUDITH DILLON

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, 21st day of January A.D. 2021  
at 1:10 PM received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town  
Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

**Attest: Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk**



Photo: Terry J. Allen



*Voting at EM Elementary School in November 2020.*

**Town and school ballots will be mailed to ALL registered active voters.**

Completed ballots can be mailed back to the Clerk's office, dropped in the secure drop box outside, or brought to the polls for in-person voting on Town Meeting Day at the East Montpelier Elementary School from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In order for your ballot to count, please carefully follow the instructions that come with it. Mail-in ballots are rejected when voters forget to sign the envelope or mail it in too late and the ballot does not arrive in time.

**For more information about “Pandemic-Style” Voting, see pg 61.**

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

The year 2020 was filled with a collection of vital societal issues all seemingly reaching tipping points at the same time, ranging from social justice, racial justice and gender equity to climate change and economic equity, all overlain by a turbulent political environment, a pitched economic downturn, and the most virulent pandemic in a century. There are times when it seems the best you can say about 2020 is that it's in the rearview mirror, fading fast. 2021 simply has to be better, right? Whether you're from the "Come together" generation or nearer the "We're all in this together" era, we've seen over this past year the need to find common ground, to work together toward a brighter future for our community, state, and nation.

We join with all to express our heartfelt thanks to the local doctors, nurses, EMFD staff and volunteers, and all who stepped up in the effort to save lives while battling a foe none fully understood. We extend that thanks to those that kept our community from imploding: Dudley's employees, EMES and U-32 teachers and staff, Alco and Packard fuel deliverers, and so many more. Most of all we give thanks to our community members, who collectively strived to do what was necessary to keep us all as safe as possible. Although we hope the end of the pandemic is in sight, we won't forget the heroism or the simple common decency.

Despite the pandemic, some good things happened in 2020. High on this list was the completion of the East Montpelier Village sidewalk project, the culmination of over a decade of seemingly constant construction work along the US Rte. 2/VT Rte. 14 corridor. After years of interest in reducing the speed of cars on Route 2 in the village and near the Towne Hill Road intersection, VTrans granted the town's request to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph in the village and 40 mph for a stretch outside the village, including beyond Towne Hill Road. Speed kills, and the Towne Hill intersection has been a location of many crashes. We hope the slower speeds will make these stretches of road safer.

2020 was also a big year for the Cross VT Trail Association, long a recipient of town support. The group closed on an important easement across Fairmont Dairy land and has finally, after years of fundraising, broken ground on the bridge over the Winooski. The East Montpelier portion of the trail, once complete, will serve as a recreational focal point, with access west to the Montpelier trails, east to Plainfield and beyond, and connect with U-32 trails, providing a link to the EM Trails network. One thing that did fall to the pandemic was the formation of the Conservation Commission as authorized at 2020 Town Meeting. We decided to wait out the pandemic to give the commission a better chance for a productive start.

After an unexpectedly busy 2019 due to the multitude of school votes, Town Clerk Rosie Laquerre and the Board of Civil Authority faced a new set of challenges in 2020. After a busy but normal town meeting with the presidential primary, Rosie and the BCA faced the state primary and then the general election



under pandemic protocols that necessitated major changes in how the elections were conducted. They handled the altered methodologies with aplomb, maintaining good humor through trying times while managing two clean, successful votes. Early 2021 brings more change, as town meeting will be an all-Australian ballot event. We determined that this one-time shift in town meeting protocol was warranted to protect the health and safety of the community.

The Resilient Roads Committee continues to do great work under the leadership of Jeff Cueto, the committee chair, and Paul Cate, the town tree warden. The committee was formed three years ago to work with the VT Urban and Community Forestry Program (UCF) as a pilot town for the development of updated roadside vegetation management guidelines. The committee has received three grants over the past two years to develop and utilize an ash tree management plan designed to proactively protect the town from the devastation of our ash trees by the Emerald Ash Borer. The Selectboard has committed \$15,000 in FY2022 to support this management effort. While continuing the ash tree work, the committee has taken on another project with UCF, once again serving as a pilot town, this time for the development of a shade tree preservation plan, a new state requirement that will determine what town trees the tree warden will have authority over. For its excellent service to the community, the committee was the recipient of the UCF's 2020 Arbor Day award.

Road Foreman Guthrie Perry and our veteran road crew, Ken Lorden, Frank Campbell, and Craig Seadeek, along with part-timer Peter Hill, are a big part of ash tree management projects, serving as support for the committee and its contractors while also handling some of the tree removal when time allows. Along with sustaining its reputation for excellence in maintaining our road network, the crew continued to upgrade our roadside drainage capabilities to combat road erosion and resultant sediment flows into our streams and rivers. A new duty during the 2020/21 winter was sidewalk maintenance as the team mastered the use of a new tractor/snowblower/sander to keep the sidewalk network reasonably pedestrian friendly. The big infrastructure project for 2021 will be the repaving of the southern-to-middle section of County Road along with the replacement of two large culverts just south of Morse Farm and just north of Barnes Road. The County Road improvements are supported in part through a variety of VTrans grants.

The FY2022 budget reflects a mostly balanced, no-growth approach coupled with two Selectboard policy determinations, the ash tree management program discussed above and EMFD staffing described in the next section, pushing the overall budget marginally higher. The general fund budget is up 2.4%, and overall expenditures, including projected appropriations for all voted articles (up 7.4%, mainly due to renewed, after skipping a year, appropriation requests from the EM Signpost and EM Trails), are up 2.6%. This overall expense increase of 2.6% coupled with revenue growth of 0.34%, the use of \$100,000 of our available fund balance, and a projected 0.33% rise in the grand list results in a municipal tax increase of 3.2%, about 1.8 cents on the tax rate. The capital planning

process led by the Capital Improvement Committee continues to provide the board with the flexibility to meet the needs of the town without wild swings in the tax rate. In 2020 we were able to make cash purchases of a new grader, a new zero-turn mower for cemetery maintenance, the sidewalk tractor/snowblower, and a used six-wheel truck to stabilize our fleet's capabilities. These necessary purchases were accomplished without affecting the long-term capital plan and with no increase in capital reserve funding.

Once again, the single biggest driver of the projected tax rate increase is the EMFD ambulance service budget, our share of which is up \$32,918. For the most part, this figure reflects the Year 2 contribution toward a three-year effort by your Selectboard and the Calais Selectboard to move toward fully funding 24/7, two-person per diem staffing for the EMFD ambulance service. For FY2021 and FY2022, the EM annual share of this effort was \$25,000 plus associated payroll costs. The FY2023 cost will likely be over \$50,000. As stated last year, it's been clear for years that dependence on volunteer staffing was an unsustainable proposition. The expectations on volunteer personnel, both in terms of training and time, are enormous, leading to a downward spiral of fewer volunteers trying to meet constantly increasing demands.

Bruce Bjornlund closed his law practice last June, ending a run of 35 years as our town attorney. Although he sat on numerous volunteer committees over the years, it is his generously provided professional advice, guidance, and judgment for which he will be best remembered. It is never easy to act as the lightning rod in contentious times, but he did what was necessary to serve the best interests of his client—our community. In happier times, he kept us on solid ground with his commonsense approach to the many legal pitfalls facing municipal governance. We thank him profusely for his meritorious and deeply appreciated work on our behalf.

Stay safe and we hope to see you all at 2022 Town Meeting!

SETH GARDNER, *Chair*  
 CARL ETNIER, *Vice Chair*  
 AMY WILLIS  
 JON JEWETT  
 JUDITH DILLON



**Projected FY2022 Tax Rate with Preliminary Education Rates  
and Financial Impact of Warned Articles on the FY22 Tax Rate**

Prepared for the East Montpelier 2021 Town Meeting

**Actual FY21 Grand List    \$3,075,000**

**Est FY22 Grand List    \$3,085,000**

2021 Article #	Warned Amount			Impact on Tax Rate		
	Actual FY21		Estimated FY22	Actual FY21		Estimated FY22
2	1,871,223		1,927,032	0.6085		0.6246
4	42,022		42,022	0.0137		0.0136
5	4,000		4,500	0.0013		0.0015
6	0		9,700	0.0000		0.0031
7	0		4,000	0.0000		0.0013
8	9,000		9,000	0.0029		0.0029
9	6,000		6,000	0.0020		0.0019
10	0		7,883	0.0000		0.0026
11	8,333		1,500	0.0027		0.0005
12	5,000		5,000	0.0016		0.0016
13	21,541		21,466	0.0070		0.0070
*	7,500		0	0.0024		0.0000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,974,619</b>		<b>2,038,103</b>	<b>0.6422</b>		<b>0.6606</b>
* 2020 article not on 2021 warning: Cross VT Trails (\$7,500)						
<b>Homestead Education Rate</b>				<b>1.8929</b>		<b>1.8220</b>
<b>Non-Homestead Education Rate</b>				<b>1.7352</b>		<b>1.7371</b>
<b>Town Local Agreements Rate</b>				<b>0.0030</b>		<b>0.0029</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate - Homestead</b>				<b>2.5381</b>		<b>2.4855</b>
<b>less Prior Year Actual Tax Rate</b>				2.4564		2.5381
<b>Change</b>				<b>0.0817</b>		<b>-0.0526</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate - Non-Homestead</b>				<b>2.3804</b>		<b>2.4006</b>
<b>less Prior Year Actual Tax Rate</b>				2.2905		2.3804
<b>Change</b>				<b>0.0899</b>		<b>0.0202</b>

The FY22 homestead education rate is the projected rate by the Washington Central Unified Union School District; the non-homestead rate is as set by the House Ways and Means Committee in H.152 as introduced on Jan. 29, 2021; both as adjusted for our CLA of 94.18%. Rates will likely change during the legislative session.

## OLD LAPERLE FARM PROPERTY COMMITTEE

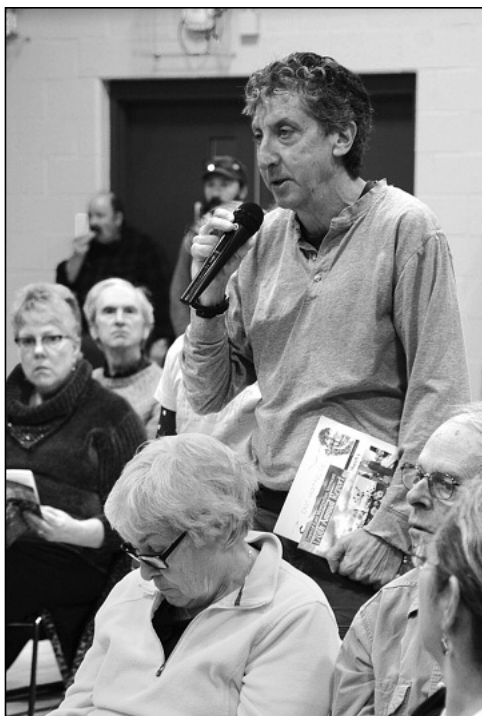
The committee, formed in 2016 to explore and recommend possibilities for the use of the 48-acre LaPerle Farm property at the northeast end of East Montpelier Village, has essentially fulfilled its duties. In 2019, the committee recommended that the town accept an offer from abutting neighbor Marc Fontaine to purchase the bulk of the property, all but the 3.04-acre farmhouse section next to the town's park 'n ride facility. After struggling for six months to close on the original deal, Mr. Fontaine requested that the Selectboard allow Pat Malone to step in as purchaser. As it did with the Fontaine offer, the board only moved forward on the Malone deal after receiving no public feedback or alternative offers during a formal notice period that ended in mid-July 2020. The sale closed on August 27, 2020, putting the property back on the tax rolls and \$200,000 back in the capital reserve fund, which was the revenue source for the original purchase in 2015.

The farmhouse site has now been fully cleaned up and the cellar hole covered over. Currently the town is utilizing a portion of the site for gravel storage for the spring mud season, ensuring a plentiful supply at a time when gravel can be difficult to procure and saving on fuel costs for delivery to roads on the east side of town. Long-term, the intent continues to be for the site, including the abutting 3.0-acre Hodgeman parcel donated to the town in 2018, to remain under town ownership and to be landscaped with the expectation that the grounds will be the future location of community green space and/or development.

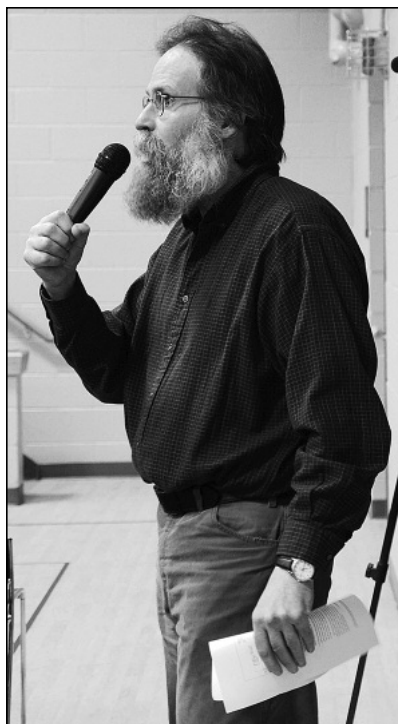
SETH GARDNER ( <i>Chair</i> )	ZACH SULLIVAN
ANDY SHAPIRO	BOB MOREY GINNY CALLAN



## TOWN MEETING — MARCH 3, 2020



*Photos: Alex Brown*



# TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER REVENUES

## CASH & RECEIPTS

### AVAILABLE CASH ON HAND:

### NON-TAX RECEIPTS:

	FY20 Budget (7/1/19- 6/30/20)	FY20 Actual (7/1/19- 6/30/20)	Over (Under) FY20	FY21 Budget (7/1/20- 6/30/21)	FY22 Proposed Budget (7/21-6/22)	Change from FY21 Budget Increase (Decrease)	Change fr. FY21 Budget (+/-) %
Dog licenses .....	2,300	1,930.00	(370.00)	2,300	2,000	(300)	-13.0%
Excess Weight Fees .....	400	455.00	55.00	400	400	0	0.0%
Liquor licenses .....	100	140.00	40.00	100	100	0	0.0%
Recording/copy fees .....	20,000	20,837.00	837.00	20,000	20,000	0	0.0%
School Share town expenses .....	9,000	0.00	(9,000.00)	0	0	0	0.0%
Vault fees .....	4,000	3,494.40	(505.60)	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
Zoning fees .....	4,000	5,520.60	1,520.60	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Licenses &amp; Fees .....</b>	<b>39,800</b>	<b>32,377.00</b>	<b>(7,423.00)</b>	<b>30,800</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
Better Roads Grants .....	0	27,524.35	27,524.35	0	0	0	0.0%
Erosion Control ANR Grant .....	0	11,100.00	11,100.00	0	0	0	0.0%
EAB Grants .....	0	7,000.00	7,000.00	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Grants .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,624.35</b>	<b>45,624.35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Current use hold harmless .....	99,000	101,012.00	2,012.00	99,000	99,000	0	0.0%
Green Up .....	225	0.00	(225.00)	0	0	0	0.0%
ESF Bond Reimbursement - Calais .....	53,461	53,460.75	(0.25)	52,076	50,640	(1,436)	-2.8%
State aid highways .....	144,000	147,797.97	3,797.97	144,000	148,000	4,000	2.8%
ANR Pilot Program .....	800	634.80	(165.20)	800	600	(200)	-25.0%
General State Building Pilot Program .....	3,200	3,742.00	542.00	3,200	3,400	200	6.3%
State Equalization Reimbursement .....	0	1,227.00	1,227.00	0	0	0	0.0%

Traffic fines .....	9,000	1,438.64	(7,561.36)	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Reimbursements .....</b>	<b>309,686</b>	<b>309,313.16</b>	<b>(372.84)</b>	<b>300,076</b>	<b>302,640</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Interest / Money Market .....	3,000	7,992.93	4,992.93	3,000	1,000	(2,000)	-66.7%
Miscellaneous income .....	100	701.91	601.91	100	100	0	0.0%
Tax Sale Expense - Reimbursement .....	0	3,891.62	3,891.62	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total Other .....</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>12,586.46</b>	<b>9,486.46</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>-64.5%</b>
Interest on delinquent taxes .....	9,000	8,151.39	(848.61)	9,000	9,000	0	0.0%
Penalty on delinquent taxes .....	10,000	8,899.21	(1,100.79)	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
Interest on late taxes .....	6,000	6,561.63	561.63	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
Education retention fees .....	9,000	10,410.30	1,410.30	9,000	10,000	1,000	11.1%
<b>Total Tax Related Charges .....</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>34,022.53</b>	<b>22.53</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-TAX RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$ 386,586</b>	<b>433,923.50</b>	<b>47,337.50</b>	<b>367,976</b>	<b>369,240</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>TAXES:</b>							
Select board Budget .....	1,749,764			1,871,223	1,927,032	55,809	3.0%
Other Money Articles .....	124,296			103,396	111,021	7,625	7.4%
<b>Total Current Taxes .....</b>	<b>1,874,060</b>			<b>1,974,619</b>	<b>2,038,053</b>	<b>63,434</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Grand List (estimated for FY22) .....	3,045,000			3,075,000	3,085,000		
Local Tax Rate (estimated for FY22) ...	0.6155			0.6422	0.6606		
<b>TOTAL TAXES .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,874,060</b>	<b>1,830,408</b>	<b>97.67%</b>	<b>1,974,619</b>	<b>2,038,053</b>	<b>63,434</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL CASH &amp; RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,360,646</b>	<b>2,264,331</b>	<b>95.92%</b>	<b>2,442,595</b>	<b>2,507,293</b>	<b>64,698</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER  
EXPENDITURES**

**GENERAL EXPENSES:**

Town Officers:

	FY20 Budget (7/1/19- 6/30/20)	FY20 Actual (7/1/19- 6/30/20)	Under (Over) FY20	FY21 Budget (7/1/20- 6/30/21)	FY22 Proposed Budget (7/21-6/22)	Change from FY21 Budget Increase (Decrease)	Change fr. FY21 Budget (+/-) %
Municipal Employees .....	\$ 217,000	214,467.29	2,532.71	221,000	224,500	3,500	1.6%
Health Officer .....	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%
Tree Warden .....					1,000	1,000	
Selectboard .....	5,500	5,500.00	0.00	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%
PC Stipend .....	4,750	4,750.00	0.00	4,750	4,750	0	0.0%
Internal Audit (Town Auditors) .....	7,000	5,792.50	1,207.50	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
Listers Payroll .....	22,000	16,844.98	5,155.02	23,000	23,000	0	0.0%
Animal Control Officers Stipend .....	1,500	1,500.00	0.00	1,500	2,000	500	33.3%
Constables Stipend .....	1,500	1,500.00	0.00	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%

**Total Town Officers**

<b>8,895.23</b>	<b>265,250</b>	<b>270,750</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
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Employee Benefits/Insurances

Social Security/Medicare .....	39,000	36,781.68	2,218.32	39,500	40,500	1,000	2.5%
Municipal Retirement .....	26,000	25,615.99	384.01	27,500	29,000	1,500	5.5%
Unemployment .....	3,200	2,516.00	684.00	2,200	3,800	1,600	72.7%
Health Insurance .....	115,000	118,578.00	(3,578.00)	136,000	139,000	3,000	2.2%
Dental Insurance .....	3,200	3,123.96	76.04	3,300	3,300	0	0.0%
Life & Disability Insurance .....	3,900	3,679.54	220.46	3,600	3,600	0	0.0%
Town Liability Insurance .....	6,000	5,227.50	772.50	5,500	4,500	(1,000)	-18.2%
Workers Compensation .....	18,000	18,097.50	(97.50)	18,000	16,000	(2,000)	-11.1%

**Total Employee Benefits/Insurances**

<b>679.83</b>	<b>235,600</b>	<b>239,700</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
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Law Enforcement Expenses

Community Advisory Board .....	100	100.00	0.00	100	100	0	0.0%
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Vermont State Police .....	33,000	12,188.66	20,811.34	15,000	17,000	2,000	13.3%
<b>Total Law Enforcement Expenses</b>	<b>33,100</b>	<b>12,288.66</b>	<b>20,811.34</b>	<b>15,100</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
Professional Fees							
Contracted Payroll Services .....	1,000	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
External Audit .....	15,000	14,600.00	400.00	15,000	15,500	500	3.3%
Legal Fees .....	8,000	3,956.76	4,043.24	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>18,556.76</b>	<b>5,443.24</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Municipal Building							
Custodial .....	2,700	2,580.00	120.00	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%
Electricity .....	1,800	1,777.74	22.26	1,800	3,000	1,200	66.7%
General Expenses .....	1,000	817.49	182.51	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Heating Fuel .....	2,000	1,371.37	628.63	2,000	1,200	(800)	-40.0%
Repairs/Maintenance .....	3,000	2,141.25	858.75	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
Telephone .....	2,400	2,513.90	(113.90)	2,600	3,000	400	15.4%
Water (Crystal Springs) .....	1,000	801.36	198.64	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Municipal Building</b>	<b>13,900</b>	<b>12,003.11</b>	<b>1,896.89</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
Municipal Operations							
Advertising .....	2,000	822.29	1,177.71	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25.0%
Copier Lease .....	3,500	3,062.64	437.36	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
Education/Seminars .....	2,000	277.00	1,723.00	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25.0%
Equipment Purchases (over \$200) .....	1,000	235.20	764.80	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Gifts/Special Occasions .....	700	402.25	297.75	700	700	0	0.0%
Mileage/Travel Expense .....	1,800	965.34	834.66	1,800	1,500	(300)	-16.7%
Fees .....	350	1,814.69	(1,464.69)	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%
Grounds Maintenance .....	11,500	11,892.50	(392.50)	11,500	11,500	0	0.0%
Office Supplies .....	5,000	3,403.47	1,596.53	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Postage .....	3,700	3,141.96	558.04	3,700	3,700	0	0.0%

EXPENDITURES (continued)						
	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	Under (Over)	FY21 Budget	Proposed FY22 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
						Change (+/-) %
Printing .....	1,300	1,904.25	(604.25)	1,300	2,100	800
Town Report Printing and Mailing .....	6,300	4,880.49	1,419.51	6,300	5,800	(500)
Property and Casualty Insurance .....	15,000	14,706.00	294.00	14,000	13,000	(1,000)
Public Records Management .....	10,000	20,000.00	(10,000.00)	10,000	10,000	0
Street Lights .....	6,000	5,920.15	79.85	6,000	6,300	300
Subscriptions/Memberships .....	450	341.48	108.52	450	450	0
Town Document Updates .....	5,000	0.00	5,000.00	5,000	5,000	0
<b>Total Municipal Operations</b>	<b>75,600</b>	<b>73,769.71</b>	<b>1,830.29</b>	<b>76,050</b>	<b>74,350</b>	<b>(1,700)</b>
<b>Loans and Interest</b>						<b>-2.2%</b>
Bond Interest for ESF (20-year) .....	55,383	55,382.25	0.75	51,230	46,919	(4,311)
Bond Principal for ESF .....	105,000	105,000.00	0.00	105,000	105,000	0
Tax Anticipation Interest .....	1,000	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000	0
<b>Total Loans and Interest</b>	<b>161,383</b>	<b>160,382.25</b>	<b>1,000.75</b>	<b>157,230</b>	<b>152,919</b>	<b>(4,311)</b>
<b>Computers</b>						<b>-2.7%</b>
Equipment/Hardware Purchases .....	3,500	323.27	3,176.73	2,500	2,500	0
General Services/Maintenance .....	8,000	18,902.07	(10,902.07)	12,000	13,000	1,000
GIS Mapping Services .....	4,500	4,400.00	100.00	4,500	4,500	0
Software .....	1,500	2,007.28	(507.28)	1,500	3,500	2,000
<b>Total Computers</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>25,632.62</b>	<b>(8,132.62)</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Town Clerk Budget</b>						<b>14.6%</b>
Ballot Clerks/Election Workers .....	1,000	1,606.00	-606.00	3,000	1,000	(2,000)
Dog Licensing - tags and licenses .....	300	312.43	(12.43)	350	350	0
Election Equipment .....	2,000	0.00	2,000.00	3,000	2,000	(1,000)
Record Restoration/Preservation .....	3,000	3,000.00	0.00	3,000	3,000	0

Vault Expenses/Town Records .....	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Town Clerk Budget</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>5,918.43</b>	<b>1,381.57</b>	<b>10,350</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>
<b>Dues and Fees</b>							
CV Economic Development .....	900	900.00	0.00	900	900	0	0.0%
CV Regional Planning Commission .....	3,092	3,091.20	0.80	3,220	3,266	46	1.4%
CV Solid Waste Mgt. Dist. ....	2,650	2,626.00	24.00	2,571	2,551	(20)	-0.8%
VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts ...	100	100.00	0.00	100	100	0	0.0%
VT. League Cities & Towns .....	4,111	4,111.00	0.00	4,280	4,280	0	0.0%
Washington County Court Expense .....	25,074	25,074.00	0.00	25,641	24,901	(740)	-2.9%
Wrightsville Beach Dist. ....	3,986	3,985.50	0.50	3,986	3,986	0	0.0%
<b>Total Dues &amp; Fees</b>	<b>39,913</b>	<b>39,887.70</b>	<b>25.30</b>	<b>40,698</b>	<b>39,984</b>	<b>(714)</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>
<b>Budget Requests</b>							
Fire Department .....	124,437	124,437.34	(0.34)	129,796	122,076	(7,720)	-5.9%
Ambulance Service .....	149,783	149,782.66	0.34	190,241	223,159	32,918	17.3%
Recreation Board .....	3,500	3,500.00	0.00	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
Cemetery Committee .....				20,000	20,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Budget Requests</b>	<b>277,720</b>	<b>277,720.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>343,537</b>	<b>368,735</b>	<b>25,198</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,124,966</b>	<b>1,091,134.18</b>	<b>33,831.82</b>	<b>1,202,415</b>	<b>1,233,788</b>	<b>31,373</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>							
Invasive Species Control .....	300	270.00	30.00	300	300	0	0.0%
Front Porch Forum .....	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%
EAB Grant Expenses .....	0	9,059.79	(9,059.79)	0	15,000	15,000	
2018 Better Roads Grant Expense .....	0	1,332.25	(1,332.25)	0	0	0	0.0%
2019 Better Roads Grant Expense .....	0	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0	0	0	0.0%
2020 Better Roads Grant Expense .....	0	2,640.00	(2,640.00)	0	0	0	0.0%

EXPENDITURES (continued)		FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	Under (Over)	FY21 Budget	Proposed FY22 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Change (+/-) %
Capital Reserve Fund .....		435,234	485,234.00	(50,000.00)	446,634	446,634	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL GRANTS &amp; SPEC PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>436,034</b>	<b>500,036.04</b>	<b>(64,002.04)</b>	<b>447,434</b>	<b>462,434</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES:</b>								
Highway Operations								
Chloride .....		27,000	20,452.18	6,547.82	27,000	27,000	0	0.0%
Crack Sealant .....		12,000	3,750.00	8,250.00	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%
Culverts .....		7,600	9,199.66	(1,599.66)	7,600	7,600	0	0.0%
Diesel .....		58,000	37,120.98	20,879.02	58,000	58,000	0	0.0%
Edu./Seminars - Highway Personnel ..		600	0.00	600.00	600	600	0	0.0%
Equipment Rentals .....		7,000	2,017.03	4,982.97	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
Erosion Stone .....		8,000	7,189.00	811.00	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
General Supplies .....		14,500	6,016.01	8,483.99	14,500	14,500	0	0.0%
Gravel .....		110,000	127,438.30	(17,438.30)	110,000	115,000	5,000	4.5%
Green Up Expenses .....		600	0.00	600.00	600	600	0	0.0%
Guardrails .....		5,000	0.00	5,000.00	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Haz Mat disposal .....		750	0.00	750.00	750	750	0	0.0%
Hydroseeder Mulch .....		2,000	1,355.24	644.76	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Pavement Management .....		4,000	0.00	4,000.00	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
Pavement Markings .....		5,200	0.00	5,200.00	5,200	5,200	0	0.0%
Permit Fees .....		2,000	1,551.60	448.40	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Reciprocal Road Maintenance .....		1,300	1,312.50	(12.50)	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%
Road Fabric .....		3,500	0.00	3,500.00	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
Salt .....		56,000	46,169.71	9,830.29	62,000	62,000	0	0.0%
Sand .....		42,000	44,413.00	(2,413.00)	42,000	42,000	0	0.0%
Signs .....		4,000	2,133.81	1,866.19	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
Stabilization Fabric .....		0	835.52	(835.5)	0	0	0	0.0%

Uniforms .....	4,800	4,765.57	34.43	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%
Weather Reporting .....	1,000	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Highway Operations</b>	<b>376,850</b>	<b>315,720.11</b>	<b>61,129.89</b>	<b>383,850</b>	<b>388,850</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Town Garage Expenses							
Electricity .....	1,400	1,434.41	(34.41)	1,400	1,600	200	14.3%
General Expenses .....	2,000	1,457.08	542.92	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
Heating Fuel .....	7,000	5,174.77	1,825.23	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
Bldg Repairs and Maintenance .....	3,000	394.00	2,606.00	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
Rubbish .....	2,000	2,108.22	(108.22)	2,000	2,500	500	25.0%
Security .....	400	240.00	160.00	400	400	0	0.0%
Telephone/Communications .....	2,700	2,759.08	(59.08)	2,700	2,700	0	0.0%
<b>Total Town Garage Expenses</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>13,567.56</b>	<b>4,932.44</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Vehicle Equipment/ Repairs							
Vehicle - Gas/Oil/Grease .....		7,162.37					
Vehicle - Maint/Supplies/Equipment .....		7,667.24					
Vehicle - Plows/Blades .....		3,232.25					
Vehicle - Tires/Chains .....		17,436.82					
'13 GMC Sierra Pickup .....		1,699.09					
'06 John Deere Grader [traded in 2020] .....		859.35					
'19 John Deere Grader .....		673.00					
'08 Volvo Excavator .....		4,122.38					
'18 Komatsu Loader .....		280.88					
'18 John Deere Tractor & Mower .....		2,500.47					
'20 Kubota Tractor & Snowblower .....							
'13 Mack Truck .....		8,614.14					
'17 Mack Truck .....		4,288.41					
'18 Mack Truck .....		4,000.27					
'15 International 7400 .....		3,694.00					

<b>EXPENDITURES (continued)</b>									
	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Actual</b>	<b>Under (Over)</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed FY22 Budget</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>Change (+/-) %</b>		
'12 Freightliner Truck		22.71							
'98 MorBark Brush Chipper		0.00							
York Rake		0.00							
Sander									
<b>Total Vehicle Equipment/ Repairs</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>66,253.38</b>	<b>(6,253.38)</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>8.3%</b>		
Highway Labor									
Total Labor	220,000	211,458.06	8,541.94	227,000	227,000	0	0.0%		
<b>Total Highway Labor</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>211,458.06</b>	<b>8,541.94</b>	<b>227,000</b>	<b>227,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>		
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 675,350</b>	<b>606,999</b>	<b>68,350.89</b>	<b>689,350</b>	<b>700,050</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>1.6%</b>		
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 2,236,350</b>	<b>2,198,169.33</b>	<b>38,180.67</b>	<b>2,339,199</b>	<b>2,396,272</b>	<b>57,073</b>	<b>2.4%</b>		
Voted Articles									
Cemetery Commission	17,250	17,250.00	0.00	0	0	0	0.0%		
Four Corners Schoolhouse	4,000	4,000.00	0.00	4,000	4,500	500	12.5%		
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	42,022	42,022.00	0.00	42,022	42,022	0	0.0%		
Land Conservation Fund	5,000	5,000.00	0.00	0	0	0	0.0%		
East Montpelier Signpost	6,000	6,000.00	0.00	0	9,700	9,700			
Rural Community Transportation					7,833	7,833			
GMTA Rte 2 Commuter Bus Service	8,333	8,333.00	0.00	8,333	1,500	(6,833)	-82.0%		
Montpelier Senior Activity Center	8,000	8,000.00	0.00	9,000	9,000	0	0.0%		
East Montpelier Trails	4,000	4,000.00	0.00	0	4,000	4,000			
Central VT Home Health & Hospice	6,000	6,000.00	0.00	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%		
Cross Vermont Trail Association	0	0.00	0.00	7,500	0	(7,500)	-100.0%		
Twin Valley Seniors, Inc.				5,000	5,000	0	0.0%		
<b>Total Voted Articles</b>	<b>100,605</b>	<b>100,605.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>81,855</b>	<b>89,555</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>9.4%</b>		

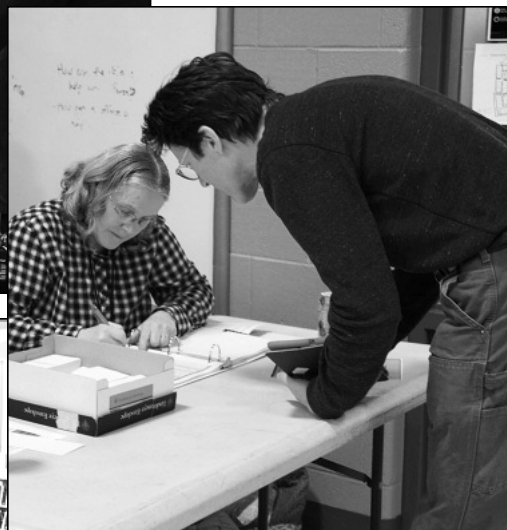
Funding Requests									
American Red Cross .....	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Big Heavy World .....	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Capstone Community Action (CVCAC)	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education .	750	750.00	0.00	750	750	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Central Vermont Council on Aging ....	1,875	1,875.00	0.00	1,875	1,875	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Central VT Disaster Animal Response Team				200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity .	250	250.00	0.00	250	350	100	40.0%	100	40.0%
Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Circle (Battered Womens Serv and Shelter)	675	675.00	0.00	675	675	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Community Connections .....	2,500	2,500.00	0.00	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Community Harvest of Central VT .....	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Downstreet Housing & Comm Dev (CVCLT)	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Family Center of Washington County ..	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Friends of the Winooski River .....	200	200.00	0.00	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Girls/Boyz First Mentoring .....	300	300.00	0.00	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Good Beginnings of Central VT .....	300	300.00	0.00	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Good Samaritan Haven .....	750	750.00	0.00	750	900	150	20.0%	150	20.0%
Green Mountain Transit .....	1,366	1,366.00	0.00	1,366	1,366	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Green Up Vermont .....	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
HomeShare Vermont .....	800	800.00	0.00	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mosaic Vt. (Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
North Branch Nature Center .....	750	750.00	0.00	750	750	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Onion River Food Shelf Inc. ....	1,000	1,000.00	0.00	1,000	1,200	200	20.0%	200	20.0%
OUR House of Central VT .....	250	250.00	0.00	250	250	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Peoples Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc. .	1,250	1,250.00	0.00	1,250	1,750	500	40.0%	500	40.0%
Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont .....	300	300.00	0.00	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Project Independence .....	125	125.00	0.00	125	0	(125)	-100.0%	(125)	-100.0%
Rural Community Transportation (RCT) (incorporated into FY22 Warned Art. 10)				1,000	0	(1,000)	-100.0%	(1,000)	-100.0%
Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. ....	4,000	4,000.00	0.00	(moved to Voted Articles in FY21)			0.0%		0.0%

EXPENDITURES (continued)									
	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	Under (Over)	FY21 Budget	Proposed FY22 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Change (+/-) %		
T W Wood Gallery .....	500	500.00	0.00	500	500	0	0.0%		
Vt Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%		
Vermont Cares .....	150	150.00	0.00	150	150	0	0.0%		
Vermont Center for Independent Living .	250	250.00	0.00	300	300	0	0.0%		
Vermont Family Network .....	100	100.00	0.00	200	200	0	0.0%		
Washington County Diversion Program .	600	600.00	0.00	600	600	0	0.0%		
Washington County Mental Health Services	800	800.00	0.00	800	800	0	0.0%		
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	400	400.00	0.00	400	400	0	0.0%		
Winooski Natural Resources Conserv. Dist.				500	600	100	20.0%		
<b>Total Funding Requests</b>	<b>23,691</b>	<b>23,691.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>21,541</b>	<b>21,466</b>	<b>(75)</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>		
<b>Total Voted Articles &amp; Funding Requests</b>	<b>\$ 124,296</b>	<b>124,296.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>103,396</b>	<b>111,021</b>	<b>7,625</b>	<b>7.4%</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES . .</b>	<b>\$ 2,360,646</b>	<b>2,322,465.33</b>	<b>38,180.67</b>	<b>2,442,595</b>	<b>2,507,293</b>	<b>64,698</b>	<b>2.6%</b>		
Grand Total Revenues .....	2,360,646	2,264,331		2,442,595	2,507,293				
Net Income .....		(58,134.26)							

TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY					
	FY18: 7/17-6/18	FY19: 7/18-6/19	FY20: 7/19-6/20	FY21: 7/20-6/21	FY22: 7/21-6/22
Selectboard w/o Voted Articles .....	\$ 2,133,069	2,204,612	2,236,350	2,339,199	2,396,272
Less: Cash on Hand .....	75,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Subtotal .....	2,058,069	2,104,612	2,136,350	2,239,199	2,296,272
Less: Proposed Non-Tax Receipts .....	376,472	378,116	386,586	367,976	369,240
Municipal Proposed Taxes w/o Articles ....	1,681,597	1,726,496	1,749,764	1,871,223	1,927,032
Plus: Voted Articles .....	117,383	119,896	124,296	103,396	111,021
<b>Total Town Current Taxes .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,798,980</b>	<b>1,846,392</b>	<b>1,874,060</b>	<b>1,974,619</b>	<b>2,038,053</b>



## TOWN MEETING — MARCH 3, 2020



*Photos: Alex Brown*

## DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Notes Payable:	Payments Due					
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
<b>Emergency Services Facility*</b>						
Loan Balance: \$1,260,000						
Interest Rate: 4.34%						
Principal payments:	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Interest payments:	55,382	51,230	46,919	42,467	37,853	33,096
<b>2017 Mack Truck**</b>						
Loan Balance: \$30,367						
Interest Rate: 2.49%						
Principal payments:	30,367	0				
Interest payments:	756					
<b>2018 Mack Truck***</b>						
Loan Balance: \$62,960						
Interest Rate: 2.84%						
Principal payments:	31,039	31,921	0			
Interest payments:	1,788	906				
<b>Debt Payments:</b>	<b>\$ 224,332</b>	<b>189,057</b>	<b>151,919</b>	<b>147,467</b>	<b>142,853</b>	<b>138,096</b>
<b>Outstanding Principal at Fiscal Year End:</b>	<b>\$ 1,186,921</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>	<b>945,000</b>	<b>840,000</b>	<b>735,000</b>	<b>630,000</b>

As noted above and below, on June 30, 2020, the Town of East Montpelier owed \$1,186,921: \$1,155,000 on Emergency Services Facility Bond, plus \$31,921 on 2018 Mack Truck lease.

**\* FY11 Emergency Services Facility Bond:**

Upon completion of construction in FY10, a twenty (20) year bond for the full construction costs including the interest on the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) was executed in the authorized amount of \$2.1 million (East Montpelier 2/3 share = \$1,400,000; Calais 1/3 share = \$700,000). Beginning in FY12, principal payments are constant (\$105,000 total: East Montpelier = \$70,000; Calais = \$35,000). The interest payment declines each year as the principal amount is reduced, resulting in a constantly declining annual payment in subsequent years. Payments are made twice a year. In FY20, East Montpelier's share was \$106,921.50 of the \$160,382 due. In 2016 a bond refinancing generated interest savings for FY17, FY18, and FY19; the original interest schedule resumed in FY20. Final payment of the bond is due in December 2030.

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

Purchase agreement payable to Kansas State Bank. An initial payment of \$31,122.76 was made on 7/11/16 from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be followed by annual principal and interest payments of \$31,122.76 due March 1st of each year. Annual interest averages 2.49% over the life of the lease. Final payment of the lease was paid on February 3, 2020.

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

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

## COMPARATIVE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

	FY19	FY20
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,650,317	\$ 1,594,240
Investments	303,423	309,325
Deposits with Insurance Company	2,891	—
Receivables	220,425	489,701
Loan Receivable	250,151	241,710
Prepaid Expenses	35,300	39,569
Capital Assets:		
Land	608,702	608,702
Construction in Progress	157,607	320,049
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	4,240,808	4,807,052
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,469,624</b>	<b>8,410,348</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	77,872	85,468
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>77,872</b>	<b>85,468</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	59,972	273,179
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	12,887	15,737
Due to Fiduciary Fund	17,472	—
Unearned Revenue	1,296	4,196
Tax Sale Overpayments	—	13,609
Accrued Interest Payable	10,384	9,194
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Due within One Year	176,865	144,836
Due in More than One Year	1,468,473	1,390,027
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,747,349</b>	<b>1,850,778</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Prepaid Property Taxes	1,459	2,485
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	7,232	4,963
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>8,691</b>	<b>7,448</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,670,505	4,562,687
Restricted For:		
Culture and Recreation	52,743	53,702
Community Development	216,913	233,736
Cemetery	97,200	98,175
Other	1,433	9,030
Unrestricted	1,752,662	1,680,260
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 5,791,456</b>	<b>\$ 6,637,590</b>

*Adapted from FY19 & FY20 audits performed by Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier.  
Final audits are available at the Town Office and town website at <https://eastmontpelier.vt.org>*

## EAST MONTPELIER FY20 TAXES RAISED

### Base Tax Rates:

School - Homestead	\$1.8382
School - Non-Residential	1.6723
Town	0.6155
Local Agreement	0.0027

<b>Total Homestead Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$2.4564</b>
<b>Total Non-Residential Rate</b>	<b>\$2.2905</b>

### Values, include Local Agreements:

Municipal Grand List . . . . .	\$3,056,995.44
Homestead Edu. Grand List . . . . .	\$2,189,233.72
Non-Residential Edu. Grand List . . . . .	\$861,538.03



Taxes to be raised (as billed): . . . . .	
at Town Tax Rate . . . . . $0.6155 \times 3,056,995.44 =$	\$1,881,578.84
at Local Agreement Rate $0.0027 \times 3,056,995.44 =$	8,253.70
at Homestead Tax Rate . . $1.8382 \times 2,189,233.72 =$	4,024,249.48
at Non-Res. Tax Rate . . . $1.6723 \times 861,538.03 =$	1,440,750.20
plus late homestead filing penalties . . . . .	WAIVED

<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$7,354,832.22</u></b>
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### TY19/20 TAXES collected as of 5/15/2020

Current Taxes Collected . . . . .	\$7,099,953.76
Abated Taxes . . . . .	4.59
Adjusted 6/1/2020 (to correct posting error) . . . . .	633.32
Uncollected TY19/20 taxes (see facing page) . . . . .	254,240.55
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$7,354,832.22</u></b>



## 2019/2020 EDUCATION TAX BREAKDOWN

<b>Total Due Schools</b>	<b>\$5,472,449.00</b>
Town payments to schools: . . . . .	\$4,369,867.72
State adjustment payments . . . . .	1,092,170.98
0.225% Retained by Municipality . . . . .	10,410.30
<b>Total education tax paid . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$5,472,449.00</u></b>
Balance due school district (within 120 days)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

## DELINQUENT TAXES

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Taxes Due July 1, 2019</b>	<b>Paid In FY20</b>	<b>Abated FY20</b>	<b>Balance Due June 30, 2020</b>
TY16/17 .....	649.51	649.51	0.00	0.00
TY17/18 .....	22,992.83	22,364.80	0.00	628.03
TY18/19 .....	113,361.56	93,014.95	525.66	19,820.95
	<u>\$137,003.90</u>	<u>116,029.26</u>	<u>525.66</u>	<u>20,448.98</u>
TY19/20 Del. Taxes Submitted to Collector on 5/15/20	254,240.55	69,608.96	0.40	184,631.19
	<u><u>\$391,244.45</u></u>	<u><u>185,638.22</u></u>	<u><u>526.06</u></u>	<u><u>205,080.17</u></u>
Interest on Late & Delinquent Tax		<b>16,085.40 *</b>		
Penalties on Delinquent Tax		<b>10,556.01 **</b>		
Total Delinquent Taxes, Interest, and Penalties collected in FY20		<b><u><u>\$212,279.63</u></u></b>		

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

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

## TAX COLLECTION NOTICE

In September 2020, one property tax bill was sent out, payable in two installments. The due date and time is voted on at Town Meeting each year. The first installment for tax year 2020/2021 was due in November, and the second is due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021. Property taxes must be received in the Town Treasurer's office by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. A mailed payment bearing a clear USPS postmark dated on or before the tax payment due date will be accepted as timely. The Municipal Office Building has two options for after-hours drop off of payments: there is a secure drop box next to the handicap ramp and a mail slot in the back door. The Town offers two methods for electronic payment of taxes: direct debit and a payment portal for credit and debit cards along with eChecks.

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

## CAPITAL ASSETS

### Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2020

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 608,702	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 608,702
Construction in Progress	157,607	257,454	95,012	320,049
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>766,309</u>	<u>257,454</u>	<u>95,012</u>	<u>928,751</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	2,374,936	29,836	0	2,404,772
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	1,420,066	423,941	176,100	1,667,907
Infrastructure	2,834,776	531,381	0	3,366,157
Totals	<u>6,629,778</u>	<u>985,158</u>	<u>176,100</u>	<u>7,438,836</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	542,543	48,145	0	590,688
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	469,700	97,485	106,100	461,085
Infrastructure	1,376,727	203,284	0	1,580,011
Totals	<u>2,388,970</u>	<u>348,914</u>	<u>106,100</u>	<u>2,631,784</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>4,240,808</u>	<u>636,244</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>4,807,052</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$5,007,117</u>	<u>\$ 893,698</u>	<u>\$ 165,012</u>	<u>\$5,735,803</u>

#### Depreciation was charged as follows:

##### Governmental Activities:

General Government	\$ 6,043
Public Safety	39,825
Highways and Streets	301,268
Culture and Recreation	252
Cemetery	1,526
<b>Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 348,914</u></b>

*This page is an excerpt of the audit performed by Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier. The complete final report is available for public inspection at the Town Office as well as on the town website at <https://eastmontpeliervt.org>*



## TOWN PROPERTY

### Information as of December 31, 2020

#### LAND, BUILDINGS, AND CEMETERIES

Town Office .....	0.35 acre
Town Garage .....	24.70 acres
Town Salt Shed .....	1.50 acres
Templeton Fire Station .....	1.00 acre
Emergency Services Facility .....	1.52 acres
Town Forest .....	96.36 acres
North St. (Baird) .....	45.73 acres
Rte. 2 (Benton) .....	10.42 acres
Coburn Rd. (Soule) .....	5.00 acres
Recreation Field .....	12.00 acres
LaPerle & Hodgeman Parcel .....	6.04 acres *
Rte. 14N (Park 'n Ride) .....	0.55 acres
Rte. 2 (Hudson parcel) .....	0.25 acres
Coburn Covered Bridge	
Cate Cemetery .....	0.67 acre
Cutler Cemetery .....	2.70 acres
Doty Cemetery .....	2.80 acres
Quaker Cemetery .....	0.42 acre
Tinkham Cemetery .....	0.20 acre
Village Cemetery .....	2.70 acres, <i>incl. former Town Hall lot</i>
Wheeler Cemetery .....	1.30 acres

\* Rte. 2 (Old LaPerle Farm) & Rte. 14N (Hodgeman parcel)  
combined as per report on pg. 18

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	Mileage	Hours
2020 Kubota Tractor/Snowblower .....	N/A	10
2019 John Deere 772G Grader .....	N/A	584
2018 John Deere 6110 Tractor & Mower .....	N/A	618
2018 Komatsu WA270-8 Wheel Loader .....	2,679	1,236
2018 Mack 10-wheel Dump/Plow Truck .....	48,433	3,267
2017 Mack 10-wheel Dump/Plow Truck .....	38,670	3,514
2015 International 7400 6-wheel Dump Truck .....	37,500	2,950
2013 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Pickup .....	77,823	N/A
2013 Mack 10-wheel Dump Truck .....	96,651	6,775
2012 Freightliner 6-wheel Dump Truck .....	61,321	5,730
2008 Volvo Excavator .....	N/A	4,651
1998 Morbark Brush Chipper .....	N/A	1,035
2020 Scag Tiger Cat II Mower (Cemetery) .....	N/A	38
2015 Kubota Lawn Tractor (Cemetery) .....	N/A	464

## TOWN PAYROLL SUMMARY

Employee	FY20 Salary	Salary & Benefits*	Employee	FY20 Salary	Salary & Benefits*
<b>OFFICE</b>			<b>STIPEND</b>		
Sparrow, Denise**	39,186	60,682	Boucher, Jon	1,200	1,292
Chickering, Rob	2,949	3,174	Burley, Ginny	1,000	1,077
Deegan, Ed	289	311	Conti, Sandy	500	538
Fillion, Deborah	5,346	5,755	Cutler, Clarice	300	323
Flynn, Kristi	1,223	1,316	Etnier, Carl	1,800	1,938
Hazel, Ross	10,032	10,799	Gardner, Seth	1,500	1,615
Johnson, Bruce**	94,000	109,367	Hess, Scott	500	538
Laquerre, Rosie**	49,250	79,040	Lam, Siu Tip	500	538
Occaso, Carla	158	170	Lane, Mark	500	538
Racanelli, Chris	3,609	3,886	Morse, Elliott	100	108
Welch, Don	38,000	40,907	Northrup, Casey	333	358
			Pauly, Jack	500	538
	<b>\$ 244,042</b>	<b>\$ 315,407</b>	Perry, Amber	400	431
<b>HIGHWAY</b>			Potter, Julie	750	807
Campbell, Frank**	48,742	78,541	Stewart, Jay	200	215
Hill, Peter	995	1,071	Sullivan, Zach	500	538
Lorden, Ken**	50,980	58,727	Swasey, Kim	667	718
Perry, Guthrie**	63,302	96,286	Troia, Gene	1,000	1,077
Seadeek, Craig**	48,647	71,554	Vissering, Jean	500	538
			Watson, Kim	500	538
	<b>\$ 212,666</b>	<b>\$ 306,179</b>	Willis, Amy	1,000	1,077
				<b>\$ 14,250</b>	<b>\$ 15,340</b>
			<b>CEMETERY</b>		
			Lamson, Nicholas	4,590	4,941
			Lamson, Timothy	6,110	6,577
			Morse, Elliott	5,740	6,179
				<b>\$ 16,440</b>	<b>\$ 17,697</b>
			<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>		
				<b>\$ 487,398</b>	<b>\$ 654,623</b>

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

\*\* These benefits also include employer-paid premiums for coverage of Health and Dental Insurance, Retirement, Short- and Long-Term Disability, and Life Insurance. Totals do not include Workers Compensation (**\$18,097.50**) and Unemployment Insurance (**\$2,516.00**) coverage for road crew and office staff in FY20.

FY20 payroll does not include **\$850.00** paid to Election Workers.

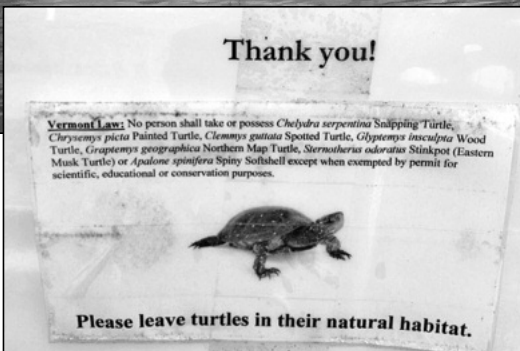
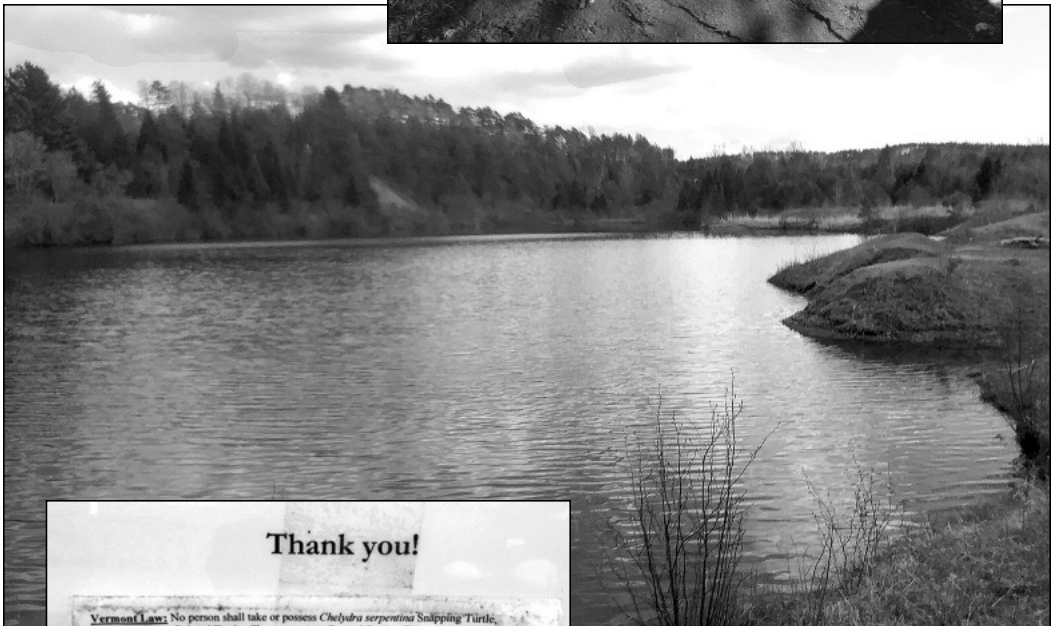
**Note:**

*This payroll report shows 26 biweekly payrolls (FY20 pay periods ending on 7/4/19 through 6/18/20). Reports elsewhere in this book show accrued (partial) pay periods.*



**VOLUNTEERS  
MANAGE AND PROTECT  
OUR TOWN'S  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

*Members of the Resilient Roads Committee transplant trees at U32 in fall 2020. For a full report of their activities, and the award they earned, see pp. 52–53.*



*Friends of Coburn Pond work to maintain the natural space and protect its wildlife. To read more, see pg. 70.*

## RESTRICTED FUNDS SUMMARY

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

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

### **CARLTON C. SMITH RECREATIONAL FUND\***

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 52,591.97
Interest Income .....	1,109.86
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<u><u>\$ 53,701.83</u></u>

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

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 16,715.25
Interest Income .....	166.53
Expenses .....	(3,077.25)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<u><u>\$ 13,804.53</u></u>

### **GRAND LIST REAPPRAISAL FUND**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$112,672.56
Interest Income .....	1,231.84
Received from State of Vermont .....	10,429.50
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<u><u>\$124,333.90</u></u>

### **LAND CONSERVATION FUND**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 20,420.36
Interest Income .....	222.78
Voted 2019 Town Meeting Art. 8 .....	5,000.00
Expense: Cross VT Trails for easement purchase.....	(5,000.00)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<u><u>\$ 20,643.14</u></u>

### **RALLY DAY SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 661.59
Interest Income .....	7.23
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<u><u>\$ 668.82</u></u>

**RECREATION FUND**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 5,772.29
Adjusted FY19 Ending Balance to Reconcile from Budgetary Basis of Accounting to Modified Accrual Basis .....	\$ 5,561.13
Interest Income .....	93.45
FY20 Appropriation (Budget Line Item) .....	3,500.00
Revenue: Program Fees, Concessions, etc. ....	7,725.50
Expenses: Program Costs, Field Maintenance, etc. ....	(10,209.53)
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<b>\$ 6,670.55</b>

**RESTORATION FUND, LAND RECORDS<sup>1</sup>**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 0.00
FY20 Consolidation of three budget lines <sup>2</sup> .....	5,359.27
FY20 Contribution from General Fund Budget Surplus <sup>3</sup> .....	10,000.00
Interest Income .....	24.76
Revenue: Fees, Licenses, and Permits.....	7,388.00
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<b>\$ 22,772.03</b>

1. *Legislative changes in 2019 required the Town to put aside \$4/recorded page in a land records preservation fund.*
2. *On 1/6/20, Selectboard approved a land records digitization project to move the records start date back to 1988 at an estimated cost of \$19,000. On 6/22/20, Board authorized transfer of remaining amounts in budget lines for Mnc Opr-Public Records Management, TC&T-Restoration/Preservation, and TC&T-Vault Exp/Town Records to Land Records Restoration Fund to help pay for the project.*
3. *On 6/22/20, Selectboard voted to assign \$10,000 from FY20 Budget Surplus to Land Records Restoration Fund to augment funds available for the ongoing land records digitization project.*

**TOWN FOREST FUND**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 26,875.73
Interest Income .....	293.20
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<b>\$ 27,168.93</b>

**VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 1,433.26
Interest Income .....	15.63
Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....	<b>\$ 1,448.89</b>



## GRANTS REPORT FOR 2021

These pages give a brief accounting of the open and recently closed grants benefiting the town. Most are state grants that come with a town match of 0–20%. We also receive small targeted grants from other organizations, including annual 50/50 grants from the VT League of Cities & Towns for safety equipment.

### ACTIVE GRANTS:

COVID-19 Response Grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for 2020 election & election equipment expenses.

CTCL funds	\$ 5,000
Town match	\$ 0
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>

2021 Ash Tree Management Grant from VT Forests, Parks & Recreation for conducting a project for removal of ash trees in the County Road vicinity.

State funds	\$ 5,000
Town match	\$ 5,000
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>

2020 Ash Tree Management Grant from VT Forests, Parks & Recreation for conducting a pilot project for removal of ash trees in the Gallison Hill Road vicinity.

State funds	\$ 15,000
Town match	\$ 15,000
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>

FY2021 ANR Municipal Grants-in-Aid Equipment Purchase Program, funded through CVRPC, to purchase shoulder disks for road shoulder management.

State funds	\$ 6,400
Town match	\$ 1,280
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 7,680</b>

FY2021 ANR & VTrans Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program, funded

through CVRPC, for small stormwater management projects.

State funds	\$ 11,300
Town match	\$ 2,825
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 14,125</b>

2020 VLCT PACIF Equipment Grant for town office and highway department safety equipment.

VLCT funds	\$ 781.52
Town match	\$ 812.43
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$1,593.95</b>

FY2020 VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant to replace a large culvert on County Road just south of Morse Farm.

State funds	\$ 124,200
Town match	\$ 13,800
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 138,000</b>

FY2020 VTrans Class 2 Town Highway Paving Program Grant to repave County Rd from the Montpelier line to Powder Horn Glen Rd.

State funds	\$ 175,000
Town match	\$ 204,448
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 379,448</b>

VTrans LTF Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Grant for sidewalk and shoulder enhancements along the US Rte. 2/VT Rte. 14 corridor in East Montpelier Village.

State funds	\$ 823,800
Town match	\$ 112,200
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 936,000</b>

FY 2018 VTrans Town Highway Structures Program Grant to conduct an engineering study for the replacement of the Mallory Brook culvert on Center Road.

State funds	\$ 36,000
Town match	\$ 4,000
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>

VTrans High Risk Rural Roads Program Grant for signage improvements along County Road.

State funds	Total cost of project
Town match	\$ 0
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>Total cost of project</b>

## GRANTS CLOSED IN 2020

2020 Vermont Act 137 Coronavirus Relief Funding for Digitization of Land Records.

State funds	\$ 8,148
Town match	\$ 0
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 8,148</b>

2020 Vermont Act 137 Coronavirus Relief Funding for Local Government Expense Reimbursement Grant Program to reimburse eligible COVID-19 expenses.

State funds	\$ 3,160
Town match	\$ 0
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 3,160</b>

2020 Vermont Act 137 Coronavirus Relief Funding for Secretary of State COVID-19 program for drop box and election costs reimbursement.

State funds	\$ 1,219
Town match	\$ 0
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 1,219</b>

2019 Recreational Facilities Grant from VT Department of Buildings & General Services for equipment in support of town recreation programs.

State funds	\$ 4,196
Town match	\$ 4,196
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 8,392</b>

FY2019 Municipal Planning Grant for the adoption process of revisions to the East Montpelier Land Use and Development Regulations.

State funds	\$ 1,965
Town match	\$ 434
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 2,399</b>

FY2020 VTrans Better Roads Grant for a Horn of the Moon Road storm-water and erosion control project.

State funds	\$ 20,000
Town match	\$ 11,537
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 31,537</b>

2019 EAB Action Plan Grant from VT Forests, Parks & Recreation for conducting an ash tree inventory and development of an Emerald Ash Borer management plan.

State funds	\$ 2,000
Town match	\$ 2,755
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 4,755</b>

FY2020 ANR Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program, funded through CVRPC, for road drainage upgrades on Codling Road.

State funds	\$ 11,682
Town match	\$ 2,921
<b>Total grant</b>	<b>\$ 14,603</b>

## EAST MONTPELIER CAPITAL PLANNING BUDGET EXECUTIVE SUMMARY \*

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

Item	Actual FY2020	FY2021 Budget	Presented for FY2022 Budget	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
<b>Municipal Building</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	22,276	19,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,000	0	8,000	0
<b>Town Garage</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	17,000	0	3,000	0
<b>Emergency Services Facility</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	0	18,000	7,000	0	0	3,000	0	36,000	6,000	0	18,000	0	23,000
<b>Vehicles</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	72,900	32,827	0	35,000	35,000	135,000	80,000	74,400	78,950	70,000	70,000	70,000	80,000
<b>Heavy Equipment</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	301,500	0	0	0	0	0	175,000	0	0	0	0	0	300,000
<b>Paving</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	71,181	448,125	318,750	281,250	131,250	0	84,375	431,250	530,625	448,125	318,750	281,250	131,250
<b>Opportunity Fund</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	39,184	60,000	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Totals</b>													
Total Exp by Yr	507,042	581,352	332,750	316,250	166,250	138,000	345,375	541,650	615,575	547,125	406,750	362,250	534,250
<b>Yearly Planning Budget</b>	<b>435,234</b>	<b>446,634</b>	<b>446,634</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>	<b>455,534</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	9,285												
<b>Transfer from Gen Fund</b>	50,000	200,000											
Capital Plan Balance	917,844	983,126	1,097,010	1,236,294	1,525,577	1,843,111	1,953,270	1,867,154	1,707,112	1,615,521	1,664,305	1,757,589	1,678,873
Total Audited Capital Plan	\$930,366												

\* See facing page and Capital Improvement Committee report on page 57.

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019		\$ 930,366.00
Revenues:		
Interest earned	9,285.18	
FY20 Appropriation (Budget Line Item)	435,234.00	
Transfer from General Fund Surplus	50,000.00	
		<u>494,519.18</u>
Expenses:		
FY20 Local Matching Funds for Grants	(10,843.81)	
Debt Service: Vehicle Loan Payments	(63,949.87)	
2019 John Deere Grader	(301,500.00)	
Mower and Trailer	(8,949.99)	
Paving of Carleton Blvd/Pauls Square	(71,181.16)	
Town Office Generator and Heat Pump	(22,275.97)	
Recreation Field Project	(15,196.95)	
Town Garage Gravel Screen	(9,662.13)	
Old LaPerle Farm	(2,988.50)	
Hudson Property	(493.08)	
		<u>(507,041.46)</u>
<b>Ending Bank Balance – June 30, 2020</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 917,843.72</u></u></b>

### Capital Reserve for the Emergency Services Facility (ESF)

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

Also note: EMFD holds recent years' capital contributions for future equipment and truck replacement in its accounts. On June 30, 2020, EMFD had \$96,972 designated in a capital account. In any calendar year, EMFD may spend up to \$20,000 of capital account funds for emergency purchases at its own discretion. Any capital purchase exceeding \$20,000 requires approval by both Calais and East Montpelier Selectboards or, at the discretion of the Selectboards, may require approval by voters of both towns with a warned article at Town Meeting. The Emergency Services Fund, which contains the ESF bond remainder money, is used for minor upgrades, like protective flooring in fire truck bay areas.

## SANDY PINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Beginning Fund Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 49,135.18
Loan Repayments from Housing Foundation, Inc. ....	15,830.40
Interest earned in FY20.....	603.98
EMSLI grant balance returned to Fund (see below) .....	17,659.93
Annual Payment to State of VT [#32672].....	(17,047.16)
<b>Ending Balance – June 30, 2019 .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 66,182.33</u></b>

### Revolving loan/grant of Sandy Pines funds:

EMSLI (East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative)	
Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 17,471.63
Interest earned in FY20 .....	188.30
EMSLI grant closed; Balance returned to Fund .....	(17,659.93)
<b>Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>

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

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

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

**Revolving Loan Fund:** The town's portion of the repayment of VCDP funds is available for grants or loans to qualifying projects. The Selectboard acts as a Revolving Loan Advisory Committee, with the assistance of an advisor, currently Becca Schrader. In February 2020, the grant/loan that had been awarded to the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative was closed out, with the unused portion returned to the Fund. The town is exploring possible future projects with Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity and Twin Valley Senior Center.

In June 2020, the Agency of Commerce & Community Development (ACCD) created the Restart Vermont Loan and Grant Program to provide financial assistance to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. ACCD requested that towns with revolving loan funds contribute to the pool of program money. The Selectboard pledged up to \$50,000 of the town's Fund.



## CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2020 was a quiet year for the committee as no new projects were proposed. There was, however, good news on a previously approved project. The second phase of the Fairmont Dairy/Vermont Land Trust effort to conserve the former Lylehaven properties, targeting the main farm property located on Lylehaven Road, came to fruition in June 2020. As part of that project the Cross Vermont Trail Association purchased a permanent trails easement that will bring the trail from the town-owned Benton property on US Rte. 2 up to VT Rte. 14 on its way to Plainfield. On the committee's recommendation, the town contributed \$5,000 toward the easement purchase.

The committee continues to appreciate the town's long support of land conservation through the use of the Conservation Fund. Town funding has helped protect nearly 3,095 acres, 72% of the 4,285 total acres conserved town-wide. No appropriation is requested for the Conservation Fund this year as the fund has a healthy balance of nearly \$21,000 to work with when new projects come forward.

CHARLES JOHNSON, <i>Chair</i>	NORA DUANE	HANNA PHILLIPS
BRIAN LUSIGNAN	GINNY CALLAN	BRUCE HOWLETT

### CONSERVATION FUND SUMMARY

Date	Project	Town Funds	Total Amount	Acres
12/7/90	Cleaves Farm	\$ 32,000	\$ 301,968	285
5/14/93	Bair/Chapell	4,000	264,030	479
10/13/94	Sparrow Farm	31,000	307,975	163
6/28/96	Frihauff/VLT	5,000	106,470	167
10/24/96	Sibley Farm	10,000	229,895	172
6/16/99	Christiansen Farm	14,795	150,000	237
10/12/04	Mallory Brook/Pratt	15,000	400,000	481
6/15/06	Clark Farm, phase 1	5,000	177,500	72
2/5/07	Fairmont Farm	10,000	316,092	159
6/19/08	Benton Project	12,000	120,000	11.5
3/5/12	Soule (Coburn Rd)	2,100	21,000	5
1/15/14	Clark Farm, phase 2	4,685	136,385	134.7
11/2/15	Ormsbee Farm	15,000	15,000	171.5
9/27/17	Fairmont Dairy	6,000	\$470,000	361
6/23/20	Fairmont Dairy	5,000	\$630,000	196
<b>Total Completed Projects</b>		<b>\$ 171,580</b>	<b>\$3,646,315</b>	<b>3,094.7</b>

## **EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Tim Lamson was elected chair and Emily Goyette was named clerk for 2020-2021. It is our intention that the graves of all veterans be marked with a flag. Please advise the committee if a grave has been missed.

### **Tasks for the 2021 season include:**

- Mow and maintain landscape as usual.
- Maintain all equipment.
- Purchase two new trimmers and two push mowers.
- Paint fences and repair some posts at Village, Tinkham, and Peck cemeteries.
- Repair and paint broken fencing at Cate cemetery.
- Remove fallen/dead trees and prune overgrown trees in Village, Cate, Cutler, and Cutler Farm cemeteries.
- Clear brush/branches from Village and Clark cemeteries.
- Replace flags before Memorial Day.
- Make burn pile at Doty and utilize Vermont Compost Co. where possible.
- Deal with woodchucks in Village, Cutler, Tinkham, and Quaker cemeteries.
- Use ground-penetrating radar to determine viability of potential lots in the eastern side of Doty due to ledge.
- Continue creating boxes on posts at each cemetery (similar to those at the East Montpelier Trail access points) containing plastic-coated sheets in a ring binder with map and location of graves, and perhaps a visitor sign in sheet. Begin installation in Gould, Clark, Wheeler, and Cutler Farm.

### **2020 activities in addition to routine mowing and trimming:**

- Dead tree along County Road in Cutler cemetery cut down and removed and leaning posts along the southern side righted.
- New Scag Tiger Cat II zero-turn riding mower purchased for \$7,600 along with a 10-ft x 5.5-ft trailer for \$1,100 from the Town Capital Reserve Fund.
- Downed pine tree removed from Clark cemetery.
- Signage added to Clark and Peck cemeteries.
- Rot cut from posts at Peck and White cemeteries and posts re-sunk.
- Various stones straightened/supported with metal bracing, repaired, cleaned.

### **Future anticipated expenses:**

- Land acquisition for additional burial space.

### **A budget of \$22,000 (same as last year) was requested for this coming year:**

- Payroll \$16,000 • Fence Painting & Repair \$2,000 • Flags & markers \$150
- Tree & Invasive Plant Control \$500 • Equipment maintenance \$2,000
- Fuel \$500 • Cemetery Association Fees \$100 • Miscellaneous \$750

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

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

The committee thanks Tim Lamson and Elliott Morse for their leadership and historical perspective.

TIM LAMSON, <i>Chair</i>	ELLIOTT MORSE	
EMILY GOYETTE, <i>Clerk</i>	MARK LANE	JONATHAN BOUCHER

## CEMETERY FUNDS

Beginning Fund Balance – July 1, 2019 .....	\$ 102,685.31
Income:	
Voted 2019 Town Meeting Article 7 .....	17,250.00
Sale of plots (perpetual care) .....	975.00
Sale of plots (expendable) .....	1,175.00
Sale of equipment (expendable) .....	100.00
Cemetery Services .....	<u>6,145.00</u>
	25,645.00
Interest Income .....	2,153.21
Care of Cemeteries Expense (see below) .....	<u>(26,296.86)</u>
<b>Ending Balance - June 30, 2020 .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 104,186.66</u></b>

### BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2020

Expendable Funds:	
People's Bank Account .....	6,863.95
Interest on North Country FCU CD .....	<u>525.55</u>
	7,389.50
Non-Expendable Perpetual Care Funds:	
North Country Fed Credit Union CD1 .....	21,500.00
People's Bank - from sale of lots .....	975.00
North Country Fed Credit Union CD2 .....	<u>75,475.00</u>
	97,950.00
Cemetery Funds in accounts on June 30, 2020 .....	\$ 105,339.50
Minus Liability: Accrued Payroll .....	(748.57)
Minus Liability: Accounts Payable .....	<u>(404.27)</u>
<b>Total Cemetery Funds - June 30, 2020 .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 104,186.66</u></b>

### CEMETERY EXPENSES

Payroll .....	\$ 17,436.10
Fencing .....	0.00
Stone Cleaning & Repair .....	1,600.00
Trees & Invasive Species .....	0.00
New Corner Markers .....	511.56
Equipment Maintenance .....	1,250.38
Fuel .....	205.56
Burial Services .....	4,450.00
Miscellaneous .....	<u>843.26</u>
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,296.86</u></b>



## BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

In the Town of East Montpelier, between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020, there were 31 “arms-length sales.” An arms-length sale is a valid sale between two private parties. In the previous period, April through March (2018–2019), there were 24 valid sales and in 2017–2018 for the same period there were 32 such sales.

In 2020, the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) increased from 93.82% to **94.18%**. This change of the CLA factor, in the equation that determines the Town’s residential education tax rate, will tend to decrease that tax rate.

The Town’s COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) increased from 10.58% last year to **11.74%** in 2020. The COD is a measure of the disparity in the ratios of assessed values to arms-length sales price that in the aggregate make up the CLA as measured against the median values of these ratios. In essence, the COD measures the fairness of the assessed values relative to each other. The smaller the COD, the more equitable the assessments. When the COD rises to 20%, the State of Vermont mandates a town-wide reappraisal.

Last year, the State of Vermont changed the CLA value that triggers a Town-wide reappraisal. Before, this value was 80%, but it has now been raised to 85%. Also, if the CLA rises above 115%, the State mandates a Town-wide reappraisal, where before there was no upper limit.

The Listers of East Montpelier would like to thank the people of East Montpelier for their cooperation as we fulfill our duties as Listers for the Town of East Montpelier.

ROSS HAZEL  
ROB CHICKERING  
CHRIS RACANELLI

### CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) for East Montpelier

1998	100.93%	2004	77.38%	2010	98.92%	2016	94.94%
1999	99.99%	2005	68.91%	2011	97.16%	2017	95.83%
2000	100.35%	2006	60.89%	2012	98.22%	2018	95.32%
2001	98.69%	2007	57.55%	2013	98.98%	2019	93.82%
2002	92.27%	2008	56.44%	2014	94.10%	2020	94.18%
2003	87.67%	2009*	98.73%	2015	94.60%		

\*Reappraisal

*See final computation sheet of 2020 Equalization Study on facing page.*



## RESILIENT ROADS COMMITTEE

### Background

The East Montpelier Selectboard created the Rural Road Vegetation Assessments Project Advisory Committee in the summer of 2017 when the Town received a grant for a rural roadside vegetation assessment. Joanne Garton with the Urban & Community Forestry Program (UCFP) of the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation (VTFPR) served as project leader. With assistance from the Committee, Joanne inventoried rural roadside vegetation and developed recommendations for long-term maintenance of its roadside vegetation to manage stormwater runoff, maintain or improve wildlife habitat, and plan for the future of scenic and culturally important roadside hedgerows and forests. The completed plan, entitled Rural Road Resilient Right-of-Ways Vegetation Assessment, is available on the Town website.



### Focus on Emerald Ash Borer



The Committee, now renamed the Resilient Roads Committee to match its evolving mission, has taken the lead on the development of an action plan for dealing with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a non-native, invasive insect that is expected to kill most ash trees across Vermont. Once trees are infested, they die quickly and the wood becomes very brittle, creating potential hazards along roadsides and near homes. The insect was first detected in Vermont in February 2018. Although it has been detected in nearby towns and the City of Montpelier, it has not yet been detected in East Montpelier.

In early summer 2019, with continued assistance from Ms. Garton and UCFP, citizen volunteers inventoried all the ash trees, 6-inch diameter and larger, within the town road rights of way as the first step in developing an action plan. The Committee worked with the Central VT Regional Planning Commission to draft a Roadside Ash Tree Management Plan (interim plan is on the Town website). The Committee plans on finalizing the plan in 2021. Under the plan, the Committee has initiated proactive removal of roadside ash trees at several locations in town.

Largely due to its emerald ash borer response initiative, the Committee received the 2020 Arbor Day Award from UCFP for “going above and beyond to make a difference in their community’s urban and community forest.”

### Projects

In 2020, the Town was awarded a \$15,000 U.S. Forest Service grant (with equal town match) through the UCFP to fund a pilot project at and near U-32 Middle & High School. The project, completed this past fall, included removal of approximately 150 roadside ash trees along Gallison Hill, Wheeler, and Schoolhouse roads and replacing several landscape ash trees on the U-32 campus that were planted during the school renovation project. (*See photo of tree planting on p. 39.*) The replacement trees were generously donated by Steve Justis, a Committee

member, from his nursery. Tree Warden Paul Cate also worked with interns from the North Branch Nature Center master naturalist program to improve the condition of the roadside hedgerow at U-32 by removing invasive plant species and doing selective tree cutting.

In November 2020, UCFP notified the Town that it would receive a \$5,000 grant for its proposal to remove ash trees along the County Road. About 140 trees have been marked for removal, and the Town will put the project out to bid for completion this year. The Committee will also replace several more landscape ash trees at U-32 and complete a first round of insecticide treatment for 5 or 6 ash trees (two located in the U-32 hedgerow) that have been identified as having exceptional scenic or cultural value. Following a hearing in September, the Tree Warden has authorized the Town to remove up to 66 ash trees along Dodge and Johnson roads using the road crew on an as-time-permits schedule.

### Looking Ahead

The Committee is planning a busy year in 2021. Beyond finalizing the Town's Roadside Ash Tree Management Plan and completing the aforementioned ash tree removal projects, it will be focusing more broadly on roadside vegetation management. The Committee, through the Tree Warden, who is a Committee member, will be working with the road crew to develop a common understanding on how best to maintain roadside vegetation for its environmental and scenic values while at the same time providing for basic road maintenance and improvement needs. The Tree Warden and Road Foreman are identifying pilot project road sections.

In December, East Montpelier became one of ten towns entering into a collaborative agreement with UCFP to develop a model Shade Tree Preservation Plan. This is in response to significant changes to the state tree warden statutes that went into effect November 1 and remove most protections for roadside and other public trees absent such a protection plan and the select-board's designation of specific shade trees to be managed under the plan. This work is to be completed by March 2022.

As always, the Committee encourages citizens to become informed on roadside vegetation issues. They are free to contact Tree Warden or any other Committee member.

JEFF CUETO, *Chair*  
STEVE JUSTIS  
MARK LANE

JEAN VISSERING  
JEN BOYER  
GUTHRIE PERRY

PAUL CATE, *Tree Warden*  
JACK PAULY  
CARL ETNIER



*Committee members examine ash trees on Dodge Road for possible insecticide treatment, Dec. 5, 2019.*

## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

CVRPC, a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington and western Orange Counties, provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

### 2020 East Montpelier Activities

- Assisted with Local Emergency Management Plan update including development and adoption of sharing permission form.
- Assisted Town to respond to State comments on Hazard Mitigation Plan; congratulations on Plan adoption and FEMA approval!
- Drafted successful app for State village center designation for North Montpelier.
- Supported application to Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program.
- Completed a zoning map update.
- Assisted the Washington Central Unified Union School District with identifying funding for stormwater treatment at U32.

### CVRPC Projects & Programs

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

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. CVRPC is your resource—contact us at 802-229-0389 or [cvrpc@cvregion.com](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com)



## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission turned over one position in 2020. Jean Vissering stepped off the commission after many years of service and leadership; her contributions are both appreciated and missed. Paul Eley was appointed by the Selectboard to serve until the 2021 Town Meeting.

With the Governor's declaration of the COVID-19 state of emergency in March, the Planning Commission was unable to meet in person. The commission took a two-month hiatus, resuming with remote online meetings in May.

The primary focus of the Planning Commission's work continued to be drafting updates to the town's land use and development regulations. After much discussion, the Planning Commission decided to set aside the comprehensive draft presented in 2019, and instead develop specific amendments to the town's existing regulations. During 2020, the focus of this effort has been new village zoning districts and related amendments to implement the 2017 *East Montpelier Village Master Plan*. This work will continue in 2021. Meanwhile, the town's zoning remains unchanged. State law requires an extensive public process and multiple public hearings before zoning regulations can be amended. Notices of public meetings and hearings will be made on the town website, Front Porch Forum and, schedule permitting, the *Signpost*.

In November, AT&T filed an Advance Notice with the state Public Utility Commission (PUC) for a proposed cell tower near Jacobs Road. Although the town has no direct role in permitting telecommunications facilities, it is a statutory party in the PUC's approval process. The Planning Commission dedicated one of its meetings to questions and answers with the applicant and the public. The PUC granted an extension to the Advance Notice period that was requested by the Planning Commission and Selectboard. The Advance Notice was withdrawn by the applicant in January.

Individual Planning Commission members serve on other related committees, including the Development Review Board, the Capital Improvement Committee, the Resilient Roads Committee, the Energy Committee, and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission holds its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 PM. Meetings will be held remotely until in-person meetings are allowed again. The PC encourages interested citizens to attend any of its meetings; meetings begin with an opportunity for public comment. Persons may also contact any of the PC members (as of January 2021) below:

JULIE POTTER, <i>Chair</i>	JACK PAULY	CLARICE CUTLER
ZACH SULLIVAN, <i>Vice Chair</i>	MARK LANE	SIU TIP LAM
KIM WATSON, <i>Corr. Secretary</i>	SCOTT HESS	PAUL ELEY



## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic extended to land development, with overall activity down 18% compared to last year. 2020 saw new residential development drop off significantly, with only 3 single-family dwellings, 1 accessory dwelling and 1 building lot receiving permits. There was no new commercial activity. The DRB only held 10 hearings, down 62%. There were a few development categories apparently immune to the pandemic. Minor projects, such as sheds, decks and small additions, increased 40%. There was also an unusually high number of boundary adjustments and other property divisions that did not create building lots.

### Zoning Applications Submitted Jan. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020

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

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

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

—C. BRUCE JOHNSON, *Zoning Administrator*



## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board (DRB) is responsible for all local board review and management of land development in town. Permit applications that the Zoning Administrator is not empowered to approve or deny, under East Montpelier's Land Use and Development Regulations, are publicly reviewed by the DRB. The DRB also handles appeals of actions taken by the Zoning Administrator. The DRB convenes to review applications as needed on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal office building. In addition, special or continued meetings will be held when necessary. All meetings are open to the public.

In 2020, the DRB met 7 times and conducted the following reviews:

- 1 Site Plan, Conditional Use, and/or Permit Compliance
- 3 Subdivision, Planned Unit Dev., or Boundary Line Adjustment
- 2 Appeal, Variance, and/or Waiver
- 4 Sketch Plan and/or Conceptual Site Plan
- 10 Total DRB hearings

The DRB thanks Kristi Flynn, who serves as our Recording Secretary.

STEVE KAPPEL, <i>Chair</i>	MARK LANE	STEVE JUSTIS
JEFF CUETO, <i>Vice Chair</i>	NORMAN HILL	LAUREN OATES
CLARICE CUTLER	KIM WATSON	GLENN WEYANT



### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE \***

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

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

The CIC has reviewed and refined budgets for building maintenance, paving, truck and heavy equipment purchases. This year's recommendation for the Capital Reserve budget contribution has been included by the Selectboard in the Town FY2022 Budget.

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

GENE TROIA, *Chair (Member at Large)*  
 KIM WATSON (*Planning Commissioner*)  
 DON WELCH (*Town Treasurer*)  
 ED DEEGAN (*Member at Large*)  
 JON JEWETT (*Selectboard member*)

\*See *Capital Planning Budget Executive Summary and Capital Reserve Fund* on pp. 44–45.

## TOWN CLERK REPORT

While it's been a year of challenge and change, we are pleased to report that much was accomplished during 2020.

East Montpelier held the annual rabies clinic on Thursday, March 12—the evening before the Emergency Services Facility was closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic. An additional drive-through clinic was held at the school on August 1. We have not yet scheduled a rabies clinic for this year. If you need help getting a rabies vaccine for your dog, please call us.

This year's #1 dog was Milo Kroll, a senior dalmatian on Haggett Road. He'll pass the torch to another lucky canine on Friday, April 2. All dogs licensed between January 4 and April 1 are entered into the drawing for the #1 dog tag and a prize package of goodies donated by local businesses.

With a bit of creativity in office layout, all staff continue to work, and we have been able to keep the vault open for researchers by appointment, one at a time. Earlier in the year, the Selectboard signed a contract to digitize more of our land records going back to December 1, 1988. As of May, all digitized land records became available online for attorneys and other researchers who prefer to limit their public contact.

During 2020, the Clerk's Office:

- issued 28 Green Mountain Passports
- provided Notary Public services for 129 individuals
- licensed 383 dogs
- received and processed 2,639 absentee ballots over 3 elections
- issued 9 marriage licenses
- processed 128 land transfers
- recorded 765 documents totaling 2,385 pages

The year's elections brought near-record turnout, with the highest number of votes (1,781) for a General Election. Voting by mail for the primary and general election created a significantly larger amount of election-related work. There were 1,406 absentee ballots received for this year's General Election compared

### VOTER REGISTRATION

#### Do you need to register to vote?

It's easier than ever and there are several ways to do it:

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

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

Call 223-3313 ext.201 or email: [clerk@eastmontpeliervt.org](mailto:clerk@eastmontpeliervt.org)

Photo: Terry J. Allen



to the previous record of 498 in 2016. We benefitted from a local outpouring of support for help at the polls this year. Many thanks to all of those who participated in election training via Zoom and volunteered their time at the polls.

This year as we say goodbye to two long-time Justices of the Peace, Florence Morse and Michael Duane, we welcome Richard “Jez” Harrington and Elise Thorsen. We rely on volunteers to fill these offices. Please thank all of them for their service.

While we miss having townspeople in our lobby, we continue to provide all services either curbside or on the porch. The office is open, with doors locked, during regular business hours and we are happy to accommodate your needs. If you have questions, please contact us.

ROSIE LAQUERRE, *Town Clerk*  
 clerk@eastmontpeliervt.org  
 802-223-3313 x 201

DENISE SPARROW, *Assistant Town Clerk/Municipal Assistant*  
 office@eastmontpeliervt.org  
 802-223-3313 x 202

## VOTING RECORD AND POPULATION

East Montpelier Residents per 2010 Census: 2,576

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Registered</u>	<u>Australian Ballot (AB)</u>	<u>AB / FV Percentage</u>	<u>Floor Vote (FV)</u>
<b>Town Meeting:</b>				
2020 .....	2,245	1,046	47% / 7%	159
2019 .....	2,103	560	27% / 7%	147
2018 .....	2,058	554	27% / 8%	165
2017 .....	2,115	552	26% / —	—
2016 .....	2,025	1,130	56% / 14%	290
2015 .....	1,997	571	29% / 10%	190
2014 .....	1,995	543	27% / 13%	255
2013 .....	2,109	576	27% / 10%	216
2012 .....	2,037	696	34% / 11%	218
2011 .....	2,028	510	25% / 11%	214
2010 .....	1,990	650	33% / 11%	213
2009 .....	2,057	880	43% / 13%	262
2008 .....	1,903	1,151	60% / 16%	301
2007 .....	2,102	743	35% / 11%	222
2006 .....	2,059	674	33% / 12%	249
2005 .....	2,076	626	30% / 8%	160
2004 .....	1,984	807	41% / 8%	164
2003 .....	2,011	525	26% / 8%	167
2002 .....	1,973	587	30% / 15%	294
2001 .....	1,993	513	26% / 8%	156

### Primary Election:

2020 .....	2,262	963	43%
2018 .....	2,200	633	29%
2016 .....	2,024	889	44%
2014 .....	1,986	147	7%
2012 .....	2,052	326	16%
2010 .....	2,011	730	36%
2008 .....	1,942	160	8%
2006 .....	2,066	423	20%
2004 .....	2,053	224	11%
2002 .....	1,995	394	20%

### General Election:

2020 .....	2,312	1,781	77%
2018 .....	2,223	1,400	63%
2016 .....	2,107	1,631	77%
2014 .....	2,014	1,093	54%
2012 .....	2,116	1,600	76%
2010 .....	2,038	1,330	65%
2008 .....	2,046	1,675	82%
2006 .....	2,097	1,450	69%
2004 .....	2,116	1,569	74%
2002 .....	2,029	1,300	64%

### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

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

## TOWN MEETING DURING THE PANDEMIC

Ten days after last year's Town Meeting, local hospitals and emergency services facilities went into lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. Now, almost a year later, the virus continues to threaten public safety. For that reason, the Selectboard has voted to hold Town Meeting by Australian ballot this year. This decision was not made lightly, and we all look forward to a traditional Town Meeting with discussion, floor voting, and a fabulous lunch in 2022. Here's what you can expect this year.

**Town and school ballots will be mailed to ALL registered active voters.**

Those articles that would normally be voted from the floor will be included on the paper ballot. Completed ballots can be mailed back to the Clerk's office, dropped in the secure drop box outside, or brought to the polls to vote.

**There will be in-person voting on Town Meeting Day at  
the East Montpelier Elementary School from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place, and curbside voting will be available for those who wish to vote in person but do not want to enter the building. Bring your ballot with you. You can vote it at the polls, or we'll trade you for a fresh ballot. If you forget to bring your mailed ballot with you, we will have you sign a form stating that you have not voted before giving you another ballot. School rest rooms will not be available for public use. If you have not received your ballots in the mail by Tuesday, February 16th, please contact the Clerk's office.

Early tabulation of ballots will occur on Thursday, February 18th, and Thursday, February 25th, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Town Offices. This process keeps completed ballots secure prior to the election and streamlines election day processes. No counting of ballots occurs until after polls close. Zoom livestream details can be found on the Town website at:

**<https://eastmontpeliervt.org/town-meeting/2021-town-meeting/>**

Please contact me or Denise Sparrow with any questions you might have. We are available every weekday via e-mail [clerk@eastmontpeliervt.org](mailto:clerk@eastmontpeliervt.org) or phone at 802-223-3313.

ROSIE LAQUERRE, *Town Clerk*



**— VITAL STATISTICS —**  
**January 1 to December 31, 2020**

**BIRTHS**

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Alissandra Bigras	Miles Mroczek
Isla Connor	Merlin Neddo
Emma Dodge	River Premont
Clara Green	Emmett Sayers
Hazel Hall	Laura Storey
Luca Masé	Donavin Thongs

**MARRIAGES**

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Casey Winterson & Jacob Newland  
 Hannah Phillips & Gustave Goodwin  
 Amelia Alibozek & David Contrada  
 Daniel Towner & Sherryl Byrd  
 Keith Gomo & Leslie Drown  
 Matthew DiGiovanni & Lauren Oates  
 Brandon Wood & Emilli da Costa  
 Paula Lopez & Matthew Smith

**DEATHS**

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Gwynn David Lewis (91) *Not listed in 2019 Annual Report.*

Diane Brown (72)	Paul Grant, Sr. (82)
Loretta Chaples (79)	Elizabeth Jerome (94)
Arthur Chickering (93)	Arlene Lamery (81)
Joanne Chickering (91)	Martin Miller (81)
Marshall Clark, III (52)	Thomas Morrill (84)
Charles Courcy (83)	Elizabeth Morse (68)
Johanna Davies (100)	Regina Olsacher (89)
William George, Jr. (68)*	Joyce Rhodes (91)
Shirley Granger (89)	Donald Smith (81)
	Dennis White (78)**

*\*Died while out of state. No certificate in town records.*

*\*\*Died while residing in another town. No certificate in town records.*

*No one in East Montpelier died in 2020 due to contracting COVID-19.*



### PASS-THROUGH ACCOUNTS

<b>FY20:</b>	<b><i>Paid to State</i></b>	<b><i>Balance Due</i></b>
Dog State Rabies Program	\$ 357	\$ 88
Dog State Spay / Neuter Program	1,428	352
Marriage Licenses	600	0
State Liquor Licenses	140	0
<i>(Pass-through funds are fees collected by the Town Clerk and paid to the State)</i>	<b>\$ 2,525</b>	<b>\$ 440</b>

### ANIMAL LICENSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Current rabies vaccination means that:

- (1) dog/wolf hybrid over 3 months or less than 1 year of age has been vaccinated
- (2) dog/wolf hybrid within 9–12 months of initial vaccination must receive a booster shot
- (3) dog/wolf hybrid subsequent vaccination following initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months

[V.S.A. Title 20, Section 3581]

### RABIES & VT SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAMS

Neutering and spaying your pet helps control the population and reduces the chance for mammary and testicular cancer in pets. The **Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)** offers affordable spaying and neutering through most veterinarians.

Applications and guidelines for the income sensitive VSNIP spay/neuter program are available at the Town Clerk's office (223-3313).



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**FOUR CORNERS**  
**SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION**

Like many organizations, our year began well—activities were scheduled, attendance was robust and building repairs were few. The minutes from our March meeting continue to show normalcy, if not optimism, expected ahead. By the next month we were meeting virtually to adhere to social distancing practices. The pandemic and the shift to Zoom meetings combined for a slight re-shuffling of our board. Long time treasurer, Paulie Coburn, who kept us on the straight and narrow, stepped back from the new entanglements of submitting reports on-line, leading Peter Burroughs to assume the role of treasurer. Paulie remains on the board; our thanks to her many years as treasurer are deeply felt. Additionally, the role of secretary changed hands. Rhoda Carroll wrote terrific minutes for the last 13 years; concise and informative, with an unusual word or a trace of sly humor, she reported on our proceedings and kept us on task. Board member Carolyn Shapiro has taken on the role of secretary and Rhonda Prensky has assumed Rhoda's seat on the board. Thank you, Rhoda, for your many years of service and friendship.

We continue with our virtual meetings, but the Schoolhouse has shuttered its doors for now. Cleaning requirements and costs between users proved unworkable. With the loss of use of the building by the paying public we've also taken a hit on the budget. While we hope that a mild winter, a low temperature setting on the furnace, and the town's help with sanding the driveway will all contribute to some savings, we have lost about a third of our annual income. Hence the increase, over last year, in our request for town funds.

We hope we can resume activities in the latter half of 2021. We will post any changes to the town website. When (if) activities resume, anyone wishing to use the Schoolhouse should contact Rachael Grossman, our scheduler, at 223-3177, during civilized hours.

Thank you and stay safe!

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

**FCSH FINANCIAL REPORT****Beginning Balance – July 1, 2019 ..... \$ 6,533.52**

## Income

FY20 Town Funds ..... 4,000.00

## Rental Income

Exercise Classes ..... 655.00

Sunday Singers ..... 208.00

Building Rentals - others .... 270.00

Total Rental Income ..... 1,133.00

## Expenses

Bank charges ..... 6.00

Electricity ..... 412.00

Fuel (heating) ..... 2,440.00

Insurance ..... 830.00

Janitorial services ..... 710.00

Mowing ..... 560.00

Office supplies - bank checks ... 14.43

Plowing &amp; Sanding ..... 930.00

PO Box rental ..... 64.00

Total Expenses ..... -5,966.43

**Ending Balance – June 30, 2020 ..... \$ 5,700.09**

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**Ending Cash Balance allocation:**

## Temporary Restricted:

Painting Fund ..... 3,033.00

Septic Fund ..... 200.00

Floor Refinishing Fund ..... 790.00

Furnace Fund ..... 200.00

Reserve Fund (unassigned) ..... 1,136.50

Subtotal – Temporary Restricted ..... 5,359.50

Unrestricted ..... 340.59

**Total End of Year Balance ..... \$5,700.09**

## RECREATION BOARD

As with most things, the pandemic affected what the East Montpelier Recreation Board was able to accomplish this past year, but there are successes to acknowledge. In the summer electricity was added to the new shed at the Recreation Field. This allows for interior and exterior lighting of the shed and the ability to add more options to the concession area, like a small refrigerator and/or microwave, etc. An electric outlet was also added near the dugout of the main baseball field, which will allow a pitching machine to be used in the batting cage and future options that require electricity. The storage area built on to the back of the home dugout on the field was expanded this summer as well, providing much needed additional storage space for baseball equipment and field supplies. A small ice rink was also added to the Recreation Field early in the winter of 2021, allowing for public skating, weather permitting.

In terms of sports programming, the lacrosse season was cancelled in the spring and Central Vermont Little League postponed the baseball season. Baseball was ultimately able to play an abbreviated season mid-summer. We were able to successfully run a soccer season this fall for grades K-6, consisting of skills and drills work, with no gameplay outside of team scrimmages. This proved to be very popular and a great way to help the kids get outdoors and exercise. We are hopeful that a similar skills and drills option can be safely available for basketball this winter or spring, but time will tell. Overall, it has been a challenging year, but we are proud of what we were able to accomplish and the activities we could provide; and we look forward with fingers crossed to a more “normal” cycle sometime in 2021.

—JACK ZEILENGA, *Chair*



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## EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

The *Signpost* was happy to have no interruption in its publication this year. In fact, during COVID-19 it seemed more important than ever to uphold our mission of “community-ism.” We were glad to be able to highlight all the ways the citizens of East Montpelier have been there for each other at this particular time.

The town generously supports publication of the *Signpost*. For financial security, we maintain a reserve of one year’s expenses—approximately \$9,000. Please note that because of a budget surplus, the *Signpost* did not request any funds from the town last year. The *Signpost* is published through the work of a group of dedicated volunteers. The only expenses we incur are printing, postage, and a few other small miscellaneous fees. We offer our thanks to the town for supporting us with funding in the past and hope to continue to earn that support as we move forward.

Our managing editor is Michelle Singer, and Edie Miller acts as copy coordinator. Hilari Farrington and Renee Kievit-Kylar are features co-editors and, along

with a team of editors including Carolyn Pastore, Merry Schmidt, Barbara Ploof, Mary Redmond, and Ann Stanton, they guide the process of choosing subjects and writers. Rosie Laquerre and Kate Rader compile the *Weathervane*, Alex Brown keeps our mailing list, and Rachael Grossman keeps track of our finances. Finally, once all the writing and editing has been done, either Terry Allen or Kristen Munson does a fantastic job laying out the issues. Terry and Alex also contribute photographs and often go out on photographic assignments just for the *Signpost*. Lyn Blackwell does our final proof and then it goes to the printer, L. Brown & Sons, who has been printing the *Signpost* from its beginning, over 30 years ago. The *Signpost* is then sent out to all of you, and Jennifer Boyer adds the latest edition to the website, [www.emsignpost.com](http://www.emsignpost.com). It's truly an example of "Many hands make light work." The *Signpost* team enjoys working with each other and on behalf of the community, doing our parts to "help neighbors get to know neighbors." As always, we welcome feedback and new faces. Reach us at [michellealsinger@gmail.com](mailto:michellealsinger@gmail.com)

The financial report shows *Signpost* revenues and expenses for calendar year 2020 and notes the balances at NorthCountry Federal Credit Union (NCFCU), the sole holder of *Signpost* funds.

## SIGNPOST FINANCIAL REPORT

Jan. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2020

NCFCU Checking, Beginning Balance – Jan. 1, 2020	....	\$ 8,623.04
NCFCU Savings Beginning Balance – Jan. 1, 2020	.....	7,917.78
		<u>16,540.82</u>

INCOME: Contributions	.....	\$ 1,080.00
Sponsorships	.....	800.00
Savings Interest	.....	9.76
Town Funding	.....	<u>0.00</u>
		1,889.76

EXPENSES:		
Printing and Postage	.....	(8,679.61)
Misc Postage	.....	(76.98)
PO Box and Quicken Renewal	.....	(128.99)
Secretary of State Fee	.....	(125.00)
Laughing Bear Associates - Design	.....	<u>(525.00)</u>
		(9,535.58)

NCFCU Ending Balance — Dec. 31, 2020	.....	<u><u>\$ 8,895.00</u></u>
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Checking Balance on Dec. 31, 2020	\$ 3,967.46
Savings Balance on Dec. 31, 2020	<u>4,927.54</u>
NCFCU Ending Balance	<u><u>\$ 8,895.00</u></u>

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## **EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS, INC.**

As we reflect on the year 2020, we are thankful that the town of East Montpelier made a commitment back in 1992 to establish a trail network for community recreation and connection with the natural world. The worldwide pandemic grabbed us by the collar and dragged us through a year of uncertainty, loss of life and health, and loss of even the physical connection to our friends and family. Being outside in our beautiful countryside provided us with a safe way to be with our loved ones, or a place to escape the news and worldly worries. We are happy that our trails saw a significant increase in use by town residents and others.

East Montpelier Trails, Inc. (EMTI) answered the need for social distancing by going to remote board meetings, with occasional masked outside meetings in backyards and on the trails. We are working with several landowners on securing new sections of trail which will expand our network.

With the help of many volunteers, we repaired the 120-foot-long wooden bridge on the trail between County Road and the Esther Salmi Memorial Rock, cleared brush and downed trees on many sections of trail, cleared bridges of debris, and roughed out new trail segments for future reroutes and trail connections. The board decided to hire a local contractor to mow five sections of trail twice during the growing season. These sections have presented us with a constant battle against the grasses and brush that harbor deer ticks. At the time of this writing, we are preparing to submit an RTP grant proposal to fund the construction of a 0.8-mile trail across the Bobolink Farm on Towne Hill Road. This section

### **TD Bank checking account\***

Beginning Balance – Jan. 1, 2020 .....	\$18,374.69
Income: Interest .....	16.69
Income: Other Income .....	250.00
Expenses: Services .....	(2,425.00)
Expenses: Material .....	(946.38)
Ending Balance – Dec. 31, 2020 .....	<u>\$15,270.00</u>

### **NorthCountry Fed Credit Union CD acct\*\***

Beginning Balance – Jan. 1, 2020 .....	\$14,214.46
Interest (Certificate of Deposit) .....	172.97
Ending Balance – Dec. 31, 2020 .....	<u>\$14,387.43</u>

**NorthCountry Savings: Bal. – Dec. 31, 2020 .....** \$5.01

**TOTAL FUNDS, as of Dec. 31, 2020 .....** \$29,662.04

\* TD checking account holds a \$3,000 reserve for emergencies, leaving \$12,270 available for upcoming projects.

\*\* NCFCU Certificate is dedicated to trail acquisition, based on the Esther Salmi original gift. It is in a Certificate of Deposit that matures every November.



Photos: Mary Stone

*Work crew: Boardwalk at Esther Salmi Trail from County Road to Memorial Rock.*

will tie together the Mallory Brook trail to the north and the Karen Clark Trail to the south. We are thrilled to be working with Carol and Bruce on this important piece of trail, and we thank them for their generosity in hosting the trail on their property. Look for announcements and calls for volunteers to help construct a 20-foot bridge over their lovely wooded stream.

We ask our community to continue to be proactive in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and follow the governor's recommendations on how many friends to share our walks with. If you find the parking area full at your favorite trail head, continue on to another trail head...and please give a wide berth and use your mask when you encounter others on the trail. Stay well and wander on!

—MARY STONE, *for the EMTI Board*

[emtrails.org](http://emtrails.org)

## FRIENDS OF COBURN POND

Along with everyone else, the COVID-19 pandemic has had its impact on the Friends of Coburn Pond. Our 2020 Annual Meeting, scheduled for mid-March was, of course, cancelled. The core group stays connected as needed, and we communicate with the larger group via our Facebook page and COVID-safe, masked, and distanced conversations at the pond.

We found most people to be very respectful of each other, including by following CDC guidelines. When several people expressed concerns, ideas for signage were posted at the FB page. After about a week of comments, ideas were assimilated into on-site signs. Several people who regularly used the pond helped to maintain them. And, to everyone's pleasant surprise, to this day they remain.

Two upsetting events around wildlife were addressed: After reports of the removal of turtles as children's pets, one of our members created and posted fabulously designed signs. (*See photos of the turtle sign and the pond on p. 39.*) To the best of our knowledge, with everyone informed, most wildlife is now observed but not removed—with the obvious exception of fish. When the death of a beaver was reported, a few people investigated, removed the poor old fellow, and gave it a proper burial away from both pond and river.

Given the increased four-season use of Coburn Pond as one of the COVID-safe outdoor recreation areas in our area, and the diminished organizing capacity of Friends as a management group, people who enjoy the pond on a regular basis took more responsibility to keep it clean (Green-Up Day and beyond), communicating when concerns arose, and respectfully interacting with others.

As reported previously, we requested the Natural Resources Board (NRB), the body charged with Act 250 enforcement, to address permit violations, especially that VTrans repair the breach of the southernmost shoreline in order to protect the water quality, ecosystem, and "existing use" of Coburn Pond. We remain unclear as to how, or if, this situation might be resolved, especially given the governor's recent executive order "to reorganize the NRB" (which we do not support), and everything else we face as a community in this particular time.

For now, Friends of Coburn Pond wants to express appreciation for the care taken throughout the year, for the property and for each other. If you enjoy any of the seasonal activities—swimming, fishing, observing wildlife, dog walking, skiing, snowshoeing, ice-skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, or just visiting, and want to help decide how the property will be managed, please contact us.

**You can find us online at: [www.friendsofcoburnpond.org](http://www.friendsofcoburnpond.org)**

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

**<https://eastmontpelier.vt.org/community/friends-of-coburn-pond/>**

Thank you for the encouragement and support of so many throughout the year!

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



## CROSS VERMONT TRAIL ASSOCIATION (CVTA)

We have good news to share! The Winooski Bridge on the Cross Vermont Trail in East Montpelier is under construction. Site work for the 200-foot long bicycle and pedestrian bridge began Fall 2020, with completion by our construction contractor expected 2021. Thank you! Funding and vocal support from the Town of East Montpelier and many local individuals have made this project possible. The ceremonial groundbreaking was celebrated on Sept. 18, 2020, and it was great to see the many different people who have helped get us to this point coming together to celebrate.

The new bridge is just the beginning and will eventually join together miles of new trail connecting the Montpelier Bike Path up to U-32 and across town to where the rail trail begins on Route 14. The full project will take several summers of work—see regular updates and maps at [www.crossvermont.org](http://www.crossvermont.org).

Landowner permission for a key piece of the future trail route was secured this year when, together with the Vermont Land Trust and with funding assistance from the Town, we purchased a conservation and trail easement across the “Haven” property of Fairmont Farm.

Meanwhile we have begun a permanent trail bypass of the “Big Washout” of Cross Vermont Trail on the railbed east of Route 14. The last of the 2011 storm damage is finally being fixed. Fall 2020 we built a new 50 foot bike/pedestrian bridge—by hand, thanks to community volunteers. \$15,000 in donations from many local businesses and individuals paid for the bridge materials. Next spring we plan to return to complete the full bypass relocation and bring the trail up to multi-use accessibility standards.



*Bypassing the “Big Washout.”*

And we are hopeful to resume this year, safely, our big annual event in East Montpelier, the Central Vermont Cycle Tour—“an original gravel grinder”—scheduled for June 27, 2021.

CVTA’s mission is a multi-use, four-season, off-road trail across the width of Vermont following the Winooski River and Wells River, a 90-mile-long greenway for cyclists, skiers, and walkers connecting communities, their schools, and the natural areas between. Contact us to learn more or get involved: 802-498-0079 or [greg@crossvermont.org](mailto:greg@crossvermont.org).

—GREG WESTERN, *Executive Director*



## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

**About the League.** The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, [vlct.org/about/audit-reports](http://vlct.org/about/audit-reports), and show that our positive net position continues.

**Member Benefits.** All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- Legal, consulting, and education services, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.

- Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.

- Representation before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts helped provide cities and towns additional resources on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.

- Access to two exceptional insurance programs. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets.

- Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that

all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit [vlct.org/memberguide](http://vlct.org/memberguide) to download the VLCT Member Guide. To learn more, visit the VLCT website at **[vlct.org](http://vlct.org)**



## CENTRAL VT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

As 2021 begins, we can look back and recognize that this upheaval is something we have never before experienced, and has challenged us in ways we never contemplated. With that said, we have also experienced the very best in people. We have seen how communities have pulled together to support one another. We have also witnessed innovation in our businesses as you have adapted, learned new protocols, and had the flexibility to meet the challenges in an ever-evolving landscape. In short, the response of our regional businesses has been inspiring.

Since mid-March, when we all had our worlds turned upside down, CVEDC's board and staff have worked to be the primary resource for information critical to business decision-makers. At the start, we were focused on helping businesses navigate the Payroll Protection Program and SBA EIDL grants. As these programs were largely being delivered "on the fly," policies and processes were changing daily, and our web site was updated multiple times per day in response. Next came Vermont's Recovery Grant Program, followed shortly after by the Sole-Proprietor Grant. Late summer the RDCs worked with the administration to design and standup the ReStart Vermont Technical Assistance Grant Program (ReVTA). Since the Governor's Stay at Home Order issued in March, CVEDC has had direct contact and has supported over 350 regional businesses.

Through ReVTA, CVEDC was able to provide grants to over 50 regional companies, while contracting with over 35 service providers for the technical assistance. Small and medium-sized companies gained capacity in marketing, HR, accounting, architectural services, and more. At the same time, local firms gained much needed business and began new relationships with the companies they were supporting. This network of service providers, created to address today's crisis, will continue to exist as an added resource for Central Vermont.

So, despite the challenges of working in a largely virtual world, CVEDC has worked hard to be the trusted resource for the Central Vermont Region's business community. CVEDC has received \$900 in past years and we are requesting the same this year.

—JAMIE STEWART, *Executive Director*  
DAWN MAGNUS, *Assistant Director*

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## MONTPELIER SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Everyone 50+ is welcome at MSAC, where vibrant programming promotes life-long learning, healthy aging, socialization, falls prevention and resource access. **MSAC's mission is to enhance the quality of life for the older adults in the Montpelier area through opportunities that develop physical, mental, cultural, social, and economic well-being in a welcoming, flexible environment.**

In March 2020, MSAC pivoted from in-person services to pandemic-safe operations. Despite COVID-19, MSAC is still a vital resource for the community. MSAC currently provides home-delivered and to-go meals, referrals to area services, two dozen of our usual six dozen weekly, online, affordable classes, free groups, and safely-distanced group gatherings in person when possible. MSAC offers financial aid, technology assistance, tax preparation, foot care clinics, wellness calls, and more. There's a new Aging in Place Americorps member collaborating with community partners. Staff and volunteers look forward to eventually restarting more programs in person and remains dedicated to supporting socialization, safety, and wellness.

We are facing some increases in the operating expenses necessary to maintain and continuously improve our facility and our high-quality and diverse healthy aging and lifelong learning services and programs, and due to COVID, we are facing some projected revenue losses in the coming year, too. However, we seek equitable ways to continue spreading the burden across many revenue streams, including proportionately fair requests across many towns whose residents benefit from MSAC as residents of "supporting towns." The City of Montpelier is also likely to be "level-funding" our operations based on an almost \$135,000 tax appropriation.

In FY20, MSAC served at least 117 East Montpelier residents (and some free activities don't track town data). MSAC appreciates East Montpelier voters' and residents' support and hopes to welcome and serve more of you in the coming year! We recognize Twin Valley Senior Center and other senior centers' and agencies' importance to your residents and believe in working collaboratively.

We are seeking level funding from five of the six towns from which we request funding at Town Meeting in 2020. Thank you for considering our level-funded request of \$9,000. We calculated our East Montpelier request based on approximately \$70 per person served from your town last year. More info: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1142/MSAC-and-surrounding-communities>.

To learn more, register for a program, or be added to our weekly e-list, visit our website, call 223-2518, or email [msac@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:msac@montpelier-vt.org).

[www.montpelier-vt.org/msac](http://www.montpelier-vt.org/msac)



## TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

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Twin Valley Seniors was founded in 1983. The center serves the towns of Cabot, Plainfield, Marshfield, Calais, Woodbury and East Montpelier. The Center has steadily grown since 1983 to present. The Center had been housed in many locations before moving to 4583 US Route 2 known as Blueberry Commons.

In 2014 TVSC had the opportunity to rent its present space. This was a huge undertaking with a rent increase. After much consideration the Board of Directors and I felt it was the only way to go with a great, central location with ample parking for people who attend the Center and for fundraising activities. Within the first year of the move, TVSC had picked up many more participants and started receiving many more requests for Meals on Wheels. Five years ago TVSC had to turn away people for some of our Arthritis/Bone Builders classes because of space issue. Classes were being held three times and three days a week by dedicated volunteers.

With kindness and generosity from friends, neighbors, families, and community supporters we were able to purchase Blueberry Commons. This is the first time in the history of TVSC that we have a permanent home. The year certainly was a lot kinder to us than 2020 was to others.

The future plan for the center is to do an expansion to host the many activities that take place and not have to turn anyone away because of space. Dining room space is needed to host many more people at fundraising events and holiday seating. Adding a Pavilion is an added space that we can see being used to its fullest in the beautiful outdoor weather in summer and fall. A Pavilion could host outdoor lunches, activities and many exercise programs. With the generous and kind support from people like you, we are hoping to bring TVSC to a full circle that you all can use and feel proud knowing your donations made it possible. Your support is what makes it all happen and our mission is what we all work for: **To facilitate the social, emotional and physical well-being of independent senior citizens by providing access to community resources, providing services and activities that maintain senior citizen's independence and wellness.**

For FY 2019 TVSC served up to congregate participants a total of 2,533 meals. Before closing due to the pandemic in March 2020 the meals in-house totaled 1,326. Meals on Wheels for year 2019 totaled 10,138. FY 2020 to date Meals on Wheels is 9,304. There was outsourcing of meals for two weeks while the Center was closed. The pandemic played a big part in the center operations just as it did in everyone's life.

We encourage you to consider joining our Board of Directors to help us guide the senior center for the future in the right direction for all to enjoy. I invite you to contact me at 802-223-3322 or email [twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net](mailto:twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net) with ideas, suggestions, or just a chat about the Center.

—RITA COPELAND, *Executive Director*

## PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) provides free health care to uninsured and underinsured people in Central Vermont. Services include high-quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services which are provided at no cost to our patients. PHWC also continues to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

2020 was an unusual and challenging year for our organization, local community, and global community. The COVID-19 pandemic forced our staff and volunteers to shift to telemedicine services, connecting with patients via video and phones calls. This has presented an opportunity for PHWC to update systems and technology to support telemedicine operations. Since the start of the pandemic, staff and volunteers have been working nimbly to care for existing and new patients who rely on our services. While limited in-person visits have resumed, the organization looks forward to welcoming more patients back to the clinic in 2021.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have partnered closely with Good Samaritan Haven, Vermont Department of Health, Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, and other area agencies to care for our region's homeless population. We continue to work together to support the health and safety of our vulnerable community members.

In 2020, we cared for 380 unduplicated patients, 92 of whom were new to the clinic. Patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 433 medical visits, 183 dental visits, and 77 mental health visits. 74 patients received assistance enrolling in Medicaid, other health insurance plans, and financial assistance programs. Our patients came from 43 cities and towns, more than half had an income of less than 185% of the federal poverty level, and 90% of new patients reported having delayed care because of the cost.

**In 2020, PHWC served 10 East Montpelier residents, 2 of whom were new patients. East Montpelier patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 4 medical visits, 6 dental visits, and 5 case management/medical consults visits. Additionally, patients came for 5 visits with health insurance enrollment assistance resulting in successful Medicaid enrollment.**

As a federally-deemed free clinic, we cannot charge for services. We depend on grants, donations, and municipal funding. We are grateful to the voters of East Montpelier for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the Central Vermont community.

For additional information, please contact Rebecca Goldfinger-Fein, Executive Director, at 802-479-1229 or [rebecca@phwcvt.org](mailto:rebecca@phwcvt.org).

**[www.phwcvt.org](http://www.phwcvt.org)**

## CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

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Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association serving 23 communities in central Vermont with skilled nursing care, physical, speech, and occupational therapy, medication management, social work support, and personal care to central Vermonters of all ages in the comfort and privacy of home. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, each of whom lives in CVHHH's service area. CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all central Vermonters regardless of a person's ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs.

CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters' care needs are met. In addition to providing medically-necessary care, CVHHH promotes the general welfare of community members with public flu and foot-care clinics and grief and bereavement support groups. To learn more, visit [www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org).

### CVHHH Services to the Residents of East Montpelier January 1 – December 31, 2020\*

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	1,332
Hospice Care	360
Long Term Care	117
Maternal Child Health	18
<b>TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS</b>	<b>1,827</b>
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>113</b>

**\*Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. Preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020 and are not expected to vary significantly.**

Town funding will help to ensure that CVHHH provides services in East Montpelier through 2020 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rouse, President & CEO, or Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development at 223-1878.

[www.cvhhh.org](http://www.cvhhh.org)



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## RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

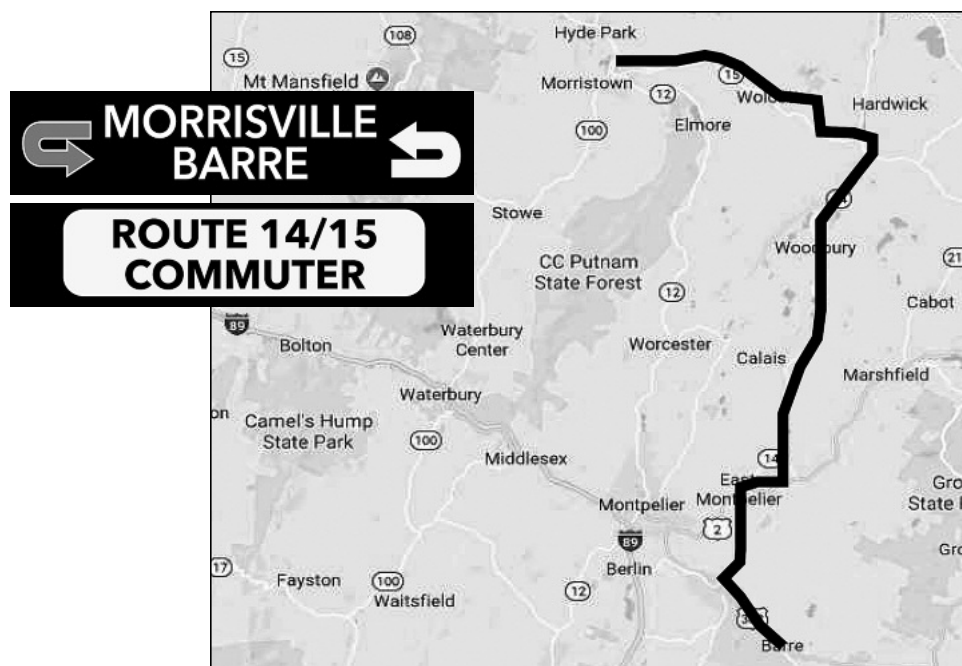
Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) operates bus service to residents of East Montpelier on our VT Route 14/15 Commuter and US 2 Commuter buses with connections to Barre, Montpelier, Burlington (on GMT's Link), Morrisville, as well as to towns along these routes (including Hardwick). All RCT bus routes are fare-free so the agency must rely on other methods of generating necessary local match funds for our grants.

In the past, the appropriations for the US 2 Commuter have been solely requested by GMT (a total of \$8,333.00). As of July 2020, RCT is operating the majority of the US 2 Commuter routes, and is requesting our portion of the level funded request (\$6,833.06) directly. Last year, RCT requested \$1,000 to service the Route 14/15 Commuter, which brings the total level funded request to \$7,833.06.

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex, and Lamoille Counties. RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require 20%–50% local match dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match.

We hope you will be able to assist with this request and look forward to our continued service to the residents of East Montpelier. For more information, including route maps and schedules, go to <https://www.riderct.org/maps>

—LILA BENNETT, *Community Relations Manager*





## US2 COMMUTER BUS

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

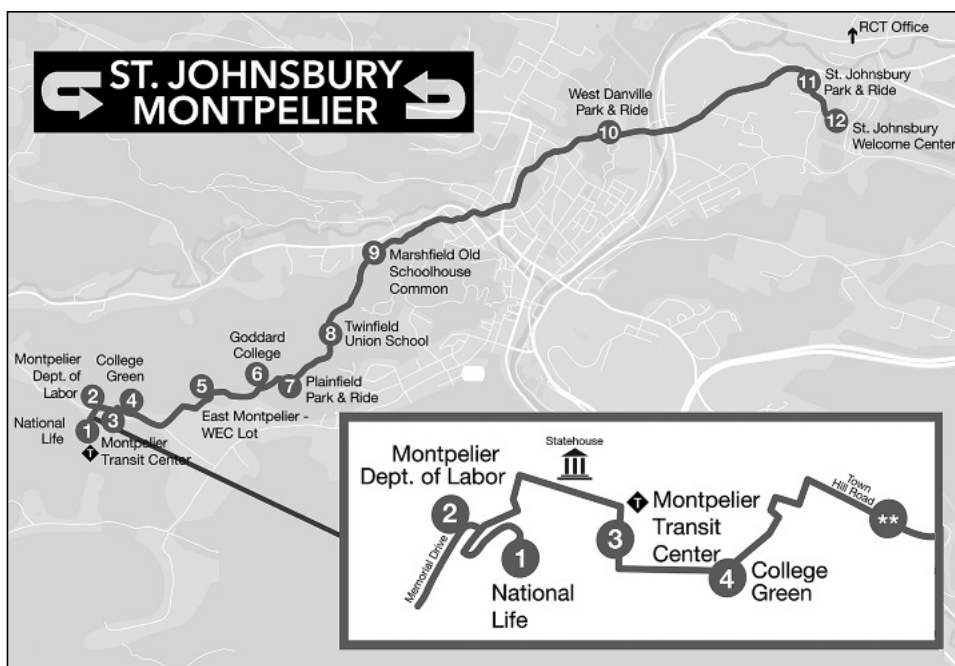
In FY20, the US2 Commuter had 14,566 in total ridership. Ridership during the first part of the year, prior to COVID-19, improved over FY19's performance. Generally, the route is very productive according to the standards it is held to by the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation.

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

FY13 marked the end of the CMAQ grant with FY14 transitioning the route to another state/federal funding source equaling 80% of the cost. As in previous years, GMT will continue to request the remaining 20% match from the towns served. For FY22 local match funds, GMT will be splitting the request of level funding with RCT for our portion of \$1,499.94 per town with the remaining being requested directly by RCT (\$6,833.06).

For route maps and schedules, go to <http://www.riderct.org/route-info/>

—JENN WOOD, *Public Affairs & Community Relations Manager*



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## KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY REPORT

Communities thrive with the knowledge, entertainment, technology and programs that come from a vibrant library like the Kellogg-Hubbard. Story times and children's programs improve literacy skills, bridging gaps between home and school and serving homeschooled children. Libraries improve access to technology for our neighbors who do not have a reliable internet connection at home, or don't own a printer, scanner or copier. Libraries fight isolation. New parents, senior citizens and people who live in rural communities benefit from the free programs the Library provides as a way to make social connections and find others who share their values and interests. Libraries provide zero-cost entertainment, with a movie to watch or a book to curl up with.

**2020 Highlights:** In FY20 the KHL made more digital services available, reinforcing that the Library is "virtually" never closed. Everyone in our member communities (Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier, and Worcester) can access our physical collection of 70,643 books, DVDs, CD audio-books and more; as well as our largest ever digital catalog of over 80,000 eBooks, audiobooks, streaming videos (via Kanopy) and digital magazines (via Flipster). Additionally, services that once required a visit to the Library are now all available through our website including library card sign-ups, purchase requests, and additional research options. 742 **East Montpelier residents** have library cards and they borrowed 12,384 physical items last year, not counting digital use which we cannot track by town.

Throughout the pandemic, we've maintained a robust email and phone reference service and loaned thousands of materials via curbside pickup. Our programs for adults, children and teens pivoted to online or outdoor formats; some programs saw hundreds of attendees this way. In FY20, 11,207 total people attended our 257 programs for children and teens and 174 programs for adults.

While our Outreach program has been unable to visit most daycares and community events, we started a mobile library and offered increased home delivery services to patrons with medical concerns and homeschooling families. We are looking forward to resuming daycare and preschool service in 2021!

**Funding:** The Library is funded through tax support from the towns in our service area, endowment income (from the original bequest from the Kellogg and Hubbard families and individual donors over the years), private contributions, and fees for things like printing and copies and overdue materials. Because the library runs on a tight budget, each piece is crucial. We make every effort to save costs without sacrificing the personal service people value so much. Funding requests to our towns are per capita based. This is how libraries across Vermont measure their municipal tax support. In East Montpelier we are requesting just \$16.15 per capita, much lower than the state average of \$33. Our total request from East Montpelier is \$42,022: the same amount as for the past three years. Jennifer Myka is the East Montpelier representative on our Board and our Co-Directors are Jessie Lynn and Carolyn Brennan. **Thank you for your continued support!**

## FUNDING REQUEST STUDY COMMITTEE

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

Last year voters agreed to appropriate \$21,541 (just under 1% of the town budget) to support 37 organizations. This year the committee considered requests totaling \$21,366 from 35 organizations, down two from last year. There were no new organizations, Project Independence closed its doors on June 1, 2020 and Rural Community Transportation will have a separate article as it will now be receiving the bulk of the funding for the US2 Commuter bus service. In an effort to provide greater funding for organizations serving on the front lines in the battle against COVID-19, the committee augmented the proposed funding for Good Samaritan Haven, Onion River Food Shelf and People's Health & Wellness Clinic. The committee's recommendations are listed below, totaling \$21,466, a 0.3% decrease from last year.

The FY2022 funding recommendations appear **in bold** in the list below along with the amounts approved in the previous two fiscal years. If available, we have included the number of residents directly served. Please feel free to contact these organizations when in need, to volunteer your own time and skills, or to make additional financial contributions.

**American Red Cross, Northern New England Region** (800-464-6692) provides immediate relief and shelter for victims of disasters, works to educate citizens on health and safety issues, organizes blood drives, and provides local personnel with trainings on disaster preparedness and shelter operations. The organization did not provide emergency assistance to any families in East Montpelier last year, but is ready to provide support when necessary. (\$250; \$250; **\$250**)

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

**Capstone Community Action (formerly CVCAC)** (479-1053) works with families to build better lives and to create thriving local communities through Head Start and Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, and other Family & Community Support services, including Emergency Food and Crisis Fuel, Home Weatherization assistance and more. It served 76 residents during the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

**Central Vermont Adult Basic Education** (476-4588) provides free basic education and literacy services for adults and teens over age 16. Approximately half of the students receive help preparing for GED certificates or alternative high school diplomas. CVABE provided service to two residents during the past year. (\$750; \$750; **\$750**)

**Central Vermont Council on Aging** (479-0531) provides meal and transportation services, legal advice, case management, and advocacy for Central Vermont elders. CVCOA also operates the RSVP Volunteer Program, linking volunteers with nonprofit organizations. The organization served 62 residents in the past year. (\$1,875; \$1,875; **\$1,875**)

**Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team** (802-505-7677) provides shelter for family pets when their owners are unable to care for them due to a natural disaster or extended emergency, often working in conjunction with the Red Cross. CVDART works closely with towns, including East Montpelier, to create and maintain emergency plans for pets during disasters. (\$0; \$200; **\$200**)

**Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity** (522-8611) provides homeownership opportunities to low income families. Many of you may have participated in the recent CVHH home-building project in East Montpelier and the organization hopes to do more projects here in the future. The organization served 3 residents in the past year. (\$250; \$250; **\$350**)

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

**Circle** (476-6010; Hotline: 877-543-9498) serves families in Washington County in cases involving domestic abuse. The shelter provides safe homes, emotional support, legal assistance, food and clothes, and a 24-hour hotline. The organization also develops and sponsors prevention programs in local schools. It served 9 residents directly in the past year. (\$675; \$675; **\$675**)

**Community Harvest of Central Vermont** (229-4281) brings our community together through gleaning to recover surplus food produced on area farms to feed those with limited access to healthy, fresh local food, and in the process helps the community to gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the local food system, healthy eating, and waste reduction. It served approximately 200 residents during the past year. (\$250; \$250; **\$250**)

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

**East Montpelier Community Connections** (223-7936) provides after school, vacation, and summer programming for preschool and school-age children, including mentoring and youth outreach, and creates opportunities for children to learn from community members. It served 118 students in the past year. (\$2,500; \$2,500; **\$2,500**)

**Family Center of Washington County** (262-3292) provides services for children and families, including preschool playgroups, parent education, home visits, and referral services for childcare. It served 111 residents in the past year. (\$500; \$500; **\$500**)

**Friends of the Winooski River** (279-3771) is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski River, including its tributaries and watershed, from Cabot to Colchester. Members monitor water quality, conduct river cleanup projects, and educate landowners and students in river stewardship. In 2020 the organization planted 320 trees and shrubs at Orchard Valley Waldorf School. (\$200; \$200; **\$200**)

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

**Good Beginnings of Central Vermont** (595-7953) provides free home visitation services and workshops for new parents. Volunteers visit for one to three hours per week for up to three months to connect new parents to community support and provide supplies and information about good parenting. In the past year, it served 10 families in East Montpelier. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

**Good Samaritan Haven** (479-2294) provides short-term emergency shelter, meals, and basic services for homeless adults. Federal and state funds support its core program, which provides housing and employment assistance, case management, and referral services. The organization provided service for 346 central Vermonters last year. (\$750; \$750; **\$900**)

**Green Mountain Transit** (223-7287) is a community transportation service that matches requests for rides from local residents, who are either disabled or elderly, with available transport, including vans, volunteer drivers, and van/pools. It provided 518 service trips for townspeople in the past year. The company, along with Rural Community Transportation, also operates the commuter bus service along U.S. Route 2 supported by a separate appropriation in the town budget. (\$1,366; \$1,366; **\$1,366**)

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

**HomeShare Vermont** (802-863-5625), which has replaced Home Share Now in our area, provides affordable housing options through facilitation of shared housing. Formerly operated under the Central Vermont Council on Aging, the organization matches people needing housing with those who wish to remain in their homes. Services and in-kind contributions are exchanged for housing. HomeShare Vermont served 7 town residents last year. (\$800; \$800; **\$800**)

**Mosaic Vermont, Inc. (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington Co.)** (476-1388; hotline: 479-5577) operates a hotline and provides emergency medical assistance, shelter, counseling, advocacy and legal advice for victims of sexual violence. (\$250; \$250; **\$250**)

**North Branch Nature Center** (229-6206) offers environmental education through nature programs and summer camps and provides open trails on its 28-acre property. The Educating Children Outdoors program trains teachers to operate programs in our local schools. Approximately 200 East Montpelier residents participated in programs at the center. (\$750; \$750; **\$750**)

**Onion River Food Shelf, Inc.** (223-6548) provides emergency food for three days for those in need in East Montpelier, Plainfield, Calais, Marshfield, and Cabot. It served 48 residents in the past year. (\$1000; \$1000; **\$1,200**)

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

**People's Health & Wellness Clinic, Inc.** (479-1229) provides basic primary, preventive, and oral care to the uninsured and underinsured through a team of volunteer doctors, nurses, and a dental hygienist. It also assists patients with health-care financing and insurance applications. The clinic served 17 residents in the past year. (\$1,250; \$1,250; **\$1,750**)

**Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont** (229-5724) works to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education, support, and public awareness programs. The Care for Kids program trains childcare professionals, parents, and others who interact with children to prevent child sexual abuse. Last year 50 residents participated in its programs. (\$300; \$300; **\$300**)

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

**Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired** (505-4006) provides training and support services to children and adults with vision problems, either blindness or impairment, to maintain independence. Last year it served 106 Washington County clients. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

**Vermont CARES** (371-6222) supports and advocates for people infected with HIV/AIDS. The organization works to prevent infection through testing and awareness programs. It served 8 East Montpelier residents last year. (\$150; \$150; **\$150**)

**Vermont Center for Independent Living** (229-0501) provides services and advocacy for people with disabilities. The organization helps disabled people lead active and productive lives with as great a degree of independence as possible. It served 1 resident in the past year. (\$250; \$300; **\$300**)

**Vermont Family Network** (800-800-4005) is a statewide organization whose mission is to empower and support families of children with special needs. Programs & services include trainings, parent matches, school meeting support, and a helpline. VFN served 1 local family last year. (\$100; \$200; **\$200**)

**Washington County Diversion Program** (479-1900) offers first-time offenders a one-time opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses by compensating crime victims and providing community service hours to local organizations. The program saves tax dollars that would have been spent on court proceedings. It served 20 residents in the past year. (\$600; \$600; **\$600**)

**Washington County Mental Health Services** (229-1399; Hotline: 229-0591) operates emergency and community support services for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Programs include home-based support for children and families, counseling, residential treatment, and psychiatric and nursing services. It served 61 East Montpelier residents in the past year. (\$800; \$800; **\$800**)

**Washington County Youth Services Bureau – Boys and Girls Club** (229-9151) helps youths and their families create healthy conditions in their lives. Emphasis is on problem resolution; crisis intervention; individual and family counseling; and substance abuse prevention, including early intervention, and treatment. It served 10 East Montpelier youths in the past year. (\$400; \$400; **\$400**)

**Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District** (802-778-3178) promotes the conservation, development, and wise use of lands, water, forest, and wildlife across its service area. Residents can receive technical assistance in invasive species management, native plant selections and stormwater erosion control. WNRCD provides access to grant funding for farm improvements as well as training and workshops on a range of water quality and habitat topics. (\$0; \$500; **\$600**)

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## WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

The Wrightsville Beach Recreation District was formed in 1985 and is made up of the four member “District” towns of East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. A five-member Board with representatives from each town (Montpelier has two) provides oversight for the District. Administrative and bookkeeping assistance is contracted through the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. The Beach Manager, Collin O’Neil, has responsibility for all operations and staffing.

Our priority for 2020 was to determine how to open and operate the Park in a manner that provided a COVID-19 safe environment: an environment that would make customers feel safe, without creating undue hassles for our customers. In 2020 the Beach District created a very frugal budget that would enable it to open and provide the important services, without losing money. We made the plan, and began implementing it in late May so we could open the Park in time for when school ended on June 14th.

A significant change made is the ability to purchase Season Passes online. That option proved popular and appreciated. Due to this and many other factors, we sold 470 Season Passes, about 170 more than usual. Another significant change for 2020 was that we didn’t do Picnic Shelter Rentals. The Park usually has around 90 Shelter Rentals per year, accounting for around \$12,000 in annual revenue, but that was \$0 for 2020.

For 2021 we look forward to another year of providing the services that a wide spectrum of people use regularly. We will resume working on permits, plans, and funding to construct a third (smaller) picnic shelter above the beach area. Our picnic shelters provide people and organizations the ability to plan their events, regardless of precipitation, and the demand for these amenities continues to grow. We believe there will be an even greater demand for these post-COVID.

We also realize that the 2021 summer season is a long way off, and we’re prepared to adjust our 2021 plans as the realities on the ground become clear.

Thanks to the member communities for your continued support of Wrightsville Beach. For 2020 we increased the discounts offered to all residents of the member communities. Current in-District-Discounts: 10% off Season Passes, and 25% off boat rentals (was 15%). This means any Season Pass holding District Resident gets 50% off boat rentals (was 25%).

Thanks also to Washington Electric Coop for its continued financial support of \$9,500.00 to the Park’s budget. They have contributed this amount every year since 1985.

The Board welcomes suggestions and feedback about the operations and facilities at Wrightsville Beach.

CARL WITKE, *Worcester, Chair*

JON COPANS, *Montpelier*

BILL BRUZZESE, *Montpelier*

KIM KENDALL, *East Montpelier*

JANE DUDLEY, *Middlesex*

COLLIN O’NEIL, *Beach Manager*



## EAST MONTPELIER & CALAIS HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

The East Montpelier Historical Society was all set for a very active year of programs with the Calais Historical Society when COVID-19 arrived. We managed to hear a very fine talk by Lyn Blackwell about Vermont's Women's Suffrage history in February. And we chanced meeting up in July for our Annual Croquet Match and Ice Cream Social at Chris Reed and Teresa Doyle's home. EMHS managed to hold on to the trophy for its second year. So, despite our best plans, we have been on hiatus since then. We hope that when groups can once again meet up that we will reschedule all our missed programs.

We receive very interesting inquiries from researchers about our town history throughout the year. Someone from Middlebury College is researching a "braided hair wreath" in a Shelburne Museum collection that came from the Foster/Tabor families in our town. When we hear back with more of the story, we will share it. We also had an inquiry from a Scottish researcher looking to learn more about Loyalists in the original colonies. Jennifer Boyer is researching the history of several town farms and is consulting with knowledgeable folks in town. There are lots of stories out there!

Our current officers are: Sandal Cate, president; Andy Christiansen, vice president; Teresa Doyle, secretary; Herb Hatch, treasurer. Watch *The Signpost* for updates to our schedule. We hope to have you join us for future programs later this year. In the meantime, you can find books on local history, free articles to read, and more information at: [www.eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.eastmontpelierhistoricalsociety.org)

### The Fairmont Flying Service



During the period from 1938 to the United States' entry into WW 2, the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP) taught thousands of people, regardless of race or gender, how to fly.

Students attending colleges and universities all over the country could take flight instruction near their schools. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the CPTP became the War Training Service (WTS), a screening program for potential pilot candidates.

Gordon Robinson, a 1942 Spaulding High School graduate, had received his instructor's pilot license at the age of 19 and joined the War Training Service (WTS) as an instructor for Norwich University Cadets.

Robinson entered the US Army Air Corps in 1944 as a fighter pilot; after discharge, he returned home with both commercial and private plane instructor's licenses.

Meanwhile, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, known as the GI Bill, provided WW 2 veterans with unemployment benefits, money for education, and low-interest loans for homes, farms, and small business. The GI Bill also covered tuition for flight training, and veterans all over the country took advantage of this program.

Seeing an opportunity to use his training and experience, Robinson and his father-in-law,

Peter Lemieux, in 1946 finalized purchase from Elmer and Violet Muford, 80 acres of land located on Rte. 14 south of the village of East Montpelier.



The site was a level, narrow stretch of property, parallel to the highway. In the 1870's, it had been the site of a fairground.

Jones, Maxfield, and Gove in their book *Vermont's Granite Railroads* tell us that the first two days of service between Montpelier and Plainfield by the brand new Montpelier and Wells River Railroad, September 17 and 18, 1873 "saw large numbers of passengers being shuttled between Montpelier and the Washington County Fairgrounds in East Montpelier."

Lemieux and Robinson founded the Fairmont Flying Service at the old fairgrounds site, taking the name from the Montpelier and Wells River Railroad station of the same name located a bit south of the airstrip on Vermont Rte. 14.



Peter (L) and Emilie Lemieux with an unknown man.

### WATER AND WOOL THE NORTH MONTPELIER WOOLEN MILL

It says in *The Watsoke*, Heart way of Far-ry Branch (one of 7 main tributaries would River) drains the country up to Woodbury. A pioneer named Kings- a great deal and always referred to it as a neighbors agreed.

Swift in *Former Place Farmer* disapproves that New York issued a patent in 1790 called Kingsborough in the area that is Montpelier, and Plainfield. The Kings- town contained no people at that time, named the same.

Rich in *Sutton*, Massachusetts dammed what is now North Montpelier and Three years later he added a gristmill, as g and fulling operation between 1793 ing machine cleaned and straightened local people who then took the wool ing and weaving. They brought the cloth for fulling, which pounded and sheek

and Davis owned both operations, and he a new building to house the advances in By 1838 the new mill was complete, all facets of wool cloth production. But market declined, and Nathaniel and his son 4 out in 1841.



In May 1835, Walter Little purchased the mill, bringing 30 years experience in the woolen business. He had come from Haverhill, Massachusetts to Northfield, Vermont in 1820, and worked in Paine's wool factory there. Later he developed his own saw, grist, cloth, and starch factories. He moved to Burn in 1847 and to North Montpelier in 1849.

Walter Little probably purchased some locally produced wool, but because there was not a large wool production in the surrounding towns, he purchased wool from "wool" shipped by rail.

After Walter died in 1859, his 3 children, Hazen, Sarah, and Walter S. Little conducted the business.

Financial difficulties and several changes in ownership led to the sale of the mill to George Sibley in 1878. Sibley revitalized the business, producing white flannel for the Boston market. After his death in 1904, the mill was re-named the Little Woolen Company by Sibley's 3 nephews, Walter H., Fred, and Charles Little. The business suffered more calamities, including a fire in 1912, washout of the dams in April 1914, and another fire later in 1914.

The Lilles reconstructed the mill in 1916, building a new concrete dam with a penstock and water wheels.



Harry Daniels, who financed the project, built a new building across the road for carding, dyeing and spinning. The main building, housing the weaving and finishing rooms, was connected by a walkway over Vermont Route 14. On the site of the former gristmill,

## CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

In recognition of COVID-19 related fiscal challenges faced by our member municipalities, the CVSWMD Board reduced the FY21 per capita assessment to \$.50 (fifty cents) from \$1.00, beginning on July 1, 2020. The per capita assessment will likely return to the \$1.00 level next year.

In FY20, CVSWMD provided \$10,604 in School Zero Waste and Organizational Waste Reduction & Reuse Program Grants, and \$1,779 in Green Up Day Grants. Member towns can apply for annual non-competitive Green Up Day Grants.

Also in FY20, CVSWMD provided \$9,400 in Municipal Services Program Grants. The District invites all member municipalities to apply for an annual Municipal Services Program Grant.

The District continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** CVSWMD sells Green Cone food digesters, Soil Saver composting bins, and kitchen compost buckets at discounted rates.
- **Outreach and Education:** In FY20, CVSWMD provided 21 workshops and webinars on recycling, composting, safer cleaning, and reducing toxins at home.
- **School Programming:** Our School Zero Waste Program works with 26 schools in the District, teaching solid waste lessons in classrooms and facilitating the recycling of paint, bulbs, electronics, batteries, and more. In FY20, we taught 3 classrooms lessons, made 1 cafeteria visit to support students in separating their lunchtime-generated waste, and provided 10 classroom composting pails for EMES. At U-32 we helped a student develop a plan for classroom lessons on recycling for elementary school students. School Program Coordinators work with maintenance staff and teachers to help schools compost on site and mentor student groups who lead initiatives toward zero waste in their schools.
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):** In FY20, CVSWMD provided 5 collection events to collect household hazardous waste. Collection events for household hazardous waste were held in Barre Town, Montpelier and Hardwick.
- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC, at 540 N. Main St. in Barre, open M, W, F 10:30am-5:30pm and every third Saturday from 9am-1pm, is a recycling drop-off for hard-to-recycle materials. *Blue bin recyclables are not accepted at the ARCC.* More info at [cvswwmd.org/arcc](https://cvswwmd.org/arcc)

*In FY20, 331 visitors from East Montpelier recycled at the ARCC.*

- **Web Site:** CVSWMD posts useful information on what can be recycled, what can be composted, how to dispose of hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, Act 148, details of our special collections, and an A to Z Guide listing disposal options for many materials. For specific questions, call 802-229-9383.

## CVFIBER (Central Vermont Internet)

Central Vermont Internet (rebranded this year as CVFiber) is a Communications Union District (CUD) created following successful votes in 14 communities at Town Meeting in 2018: Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Elmore, Marshfield, Middlesex, Montpelier, Northfield, Plainfield, Roxbury, Williamstown, and Worcester. Three more towns (Cabot, Orange, and Woodbury) joined, bringing the total number of district member communities to 17. Many places in central Vermont have limited access to truly high-speed broadband, and in many places non-wireless broadband service is monopolized by Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) or cable providers. Even where there is a choice, the incumbent providers have little incentive or ability to improve speeds or extend their networks to new customers. This lack of truly high-speed Internet access stifles economic development, hampers public safety, depresses property values, and restricts residents' abilities to access common online services.

With some initial organizational hurdles out of the way, we have hit the ground running, securing \$12,500 in grants from the state's ThinkVermont Innovation Grant and \$25,000 from a USDA-RD Rural Business Development Grant. Members of the CVFiber Governing Board, in conjunction with representatives from ECFiber, Kingdom Fiber, Washington Electric Cooperative, and many others worked with the Legislature this spring to craft and pass H.513, which provides resources for new and existing Internet service providers to build broadband infrastructure in locations where there are few other options.

We are currently in the process of applying for a Broadband Innovation Grant (part of the package of funding from H.513) from the State of Vermont for an additional \$60,000. These three grants will help us complete a feasibility study and build a business plan to help us understand clearly where we should build fiber first and how to remain financially secure through the next five to ten years. With the study and business plan completed, we hope to secure up to \$4 million through a State-backed VT Economic Development Authority (VEDA) loan—another component of the recently-passed H.513. This loan will provide startup funds to let us build out approximately 100 miles of fiber and start connecting subscribers as soon as the second quarter of 2021. Once we have three years of solid financial statements, we will pursue traditional municipal revenue bonds to continue expanding the network until all residents, businesses, and civic institutions in all 17 of our towns have the option to subscribe to CVFiber.

One of the most important things you can do is to complete our surveys (<https://arcg.is/1uaOm1>) that have been sent out over Front Porch Forum. If you need paper copies of these surveys, please contact your town's delegate to the Governing Board and we will make sure you receive one. We are seeking tax-deductible donations and investments to provide matching funds to the VEDA loan we are applying for, and community support is essential to our efforts.

—THE CVFIBER GOVERNING BOARD

*East Montpelier reps: Tom Fisher; Tom McMurdo (alternate)*

## CENTRAL VT STATE POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

We are an independent, non-profit organization, created to provide an information conduit between VT State Police of the Middlesex Barracks and the 18 towns in its service area, including East Montpelier. We have not met since the pandemic started. In place of the annual Trooper Appreciation picnic, the Board delivered prepackaged Thanksgiving dinners to the Middlesex Barracks for all the personnel. To discuss any non-emergency issues you may have, please contact your town's representatives: **Carol & Don Welch 223-6208**.

Of the 251 towns and cities in Vermont, approximately 200, like East Montpelier, do not have their own municipal police force. VT State Police (VSP) is the default law enforcement agency. Basic law enforcement services are paid for by the State through legislative appropriation; VSP does not bill the town for services unless the town chooses to contract with VSP for additional patrol time. East Montpelier currently contracts with VSP to provide about 20 hours per month over and above VSP's routine coverage, carried out by officers on an overtime basis. For more information on Local Law Enforcement and CVSPCAB, visit <https://eastmontpeliervt.org/community/local-law-enforcement/>

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

### VT State Police – A Troop Middlesex Barracks: 2020 Crime & Police Service Report for East Montpelier

	Violent Crime				Property Crime				Other		Traffic Incidents				Misc.			
	Murder/Manslaughter	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Assault (aggravated/simple)	Burglary	Larceny/Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Other Property Crime	Illegal Drug Incident	Disorderly Conduct/Other	Fatal Crash	Accident Investig. (DMV)	MV Related Incident	DUI Incident	Runaway Juvenile	Death Investigation	Misc. Service Call	Total Law Incident
2020	0	0	0	5	1	9	0	12	0	28	0	11	40	3	0	0	202	311
2019	0	0	0	9	7	7	2	14	4	31	0	32	48	12	0	0	256	422
+/-	0	0	0	-4	-6	2	-2	-2	-4	-3	0	-21	-8	-9	0	0	-54	-111

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

**State Game Warden Justin Circe**  
State Police dispatch **229-9191** — Home phone **793-6629**

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

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

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

**East Montpelier First Constable Jon Boucher - phone 917-4855**

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

**Animal Control Officer Carl Etnier – phone 552-4343**  
**Assistant Animal Control Officer Amber Perry – phone 498-5140**

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



## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Animal control officers are responsible for calls related to domestic animals (both house pets and livestock) in our town. During the time we've held our positions, we've received abundant calls both from East Montpelier and nearby towns for about everything from lost dogs and trapped cats to potentially rabid foxes. We've been part of happy reunions of lost dogs and humans and responded to cats killed or injured by cars. We join with our predecessors in urging all dog and wolf-hybrid owners to register their animals with the town and put the tags on the animals' collars; it makes it so much easier to get them back home if they are found wandering. And we thank the residents of town for their respect on various calls and many people's willingness to take care of lost and frightened animals.

— CARL ETNIER, *Animal Control Officer*  
AMBER PERRY, *Assistant Animal Control Officer*

## EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT and AMBULANCE SERVICE

What a year! 2020 will certainly go in the memory books as a roller coaster of events mixed with many highs and lows and twist and turns. Who doesn't love Zoom? As we social distance as a department, we have found new ways to connect with each other using technology to link us together; however, this presents challenges for keeping up on our hands-on skills training or operational preparedness. This year most of our meetings have gone remote (which is easy), it is the training and work nights that have presented the challenge causing us to hold smaller-scale training, remote training, or even bypass a few trainings. With safety precautions in place, we have made it through.

At East Montpelier Fire Department, we have adapted to wearing masks as an integral part of our system, everywhere you go they go with you. We operate under a heightened use of PPE including masks, gloves, gowns, hoods, Tyvek suits, and eye protection. Great diligence has been applied to personal safety, public safety, and disinfecting our equipment and the station. With perseverance we have been able to purchase enough PPE to create an inventory to protect us while we wait sometimes up to 3-4 months for supplies or to receive rations from our suppliers. Everyday is a moving matrix for us as we adapt to new changes to protocols and things learned from exposures.

This year has brought change to you as we socially distance causing many to spend more time outdoors hiking and partaking in recreational activities. Our Towns and State are bountiful with all types of trail systems and scenery to enjoy. With this we have seen an increase in off-road rescue calls including three mountain rescue calls, one of which included the use of the National Guard Blackhawk helicopter for a hoist lift off Spruce Mountain. As you partake in these activities be prepared and stay within your abilities, know your surroundings, and have supplies that will hold you over if you get lost or injured. These types of calls use a lot of resources and take a lot of time usually ending well past dark.

We were able to purchase two new power cots to assist with loading patients and reducing responder injuries. We also replaced our two cardiac monitors with state of the art technology and with a two-for-one purchase plus trade-in, we

	<b>E. Mont.</b>	<b>Calais</b>	<b>Plainfield</b>	<b>Marshfield</b>	<b>Mutual Aid</b>	<b>Annual</b>
Ambulance Transport	111	48	53	57	11	280
Ambulance No Transport	80	38	30	30	7	185
Fire	37	18	3	0	23	81
Car Accident	40	18	9	10	23	100
Burn Permits	55					55
Fire/Ambulance Assist	13	1	1	0	0	15
	<b>336</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>716</b>



*Bill George passed away after serving countless years in the department.*

received an incredible deal. With these monitors we are able to monitor CO (carbon monoxide), cardiac rhythm, respiratory rate and quality, temperature, oxygen level, blood pressure, etc.

At East Montpelier Fire Department, the foundation of what we do is fire suppression and ambulance care, however there is a large element of community service that is part of what we do—from providing information to lift assists to helping our neighbors during the holidays. When we show up, there is typically somebody you know or recognize that is part of the team and through your help and support, we provide life-safety and life-saving services 24 hours a day. The men and women of East Montpelier Fire Department are dedicated, committed, compassionate, and courageous individuals that sacrifice their time, their families, and their work in support of what they believe in. I thank them for their service and you for your support and together with you we are a community.

Remember to call ahead for burn permits. Calais Fire Warden Greg Pelchuck at 454-7377 and East Montpelier Fire Warden Ty Rolland at 225-6247. For Calais and East Montpelier Fireworks Permits, call the East Montpelier Fire Department at 225-6247. Permits must be submitted at least 15 days in advance.

Due to COVID-19, the Fire Station is closed to public access until further notice and we will not be hosting a Rabies Clinic this year.

TY ROLLAND, *Chief*  
TOBY TALBOT, *President*

## EMFD Membership by Seniority with Rank, January 2021

1	Morse, Elliott	Safety Officer, Founding Member
2	Brazier, Tom	Firefighter
3	Winston, Jon	Firefighter
4	Parker, Todd	Firefighter
5	Pelchuck, Greg	Firefighter
6	Rolland, Ty	Fire Chief, Firefighter, EMT
7	Copping, Jay	Firefighter, AEMT
8	Copping, Robin	Firefighter, AEMT
9	Barstow, Rick	Firefighter
10	Talbot, Toby	Deputy Chief EMS, President, Firefighter-1
11	Tuller, Chris	Firefighter
12	Wong, Jason	Lieutenant, Firefighter, EMR, Board Member
13	Guare, Paul	Asst. Chief, Firefighter
14	Conti, Sandy	Lieutenant, Firefighter, EMR, Board Member
15	Brown, Larry	Deputy Chief Fire, Firefighter-1, AEMT
16	Nutbrown, Brad	Firefighter
17	Fleury, Brad	Firefighter, Board Member
18	Boguzewski, Alex	Firefighter
19	Petrella, Albert	Captain, Firefighter, Board Member
20	Lowe, Veronica	EMT
21	Parker, Thomas	Lieutenant, Firefighter, EMT
22	Adams, Fiona	Firefighter, EMT
23	McGuiggan, John	Firefighter, EMT
24	Longchamp, Chris	Firefighter

### ACTIVE SUPPORTING

Gray, Jason	Firefighter-2, AEMT
Larrabee, Jake	Firefighter-1, AEMT
Bagg, Scott	Firefighter, Paramedic
Wood, Jay	Paramedic
Gero, Jeannine	AEMT
Carlson, Amanda	EMT
LeBlanc, Jacob	EMT
Romei, Matt	Paramedic
Truedson, Marc	Paramedic
Warman, Jim	AEMT
Pearson, Sara	AEMT
Renzello, Kim	EMT
Townsend, Dixie	EMT
Magnant, Elise	EMT
Woodbeck, Judy	Treasurer/Administrative Assistant



**EAST MONTPELIER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2020**

	Unrestricted
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>	
East Montpelier appropriation	\$ 274,220
Calais appropriation	137,110
Plainfield appropriation	50,544
Marshfield appropriation	41,200
Grants	17,100
Donations	8,356
Interest	397
Ambulance fees	148,022
Miscellaneous	4,512
Total cash receipts	<u>681,461</u>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Fire services	177,940
Ambulance services	464,585
General and administrative	34,709
Total cash disbursements	<u>677,234</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	4,227
CASH, beginning of year	<u>173,248</u>
CASH, end of year	<b>\$ <u>177,475</u></b>

**Notes:**

- For more information about the East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD) Capital Reserve Program, see pages 44–45.
- For more information about the Emergency Services Facility bond repayment, see page 32.
- The East Montpelier Town Auditors do not inspect the EMFD accounts. A copy of EMFD's independent audit is available for review at the Town Offices.

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

	<b>Actual 7/1/19-6/30/20</b>	<b>Budget FY20</b>	<b>Budget FY21</b>	<b>Proposed FY22</b>
<b>Income</b>				
4100 E. Montpelier Contribution .....	\$ 124,437	124,437	129,796	122,076
4120 Calais Contribution .....	62,218	62,219	64,898	61,038
Dry Hydrant .....	11,843			
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 198,498</b>	<b>186,656</b>	<b>194,694</b>	<b>183,114</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
5010 Audit.....	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,000
5020 Building 1 .....	658	1,000	1,000	500
5030 Building 2 .....	13,549	8,000	8,000	11,500
5050 Bookkeeping .....	14,606	10,000	10,000	11,000
5060 Cellular Phone .....	1,971	2,000	2,000	2,000
5070 Diesel .....	897	2,000	2,000	1,000
5080 Dispatch .....	32,957	30,806	32,344	35,814
5085 Dry Hydrants .....	13,100	3,000	3,000	2,000
5090 Dues .....	785	1,100	1,100	1,000
5100 Electric-Station 1 .....	815	700	800	800
5110 Electric-Station 2 .....	9,722	10,000	10,000	10,000
55112 Snow Plowing .....	4,150	5,500	5,500	5,500
5130 Equipment Repair .....	1,932	5,000	5,000	2,500
5140 Firefighting Supplies .....	2,032	2,500	3,000	3,000
5150 Gasoline .....	509	1,500	1,500	750
5160 Heating Oil-Station 1 .....	3,095	5,000	5,000	3,500
5165 Wood Pellets-Station 2 .....	3,694	4,000	4,000	4,000
5170 Heating LP-Station 2 .....	1,223	500	1,000	1,000
5200 Insurance .....	40,172	38,500	40,000	41,000
5230 Legal .....	620	1,000	1,000	1,000
5240 Bank Charges .....	22	100	100	100
5245 Chaplain's Fund .....	0	250	250	250
5250 Admin/Office Supp (Amb) .....	189			
5260 Office Supplies (Fire) .....	198	2,000	2,000	1,000
5280 Personal Gear .....	501	7,500	7,500	5,000
5285 Physicals .....	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
5300 Postage .....	483	600	800	500
5320 Radio Repairs .....	202	1,000	1,000	1,000
5325 Radio Replacement .....	1,648	2,500	2,500	2,500
5340 Refreshments .....	3,771	2,000	2,000	2,500
5360 Stipend, Matching Funds .....	9,400	9,400	9,400	9,400
5380 Telephone .....	4,832	4,500	5,000	5,000
5400 Vehicle Repairs .....	4,596	14,000	14,000	8,000
5420 Training .....	109	1,500	1,500	1,000
5440 Turnout Maintenance .....		200	0	
5450 Hose Testing .....	3,386		3,400	
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>\$ 181,324</b>	<b>186,656</b>	<b>194,694</b>	<b>183,114</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income .....</b>	<b>17,174</b>			

**NOTE: Other income sources (Donations, Grants, etc.) are shown on page 95.**

**AMBULANCE BUDGET**

	<b>Actual 7/1/19-6/30/20</b>	<b>Budget FY20</b>	<b>Budget FY21</b>	<b>Proposed FY22</b>
<b>ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE</b>				
Income				
4960 E. Mont. Budget Pmt (Amb).....	\$ 149,782	149,783	190,241	223,159
4961 Calais Budget Pmt (Amb).....	74,891	74,891	95,120	111,580
4959 Plainfield Budget Pt (Amb) .....	50,544	50,546	52,062	53,624
4963 Marshfield Budget Pmt (Amb) ...	41,200	41,200	42,436	43,709
Cares Act .....	5,256			
Transfer from contingency to op.....			15,000	
Insurance Revenue (Amb).....		18,000		
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 321,673</b>	<b>334,420</b>	<b>394,859</b>	<b>432,072</b>
Expense				
5050 Bookkeeping .....	2,096	4,000	4,000	4,500
5070 Diesel.....	6,104	5,500	6,000	6,000
5080 Dispatch.....	10,269	10,268	10,781	11,105
5090 Dues.....	200	300	0	
5130 Equipment Repair .....	497	1,000	1,000	1,000
5200 Insurance .....	21,477	23,000	30,750	24,000
5240 Bank Charges .....	181			
5250 Admin/Office Supp (Amb).....	3,045	3,000	3,000	3,000
5265 Office Computer/Software .....	7,290	5,000	6,000	6,000
5280 Personal Gear .....	1,036			
5300 Postage .....	62			
5320 Radio Repairs .....	6			
5325 Radio Replacement .....	739			
5400 Vehicle Repairs.....	20,252	5,000	5,000	5,000
5420 Training .....		500	1,000	1,000
5430 Defibrillator Maintenance .....	233	1,402	1,402	0
5500 Salary				
5501 Salary - Other .....	214,556	190,000	231,350	267,577
5502 Salary - Marshfield .....	41,200	41,200	42,436	43,709
<b>Total 5500 Salary .....</b>	<b>255,756</b>	<b>231,200</b>	<b>273,786</b>	<b>311,286</b>
5510 Payroll Tax .....	29,138	26,000	29,400	34,241
5515 Payroll Fee .....	722	1,000	1,200	1,400
5520 Medical Supplies .....	24,897	16,000	16,000	18,000
5530 Infection Control .....	108	250	250	250
Ambulance Tax (3.3% of revenue) .....			4,290	4,290
5550 Oxygen .....	562	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>\$ 384,608</b>	<b>334,420</b>	<b>394,859</b>	<b>432,072</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income .....</b>	<b>(62,935)</b>			

**NOTE: Other income sources (Ambulance fees, etc.) are shown on page 95.**

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

At the Vermont Department of Health, our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office (Barre District) can be found here:

**<https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>**

### COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

#### *COVID-19 Testing*

- Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost COVID-19 testing. Through Nov. 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of COVID-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
- Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of Nov. 30, 2020.

#### *COVID-19 Cases*

- As of Nov. 30, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
- Statewide, as of Nov. 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>.

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

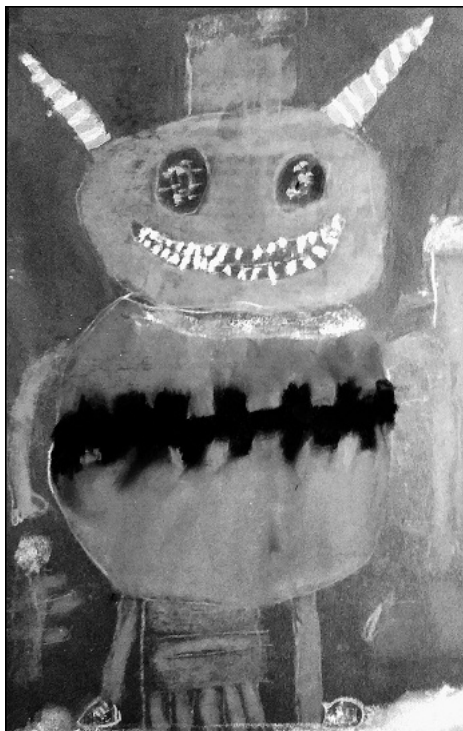
In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
- Approximately 213,000\* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season. \*(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%–33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
- 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

**Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)**

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*“Wild Things” (chalk pastels) created by 4th & 6th grade students at EMES.*

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October 26, 2020

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated October 26, 2020. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Deficiencies in Internal Control and Other Recommendations as Items 2020-1 and 2020-2 to be material weaknesses.

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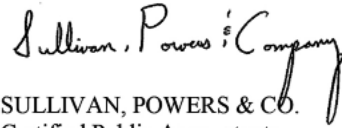
October 26, 2020

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



SULLIVAN, POWERS & CO.  
Certified Public Accountants

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

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT  
SCHEDULE OF DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROL  
AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS  
JUNE 30, 2020

Deficiencies in Internal Control:

Material Weaknesses:

2020-1 Grants Receivable/Deferred Inflows of Resources

*Criteria:*

Internal controls should be in place to ensure that the grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources balances are recorded properly at year end.

*Condition:*

The grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources accounts were not reconciled to the actual balances at year end which resulted in various adjustments to revenue.

*Cause:*

Unknown.

*Effect:*

The Town's grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources balances were incorrect.

*Recommendation:*

We recommend that the Town reconcile the grants receivable and related deferred inflows of resources balances to supporting documentation annually in order to detect and correct errors.

2020-2 Accounts Payable

*Criteria:*

Internal controls should be in place to ensure that expenditures are recorded in the proper fiscal year. Expenditures should be recorded based on the timing of services provided or when goods are received.

*Condition:*

The Town did not have controls in place to ensure all accounts payable were recorded in the proper fiscal year. The Town did not record the payable for work completed on a sidewalk project during the fiscal year.



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*Cause:*

This was due to a misunderstanding of when the expenditures should be recognized.

*Effect:*

The Town's accounts payable balance was incorrect.

*Recommendation:*

We recommend that the Town review their end of the year invoices more thoroughly in order to properly classify expenditures to the correct fiscal year.

*Other Recommendations:*

Fraud Risk Assessment

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

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

Documentation of Internal Control System

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

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

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

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



## TOWN AUDITORS' REPORT

### for the fiscal period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

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

The Selectboard also engaged Sullivan, Powers & Co, CPAs, of Montpelier to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town. Their final report is available for public inspection at the Town Office as well as on the Town website at <https://eastmontpeliervt.org>. Their Management Letter (pp. 100–104) describes the material weaknesses they found, as well as their recommendations that the Town perform a Fraud Risk Assessment and document its Internal Control System. The elected Town Auditors concur with these recommendations and are willing to help accomplish them.

As part of the internal controls in place, town auditors reviewed monthly reconciliations of bank accounts, confirming that deposits and withdrawals on bank statements matched entries in the treasurer's bookkeeping records.

The Town Auditors produce this book, and every year we rely on many to help bring it all together: the various board members who submit their annual reports; photographers whose work helps to tell the story of our town, especially Alex Brown for her photos of last year's (now poignant) pre-pandemic Town Meeting and Terry Allen for her photos of voting in the age of COVID; Don Welch and Bruce Johnson for their help gathering information and proofreading pages; and Larry Brown, our trusted local printer for more than three decades. Sincere thanks to everyone.

DEBORAH FILLION, *Chair*  
ED DEEGAN  
CARLA OCCASO  
*January 31, 2021*



## **SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO**

### **Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester Voters**

The Annual Report for Washington Central Unified Union School District  
including the 2021-22 Budget will be mailed to all voters:  
and available online at <https://www.wcsu32.org/domain/537>

## **REPORT OF EAST MONTPELIER'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD**

It is an honor to serve our community as representatives on WCUUSD Board. This year was the first that each town was able to seat three representatives to serve on the Unified Union board.

It has been a busy year for many reasons. Last winter we did a nationwide search for a permanent superintendent. In March Bryan Olkowski was hired to begin on July 1, 2020. At the same time, the pandemic was closing down the state and our schools. The board has been dealing with the pandemic and how it has affected everything related to running schools. With very little preparation, schools had to switch to remote learning from March through the end of the school year. The summer was spent envisioning how we could get students back in school in the fall. The administrative team met throughout summer as did the board. We were fortunate to be one of the few districts in the state to return to in-person learning from the beginning of the school year. There have been very few interruptions in any of our schools. Our community should be proud of how well our schools have kept our children (and adults) safe and in school.

A major adjustment for the board has been that we have been holding our meetings virtually since March. It took a bit of getting used to, but meetings are running quite smoothly (yet sometimes quite long). Information for each meeting can be accessed at the WCUUSD website including links for joining remotely. Our regular meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Agendas and minutes are posted at **[www.wcsu32.org](http://www.wcsu32.org)** on the School Board tab.

The recommended budget being presented to voters is a substantial decrease in total money budgeted for the next fiscal year. In 2020 the budget presented was for \$35,430,502. This year the budget going before voters is presented at \$34,984,949, a reduction of \$445,553. The budget presentation with more specifics can be viewed on the WCSU32 website. We feel this is a responsible budget that enables our district to fund the necessary programs that ensure our students receive an excellent education.

If you would like to speak to any of us in regard to school board business feel free to reach out. Our contact information is on the School Board tab at the district website.

**FLOR DIAZ-SMITH**

**LINDY JOHNSON**

**STEPHEN LOOKE**

# EMES ENROLLMENT

as of October 1st

Year	PreK	EEE	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	K-6 Total	Grand Total
1990-91			26	34	37	40	35	34	43	249	
1991-92			21	28	33	36	40	35	32	225	
1992-93			36	23	29	38	37	43	40	246	
1993-94			32	32	24	28	37	38	42	233	
1994-95			22	33	30	24	30	38	39	216	
1995-96			39	26	32	33	23	33	41	227	
1996-97			37	41	31	33	37	24	33	236	
1997-98			20	41	41	35	34	34	24	229	
1998-99			32	24	41	40	35	32	37	241	
1999-00			23	34	26	38	40	34	32	227	
2000-01	16	3	21	25	37	29	43	40	35	230	249
2001-02	18	1	21	26	27	37	31	45	43	231	250
2002-03	5	13	26	25	26	30	35	33	47	222	240
2003-04	20	3	27	29	24	26	28	32	36	202	225
2004-05	22	1	33	29	32	25	29	29	35	212	235
2005-06	23	3	30	28	27	31	26	27	29	198	224
2006-07	28	3	26	32	29	29	34	26	28	204	235
2007-08	21	3	31	36	25	34	34	34	27	223	247
2008-09	31	4	31	32	35	25	35	38	39	235	270
2009-10	27	3	32	33	31	32	29	31	37	225	255
2010-11	32	3	26	31	30	32	32	31	31	213	248
2011-12	32	3	27	29	31	30	34	35	33	219	254
2012-13	29	—	21	28	25	34	26	38	36	208	237
2013-14	21	—	26	18	27	26	34	30	36	197	218
2014-15	38	—	15	25	16	27	27	41	30	181	219
2015-16	22	5	28	16	26	18	27	23	38	176	203
2016-17	32	4	25	31	17	28	22	25	26	174	210
2017-18	37	4	34	26	31	19	31	22	25	188	229
2018-19	37	4	27	29	29	31	19	28	23	186	227
2019-20	40	5	15	29	31	30	33	19	31	188	233
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>228</b>

## EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Principal's Report

Each year I spend at EMES I am immensely proud of our school and our community for a multitude of reasons, but none of them can compare to the pride and gratitude I feel this year as I begin my second decade at EMES. I have felt nothing short of awe at the commitment of our staff, students, and families as we embark on these uncharted waters of schooling during a pandemic. We successfully made it to the holidays with our school doors open to in-person learning every day. Back in September, many wondered how long we would be able to stay open...would it be the end of October? Surely, we would be closed long before Thanksgiving. With herculean efforts on the part of each and every individual, we have been able to educate our students fully in-person since day one.

The EMES mission couldn't ring more true than it did in 2020: "The purpose of our school is to teach all children to become competent, caring citizens and life-long learners through a challenging and relevant curriculum." While we saw some regression this fall due to remote learning in the spring, students and teachers have worked diligently to fill in the gaps and continue our rigorous learning trajectory. Using beginning of the year assessment data in reading and math, teachers set achievement goals for their students for the end of the year. In addition, we have calibrated our writing scoring and word study and phonics instruction have been going strong. Students and teachers are learning to use new technologies to enhance their learning whether in person or remote, and all students Pre-K through Grade 6 now have 1:1 devices. Despite the pandemic and having to put a number of special EMES traditions on hold, we have been able to continue with Educating Children Outdoors, EMES Book Clubs, Student Leadership, and Nature Journaling. Students are spending more time outdoors as all PE lessons take place on the rec fields, and each of our 11 classrooms has an outdoor classroom space to learn from. We are also very excited about the recent addition of a skating rink for East Montpelier students and families to enjoy.

Although 2020 has been a challenging and in many ways exhausting year, there are so many silver linings that we have to be proud of. Our students have been more respectful and responsible than ever, our office discipline referral numbers are way down, students are learning to care for one another in new ways, and we're all learning that sitting at desks in rows isn't the worst thing to happen to any of us. While we look forward to the days when we can all join together again for special celebrations, or even recess, we are so thankful for all the ways that we are able to learn new things this year, and are especially grateful just to be in this beautiful school building together. I could not be more proud and honored to serve in this community as I am today. Thank you, all, for your continued support and hard work to ensure that our school and all those within it stay healthy and are able to learn.

—ALICIA LYFORD, *Principal*



*Socially-distanced  
classroom learning  
indoors and out.*

## EAST MONTPELIER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Community Connections celebrates its 20th year serving the children and families of East Montpelier, Berlin, Calais, Middlesex, and Worcester, 2001 to 2021.

This year, as for many families in the community, has been a challenging one, with many concerns and many adjustments. Being flexible and adjusting as needed has allowed us to operate all our normal programs, as well as provide Essential Childcare during the spring. When the school opened, we opened our doors to families at 7:30 a.m. until we transition children to the school day. During the day, we provide childcare for preschoolers in a wrap-around service to the school's preschool program. After school, CC provides various options for students until parents arrive from work or school, closing at 5:30 p.m. Finally, we offer camps during most school vacations for students in K to 6th grade.

In 2019-20 we served over 95 children at East Montpelier Elementary and employed East Montpelier residents in each of our programs. CC works closely with the school staff to support the needs of each student and family. The demand for these services continues to be strong, though the rise we usually see in the springtime was interrupted by COVID-19.

Over the summer, Community Connections helped to provide the summer food program and camps for preschool age to elementary age students. Our programs are a critical part of the social safety net in East Montpelier. We are there for those who need us. Thank you for continuing to support these great youth programs; your support during these unusual times has been appreciated!

—KIMBERLY BOLDUC, *Program Director*

### FY20 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Income Sources</b>	<b>Percent of Income</b>	<b>Total Income</b>
State (Childcare subsidies)	15%	\$ 9,217
Town Funds [TM19, Art. 15]	4%	\$ 2,500
Other (User Fees)	81%	\$ 49,983
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 61,700</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budgeted Percent</b>	<b>Budgeted Dollars</b>	<b>Actual Expense Percent</b>	<b>Actual Expense Dollars</b>
Personnel	94.0%	\$ 58,000	96.3%	\$ 47,889
Insurance/Rent/Utilities	1.1%	\$ 650	1.3%	\$ 650
Other (Travel)	0.4%	\$ 250	0.5%	\$ 250
Other (Snacks & Supplies)	4.5%	\$ 2,800	1.9%	\$ 940
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 61,700</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 49,729</b>



**EMES STAFF**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>FTE*</b>
Agran, Richard	Paraeducator	1.00
Badger, Jane	Administrative Assistant	0.60
Badger, Jane	Paraeducator	0.40
Benard, Emma	Paraeducator	0.46
Blanchard, Michael	Physical Education Teacher	1.00
Bradley, Carmen	Behavior Interventionist/Paraeducator	1.00
Brown, Kimberly	Paraeducator	1.00
Bruccoli, Arlyn	Library Media (.4)/Technology Integration (.6)	1.00
Campbell, Jennifer	Art Teacher	0.50
Christiano, Christine	Interventionist	1.00
Christy, Kathryn	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Clark, Brenda	Custodian	1.00
Clark-Warner, Heather	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher	0.80
DeForge, Susan	Paraeducator	1.00
Dyer, Karen	Behavior Interventionist/Paraeducator	1.00
Fecura, Jessica	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Finegan, Anne	Cook/Food Services Agent	1.00
Fitch, Jennifer	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Fitz, Carrie	Paraeducator	1.00
Gallagher, Claire	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Gannon, Robin	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Gariboldi, Lisa	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Giammusso, Laura	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Herbert, Mary E	Custodian	0.50
Hill, Todd	Maintenance Lead/Head Custodian	1.00
Jones, Peter	Custodian	0.50
Langevin, Mary	School Counselor	0.60
Laquerre, Danielle	Behavior Interventionist/Paraeducator	1.00
Lyford, Alicia	Principal	1.00
Mathies, David	School Nurse	1.00
Mishkin, Samantha	Music Teacher	0.60
Parker, Bethany	Interventionist	1.00
Parker, Jodi	Administrative Assistant to the Principal	1.00
Pearce, Kayla	Behavior Interventionist/Paraeducator	1.00
Pinard, Noelle	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Purchase, Melissa	Paraeducator	0.31
Shedd, Ellen	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Sherwin, Michael	Behavior Coach	1.00
Stone, Katharine	Pre-Kindergarten Assistant	0.40
Wiater, Jennifer	Assistant Cook	0.71
Willard, David	Classroom Teacher	1.00
Wood, Julie	Pre-Kindergarten Assistant/Paraeducator	0.29
Zeilenga, Jillian	Classroom Teacher	1.00

**\* FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Total: 36.67**

## WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Washington Central Unified Union School District, a municipal corporation consisting of the Towns of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns at the polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 9 as outlined below. The polls will open beginning at 8:00 AM in Berlin; 7:00 AM in Calais; 7:00 AM in East Montpelier; 7:00 AM in Middlesex; and 10:00 AM in Worcester. The polls will close in all towns at 7:00 PM.

**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 a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect the following School Directors:

Berlin	One (1) School Director	One (1) Year of a Two (2) Year Term
	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
Calais	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
East Montpelier	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
Middlesex	One (1) School Director	Two (2) Years of a Three (3) Year Term
	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term
Worcester	One (1) School Director	Two (2) Years of a Three (3) Year Term
	One (1) School Director	Three (3) Year Term

**ARTICLE 5.** To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

Clerk	\$500.00
Treasurer	\$6,600.00
Directors	\$1,000.00 each

**ARTICLE 6.** Shall the voters of the Washington Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$34,984,949 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,533 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.01% higher than spending for the current year.

**ARTICLE 7.** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Washington Central Unified Union School District to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2021 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 8.** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2021-2022 school year?

**Polling Places and Times:**

Berlin Municipal Office in Berlin Corners – 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Calais Town Hall in Calais – 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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

Middlesex Town Hall in Middlesex – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

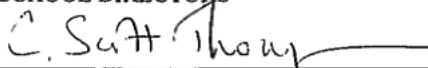
Worcester Town Hall in Worcester – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

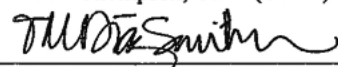
A virtual public hearing will take place at 6:30 PM on March 1, 2021 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. <https://tinyurl.com/y5bagl9s> Meeting ID: 843 7229 9786 Password: 234101 Phone: 1-929-205-6099

Upon closing of the polls, the ballots shall be transported and delivered to the Berlin Municipal Office in the Town of Berlin and comingled and counted by members of the Boards of Civil Authority of several towns under the supervision of the Clerk of the Washington Central Unified Union School District.

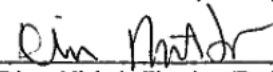
The legal voters of Washington Central Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Sections 553 and 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

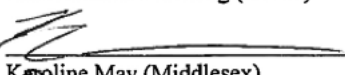
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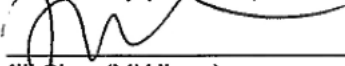
  
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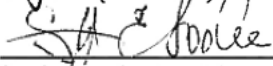
  
Flor Diaz Smith, Vice-Chair (East Montpelier)

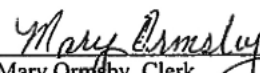
  
Jonas Eno-Van Fleet, Clerk (Worcester)

  
Diane Nichols-Fleming (Berlin)

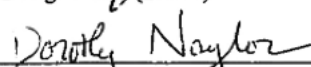
  
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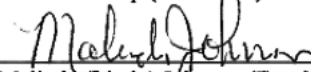
  
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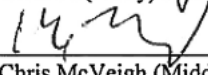
  
Mary Ormsby, Clerk

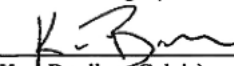
  
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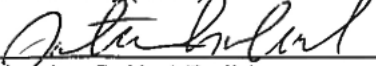
  
Dorothy Naylor (Calais)

  
Jaiel Pulskamp (Worcester)

  
Malinda (Lindy) Johnson (East Montpelier)

  
Chris McVeigh (Middlesex)

  
Karl Bradley (Calais)

  
Jonathan Goddard (Berlin)

## WCUUSD AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS FOR VOTE ON MARCH 3, 2020

**Art. 1: To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.**

Elected: Mary Ormsby [2,838 votes]

**Art. 2: To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.**

Elected: Mary Ormsby [2,764 votes]

**Art. 3: To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.**

No Candidate; Top Write-in Results:

Michael Duane [19 votes]; Gus Seelig [16 votes]; Susan Clark [14 votes]

**Art. 4: To elect the following School Directors:**

**Berlin School Director two (2) year term.**

No Candidate; Top Write-in Results:

Diane Nichols-Fleming [78 votes]; Johnathan Goddard [69 votes]

**Berlin School Director three (3) year term.**

No Candidate; Top Write-in Results: Diane Nichols-Fleming [139 votes]

**Calais School Director one (1) year term.**

Elected: Kari Bradley [2,588 votes]

**Calais School Director three (3) year term.**

Elected: Dorothy Naylor [2,474 votes]

**East Montpelier School Director three (3) year term.**

Elected: Stephen Looke [2,501 votes]

**Middlesex Director two (2) year term.**

Elected: Jill Olson [2,513 votes]

**Middlesex School Director three (3) year term.**

Elected: Marylynne Strachan [2,386 votes]

**Worcester Director one (1) year term.**

Elected: Jaiel Pulskamp [2,179 votes]

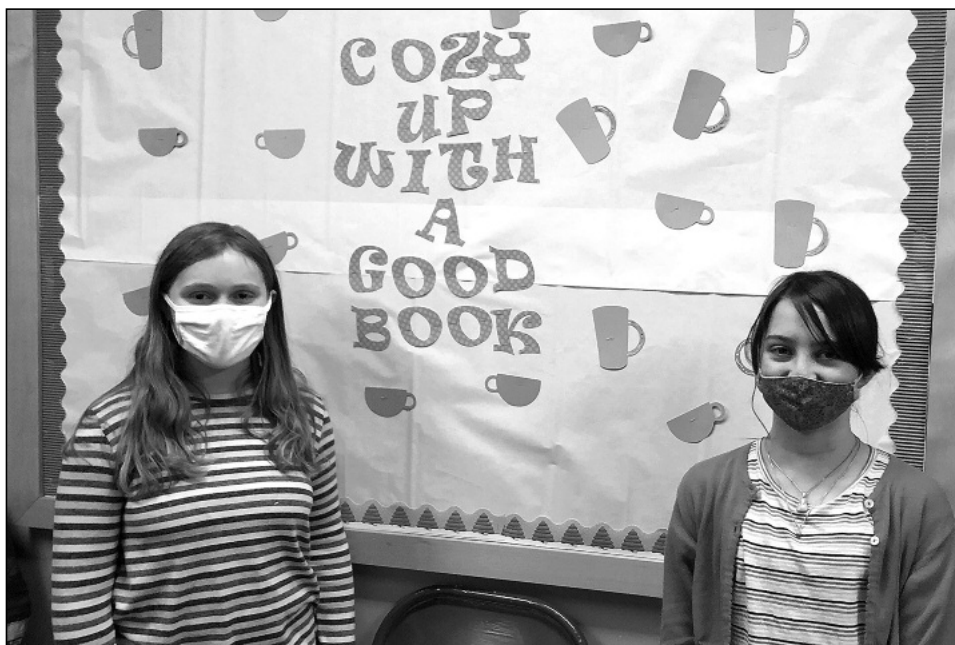
**Worcester School Director three (3) year term.**

No Candidate; Top Write-in Results: Allen Gilbert [14 votes]

**Art. 5: To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.**

Clerk: \$500; Treasurer: \$6,600; Directors: \$1,000 each. **Passed** [2,352 yes; 470 no]

**Art. 6: Shall the voters of the Washington Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$35,430,502 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,518 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.61% higher than spending for the current year. Passed** [1,920 yes; 1,095 no]



**Art . 7:** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Washington Central Unified Union School District to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2020 in a **reserve fund** to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school? **Passed** [2,380 yes; 505 no]

**Art . 8:** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to **borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues** for the 2020-2021 school year? **Passed** [2,078 yes; 828 no]

**Art . 9:** Shall the School District authorize a **capital improvement/replacement reserve fund**, pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §2804 for the purpose of the funding necessary for capital improvements and replacement projects? **Passed** [2,269 yes; 640 no]



## EAST MONTPELIER TOWN MEETING ABSTRACT OF MINUTES & ELECTION RESULTS MARCH 3, 2020

Moderator Michael Duane called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. It was moved and seconded to hear a report from school directors prior to conducting business of the Town. An amendment was made and seconded to hear this information during the “other business” section of the meeting. The amendment passed 27-19 and the school report was postponed.

**Art. 1:** Voted and elected the following Officers by Australian Ballot:  
 Town Moderator, 1-year term: Michael Duane [887 votes]  
 Selectboard Member, 3-year term: Casey Northrup [852 votes]  
 Selectboard Member, 2-year term: Jon Jewett [829 votes]  
 Selectboard Member, 1 of 2-year term: Amy Willis [830 votes]  
 Lister, 3-year term: Rob Chickering [850 votes]  
 Auditor, 3-year term: Carla Occaso [822 votes]  
 First Constable, 1-year term: Jon Boucher [842 votes]  
 Second Constable, 1-year term: No Candidate  
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Clarice Cutler [757 votes]  
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Scott Hess [744 votes]  
 Planning Commissioner, 3-year term: Siu Tip Lam [726 votes]

**Art. 2:** To hear the reports of Town Officers: Selectboard Chair Seth Gardner recognized those who have served on various committees and boards over the past year, and reviewed highlights of the board’s report, including the Town Budget. There was discussion about ambulance service increases. Given voter interest, the Selectboard will explore a contracted service, cost sharing with neighboring towns and regionalizing the service. Bill George

and Marty Miller were remembered for their many years of service to the Town with a moment of silence. Article passed by voice vote.

- Art. 3:** To raise the sum of **\$1,871,223** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021). Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [861 yes; 109 no]
- Art. 4:** To raise the sum of **\$42,022** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Rachel Senechal spoke about the library's adult and child programming and recognized Lindy Biggs for her years of service as East Montpelier's representative. Jennifer Myka, the new town representative, gave statistical information. Voted by Australian Ballot: Passed [760 yes; 211 no]
- Art. 5:** To authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2021 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received by the Town Treasurer at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Monday, November 16, 2020 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Monday, May 17, 2021. Article was amended to allow postmarks of the United States Postal Service on or before the due date as proof of timely payment. After discussion, the amended article was passed by voice vote.
- Art. 6:** To raise the sum of **\$4,000** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc for operating expenses during fiscal year 2021. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 7:** To raise the sum of **\$9,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2021. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 8:** To raise the sum of **\$6,000** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2021. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 9:** To raise the sum of **\$8,333** as its fiscal year 2021 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the Green Mountain Transit commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 10:** To raise the sum of **\$5,000** for Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. for operating expenses during fiscal year 2021. Passed by voice vote.
- Art. 11:** To raise the sum of **\$7,500** for Cross Vermont Trail Association to be used as a part of the required local match of federal grants for the construction of a stretch of the Cross Vermont Trail, mostly in East Montpelier, including a bridge across the Winooski River. There was discussion in support of this Article and the enhancements it brings to the East Montpelier Trail system, as well as a question regarding sustainability. Passed by voice vote.

**Art. 12:** 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 2021.

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

Result: Passed by voice vote.

**Total: \$21,541**

**Art. 13:** Shall the Town, as authorized by 24 V.S.A. §4501, create a nine-member conservation commission in accordance with Title 24, Chapter 118 of the Vermont Statutes. Charles Johnson spoke to the Article, and there was a great deal of discussion relative to why a commission was needed, whether



or not current committees could continue their specialized work, as well as several voices in support of the Article. An amendment was made and seconded to strike the words “nine-member” from the Article. The amendment passed; then the Article, as amended, passed by voice vote.

**Art. 14:** Other non-binding business.

Shall the Town shift the timing for the annual Pre-Town Meeting Informational Forum from the Saturday preceding Town Meeting to a regular or special Selectboard meeting no more than ten days prior to Town Meeting? The Article passed by voice vote.

**Art. 15:** Voted to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Other business came from:

- State Representative Kimberly Jessup gave an overview of work in the legislature and encouraged people to talk with her during lunch. She spoke briefly about Global Warning Solutions Act, Act 250 Modernization, Tax and Regulation of Cannabis, and Minimum Wage. She reported that the Paid Family Leave act was vetoed by the Governor and there were not enough votes to support passage after the veto.
- School Directors Flor Diaz-Smith and Lindy Johnson offered information relative to the newly-merged school district and its budget development. They indicated their hope to have school information in the Town Report next year.
- Matt Peake expressed his disappointment about an article in the Signpost newsletter relative to the Town Constable.
- Kudos were given for the photo on the cover of the Town Report.

There being no further business, Town Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.



*D. Fillion*



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**Selectboard** — 1st & 3rd Mon., 6:30 pm

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

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

**Conservation Fund Advisory Committee** — as needed

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

Meeting place: East Montpelier Elementary School

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

**Recreation Board** — 2nd Mon., 7:15 pm

Meeting place: Alternates between U-32 and a district elementary school

**WCUUSD School Board** — 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 pm

Meeting place: Four Corners Schoolhouse

**Four Corners Schoolhouse Association** — 2nd Wed., 7:00 pm

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

Meeting place: Emergency Services Facility Community Room

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

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

## NO PARKING NOTICE — SNOW REMOVAL

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

## GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

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## CASELLA TRANSFER STATIONS ON ROUTE 2

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- 2) **Behind Jiffy Mart Mobil Station:** Open Mon-Fri 8-4 & Sat 8-noon; 224-0123

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