

**Minutes
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - 2012**

Moderator Tim Murphy called the meeting to order @ 9:00AM

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Sue Wilson nominated Tim Murphy. Tim was re-elected by voice vote.

Moderator recognized Scott Perry. Scott Perry acknowledged William Baker Jr. for his 13 years of service to the Montgomery Highway Dept and the Town wished him well in his new position. Scott Perry recognized the recent deaths of some Montgomery residents. Charles Henderson, Robert Cota, Eric Cota, and Selectboard Chairman, Kenneth Cota. He asked for a moment of silent reflection in memoriam. Kathy Cota-Chase spoke on behalf of her 3 Cota brothers.

Moderator recognized Mark Higley and without objections Mark spoke. He announced that he brought Senator Bill Doyle's annual survey and brief legislative update. Montgomery will be redistricted with Enosburg and Mark would no longer be our representative.

2. Act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Renee Patterson moved to accept the reports of the Town Officers and was seconded. Scott made corrections and the reports were approved as corrected by voice vote.

3. Shall the Town vote to appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2651, if not, shall the Town elect a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(16)?

Paul Nichols moved to appoint a Road Commissioner and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:

(a) A Town Clerk for a term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson – term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Renee Patterson. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Renee Patterson.

(b) A Treasurer for a term of three years by ballot. (Renee Patterson – term expires)

Mark Brouillette nominated Renee Patterson. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Renee Patterson.

(c) A Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot. (Sue Regan – term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Sue Regan. Larry Letourneau nominated Merle Van Gieson, Merle declined. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Sue Regan.

(d) A Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot. (Ken Cota – term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Mark Brouillette. Paul Nichols nominated Merle Van Gieson. Jade Dixson-Boles nominated Patrick Farmer, Pat declined. Denise Baker nominated Sue Wilson, Sue declined. Each nominee spoke to the voters. Ballot vote: Mark Brouillette – 53, Merle Van Gieson – 17. Mark was elected.

(e) A Lister for a term of three years by ballot. (Lynda Cluba - term expires)

Sharon Perry nominated Lynda Cluba. Without objection the Town Clerk cast one ballot to re-elect Lynda Cluba.

(f) An Auditor for a term of three years by ballot. (Betty Curboy – term expires)

Lynda Cluba nominated Betty Curboy. Wendy Howard nominated James Abbott, Jim declined. Scott Perry nominated Carol Farmer. Betty was not in attendance and no one spoke on her behalf. Carol spoke. Ballot vote: Carol Farmer – 54, Betty – 7. Carol was elected.

(g) An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested for a term of one year. (Merle VanGieson - term expires)

Larry Letourneau nominated Merle VanGieson. Merle was re-elected by voice vote.

(h) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Village Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring 2017. (Penny Lumbra – term expires)

Paul Nichols nominated Penny Lumbra. Penny was re-elected by voice vote.

(i) A Cemetery Commissioner for the Center Cemetery Association for a five year term expiring in 2017. (Earl Lumbra – term expires)

Paul Nichols nominated Earl Lumbra. Earl was re-elected by voice vote.

(j) A Library Trustee for a term of five years. (Jay Kerch – term expires)

Rita Kalsmith nominated Patricia Hathaway. Lynda Cluba nominated Jay Kerch, Beth Crane indicated that Jay was not seeking re-election, Lynda withdrew the nomination. Patty spoke on her own behalf and was elected by voice vote.

(k) A Fire Commissioner for a term of two years. (William Baker Sr. – term expires)

Roland Nichols nominated Billy Baker Sr. Billy was re-elected by voice vote.

(l) A First Constable for a term of one year. (Gary Leroux – term expires)

Sue Wilson nominated Gary Leroux. Selectboard indicated Gary did not want position last year but never resigned. Sue withdrew nomination. Wendy Howard nominated Howard Tatro, declined. Renee Patterson nominated Nick Vittum, declined. Wendy Howard nominated James Abbott, declined. Wendy Howard nominated Paul Nichols, declined. Sarita Khan nominated David Deshazo. David was elected by voice vote.

(m) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Charlie Hancock – term expires)

Parma Jewett nominated Charlie Hancock. Charlie was re-elected by voice vote.

(n) A Planning Commission member for a term of three years. (Barry Kade – term expires)

Merle Van Gieson nominated Barry Kade. Barry was re-elected by voice vote.

(o) A Planning Commission member for the remainder of a three year term expiring in 2014. (Delores Cumbie resigned, Parma Jewett appointed)

Roland Nichols nominated Sue Wilson, declined. Sue Wilson nominated Parma Jewett. Parma was elected by voice vote.

(q) One or more Grand Jurors for a term of one year. (Selectboard – term expires)

Scott Perry nominated the Selectboard. Selectboard was re-elected by voice vote.

5. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums of money to defray expenses in the ensuing year for:

(a) Fire Department: 2011 - \$30,000, 2012- \$20,000

Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Rescue Department: 2011 - \$24,800, 2012 - \$26,300

Sue Wilson moved to appropriate \$33,768 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Summer Roads: 2011 - \$70,000; 2012 - \$53,000

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$53,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Winter Roads: 2011 - \$70,000; 2012 - \$33,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$40,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Machinery Replacement: 2011 - \$35,000; 2012 - \$12,200.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$12,200 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Bridges: 2011 - \$20,000; 2012 - \$13,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$13,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(g) Library Operating Expenses & Payroll: 2011 - \$11,948; 2012- same.

Barry Kade moved to appropriate \$11,948 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(h) Building Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund: 2011 - \$27,500; 2012 - \$20,000.

Scott Perry moved to appropriate \$20,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(i) Recreation Department: 2011 - \$18,000; 2012 – same.

Wendy Howard moved to appropriate \$18,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(j) Reappraisal Fund: 2011 - \$4,000; 2012 - \$0.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$0 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(k) Montgomery Youth Center: 2011 - \$8,000, 2012 - \$8,000.

Mark Brouillette moved to appropriate \$8,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Shall the Town vote the following sums of money for the Town Officers as requested?

(a) Town Clerk: 2011 - \$15,000; 2012 - same

Parma Jewett moved to pay the Town Clerk \$15,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(b) Town Treasurer: 2011 - \$10,000; 2012 - same

Larry Letourneau moved to pay the Town Treasurer \$10,000 and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(c) Each Selectboard Member: 2011 – \$1,000; 2012 - same

Charles Fichman moved to pay the Selectboard \$1,000 each and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(d) Listers:

2011 – 1st year members \$14.00/hour, 2nd year members \$15.00/hr plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2012 – same.

Larry Letourneau moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

(e) Auditors: 2011 – 1st yr members – \$8.00/hr, 2nd yr and on members – \$9.00/hr, plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2012 – 1st year members – Vermont minimum wage, 2nd year members Vermont minimum wage plus \$1.00.

Renee Patterson moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Larry Letourneau made a motion to amend to add “per hour” after 2nd yr plus \$1.00, and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Lynda Cluba moved to amend 1st yr \$9 per hour, 2nd yr \$10 per hour. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

(f) Board of Civil Authority: 2011 – Vermont minimum wage plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage; 2012 - same.

Mark Brouillette moved to accept the motion as written and was seconded. Lynda Cluba moved to amend to \$9 per hour plus IRS per mile allowance for mileage. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

7. Shall the Town of Montgomery appropriate the following sums of money as requested by the specified agencies?

Sharon Perry moved to suspend the rules to take up Article 7a thru g as one item as written and was seconded. Motion to take up Article 7a thru g as one item passed by over 2/3 majority by voice vote. Motion to appropriate items in Article 7 as written passed by voice vote.

(a) Champlain Valley Agency on Aging for Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Transportation, and the toll-free Senior Helpline: 2011 – \$1,800; 2012 - same.

(b) Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc: 2011 – \$1,440; 2012 - same.

(c) Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation: 2011 – \$500; 2012- same.

(d) Hazen’s Notch Association’s Campership Fund: This money would be applied towards the cost of sending three or more children from Montgomery to the Hazen’s Notch Association’s Summer Camp: 2011 - \$1,000; 2012 - same.

(e) Green Up Day Vermont. 2011 - \$100; 2012 – same.

(f) Northern VT Resource Conservation & Development Council: 2011- \$75; 2012 - same.

(g) Mississquoi River Basin Association. 2011- \$500; 2012-same.

8. Shall the Town vote to purchase a new Fire Truck pumper and authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$110,000 for a term of 5 years with the balance to be paid out of the Fire Dept reserve account?

William Baker Sr. moved to accept as written and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$293,746 for Contingent Selectboard? 2011 - \$139,213

Sharon Perry moved to appropriate \$293,746 and was seconded. Sharon Perry moved to amend amount to \$288,386 and was seconded. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Article as amended passed by voice vote.

10. In light of the United States Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision that equates money with political speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Montgomery vote at its Town Meeting to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to propose a United States Constitutional amendment for the States’ consideration which provides that unlimited money is not political speech, that corporations are not natural persons under the United States Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

Barry Kade moved to accept as written and was seconded. Larry Letourneau moved to postpone indefinitely and was seconded. Motion to postpone indefinitely failed by voice vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

11. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Morgan Daybell reminded that the annual School meeting being held Monday, March 12th @ 7:30pm @ the Montgomery School, as warned in the 2011 Town and School Report.

Voters expressed wishes of combining the School meeting with Town Meeting. It would take placing article on both the Town warning and the School warning for next year to be in force for the following year. John Little moved to ask both School and Selectboard to discuss the issue and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Charlie Hancock announced there would be an informational meeting on March 20th at the Town Hall to discuss proposed zoning bylaw revisions.

David Deshazo announced to watch for meeting with organization of 350.org.

Renee Patterson moved to adjourn @ 12:00pm and was seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A true record this 8th day of March, 2012.

ATTEST: _____
Renee J Patterson, Town Clerk

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Timothy Murphy, Moderator

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Scott Perry, Selectboard Vice-Chairperson