

ALL 2009 MINUTES

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 6, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

- 1) Meeting called to order – 7:04
- 2) Acceptance of agenda and 12-30-08 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
- 3) The Historical Society has requested room in the vault to store some of its old documents and artifacts.
- 4) Treasurer's Warrant #1 for \$55,749.09 was accepted and signed.
- 5) The Select Board received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection reporting on a recent site visit to the town's former landfill on the Peavey Town Road: a) mowing needs to be maintained on the sites and on the road to the sites and b) the gas vents need to be repaired.
- 6) The Board accepted a bid from MAC Electric for \$70 for installing an outlet in the Grange Hall for the new gas range.
- 7) Glen reviewed the Board's ongoing task list.
- 8) Motion to adjourn @ 8:00 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 13, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00
2. Acceptance of agenda and 1-6-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Treasurer's Warrant #2 for \$6,079.57 was accepted and signed.
4. There will be a discussion on wind power in Montville on Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the grange hall.
5. Herman reported that we received a verbal estimate on the firehouse roof (\$7,400); the board decided to go with the earlier estimate (\$5,461) from Mitchell Roofing.
6. The Board accepted the resignation of Dixie Bassett from the Montville Planning Board. Her term expires in 2009. The Board decided to forego appointing a new member before the March town meeting.
7. Request to use grange for a month—tabled until next week.
8. Glen announced that the MSAD 3 School Board is holding a series of workshops on the school budget to which they are inviting Selectmen on March 9, 16, and 23. March 9 is specifically for Selectmen, March 16 and 23 is for budget building, and March 30 is for public input on the budget. The school budget referendum is June 9.
9. Motion to adjourn @ 8:00 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 20, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Karen York, John York, Kenneth Ashe

1. Meeting called to order – 7:06
2. Acceptance of agenda and 1-13-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Discussion of new septic system for fire department (capacity of system, type of drainage system). John and Karen York expressed concern that the new system be sufficient for the building to be used a) for fundraising suppers, b) as an emergency operations center that would potentially house several people for several days, and c) for trainings and meetings to which they could invite neighboring fire departments. The Board of Selectmen will continue researching septic system options.
4. Security system for firehouse. John presented quotes for three options that he received from Seacoast Security: 1. Burglar alarm only. 2. Burglar alarm with fire panel for a possible future fire alarm system. 3. Burglar and fire alarm systems. John pointed out that there may be insurance benefits to installing an alarm system.
5. Karen and John York asked if the town can buy volunteer firefighter blanket accident coverage, a rider on our insurance policy that would cover them when workers' comp doesn't, such as trainings, meetings, and field day. John is adding the amount to his budget for this year.
6. John submitted to the Select Board the fire department budget for 2009.
7. Treasurer's Warrant #3 for \$5,850.98 was accepted and signed.
8. Hannah presented a report on delinquent 2006 taxes. There are 21 people who still owe 2006 taxes. Their property will be automatically foreclosed on March 10, 2009 if the '06 taxes are not paid by then. Hannah will send each a letter in the next few days followed by a foreclosure notice by certified mail.
9. Motion: (Glen/Jay, by recommendation of the garbage committee) to include on the town meeting warrant an article to increase the trash bag fee from \$1.25 to 1.50 (unanimous).
10. Motion to adjourn @ 9:05 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 27, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, John York, Larkspur Morton, Mary Thompson

1. Meeting called to order – 7:04
2. Acceptance of agenda and 1-20-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. John York informed us that the Waldo County Emergency Management meeting scheduled for tomorrow night has been rescheduled for Friday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m.
4. Hannah brought up issues for the audit, which will begin Monday, February 2.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #4 for \$1,547.20 was accepted and signed.
6. Susan announced that we have a new volunteer in the office who is working 10 hours a week. The volunteer is filing, cleaning, and shredding, among other tasks, and is doing a fantastic job so far.

7. Larkspur Morton and Mary Thompson came in to talk about back taxes from 2006 on property that each of them bought from a common landowner.
8. Salt and sand supply: We have gone through a great deal of sand this winter. Herman will talk with Steve Lucas about our supply and possibly getting more.
9. The board discussed a couple of other '06 tax issues.
10. Motion to adjourn @ 8:10 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – February 3, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Ana Antaki, Roy Antaki, Hannah Hatfield, Greg Hills, Barbara Boulay, Corie Dimmitt, John York, Karen York, Susan Marshall, Charles Fletcher, Susan Shell

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00
2. Acceptance of agenda and January 27, 2008 minutes (Widmer/Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Open to the public – Antakis asked about procedure regarding collecting signatures to put something on town warrant. Select board said that petition process is not necessary, as the board could put the issue of a wind moratorium on the town warrant and the town could discuss and vote on it at that time.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #5 for \$57,283.86 was approved.
5. Report on Wind Power Meeting: About 30 people showed up to an informational meeting on February 2nd to discuss wind power possibilities in Montville. A committee formed to look into what this means for Montville. The head of the committee is Charles Fletcher, who can be reached at 589-4222.
6. Report from Greg Hills that Budget Committee is recommending the following:

#1 Nothing from Surplus

#2 Propose a 3% decrease in fire department budget

#3 Require the Road Commissioner(s) provide a road plan within thirty days of taking office. This may require its own article language WILL BE WRITTEN BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

#4 NO RAISES

#5 A separate article for paying an Outside Assessor

#6 An article to let the Town vote to allow tax breaks for groups, organizations, and business annually at regular town meeting.

Greg requested copies of budget from select board. Jay will send his latest version of the budget to the committee.

Jay asked if the committee had any specific suggestions. Barbara Boulay commented that General Assistance is on the rise. Thought that some of the social service money that goes to outside services could be re-routed toward General Assistance. Jay stated the board's desire to present a budget that stays within LD 1 limits.

Herman commented that surplus can't remain untouched due to stipulation regarding repayment of loan that requires surplus monies be used to repay loan amount.

7. 2006 tax update: Four more people paid their 2006 taxes, which still leaves seventeen unresolved 2006 tax bills. Suggestion was made to have delinquent tax payers come in and meet with the board directly to set up payment plans/contracts with the select board if they are not paid by March 10, the foreclosure date.
8. Certification was signed that letters went out to landowners within the Shoreland Zone as outlined in the proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing originally scheduled for January 28th was rescheduled for March 11 at 7:00 due to storm on the 28th.
9. Jay reported that he went to a MEMA meeting and found out that we will be reimbursed by the state for fire department and salt and sand expenses related to December 11 – 29th storm expenses.
10. Review of task list.
11. Motion to adjourn @ 8:00 (Widmer/Peaslee) – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Glen Widmer, 2nd Selectman

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – February 10, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, John York, Larkspur Morten, Doug Raymond, Roy Antaki, Ana Antaki, Carolyn Maruhnic, Peter Maruhnic, Charles Fletcher, Susan Marshall, John York, John Bednarik, Linda Gallant

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 2-3-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. A large group of people came to discuss the possibility of putting a moratorium on wind power on the town meeting warrant. The Board reiterated its support for including a moratorium on the warrant this year and explained that a moratorium is an ordinance and so needs to be crafted correctly and legally. We discussed using the recently enacted Town of Dixmont moratorium as a model, with the possible exception of creating a citizens' committee to study and make recommendations re. wind power development rather than the Planning Board, as is outlined in the Dixmont ordinance. Jay will talk with the Dixmont lawyer to see if the ordinance would work well for Montville and Susan will contact MMA to see how we can substitute a citizens' committee for the Planning Board.
4. Historical Society would like to take photographs of the old weights and measures we got from state museum last year. The Board asked that the photographer take the photos at the town office and that the weights and measures not be removed from the building.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #6 for \$41,525.46 was accepted and signed.
6. The Board and John York discussed issues regarding the fire department matching grants line of budget.

7. The Board decided to include as a warrant article a discussion on the possibility of discontinuing certain roads in town sometime in the near future in order to elicit opinion from townspeople. We will develop a set of suggested criteria on which the roads would be chosen for discontinuance.
8. The Board decided to include funds in the 2009 budget for an assessing agent at a substantially lower level than the last couple of years, \$800 rather than \$1,500.
9. The Board decided to include on the warrant an article to allow the board to engage in multi-year snow removal contracts.
10. Because we no longer have a constable, the board will find someone to post the warrant. Glen will work on this.
11. Items for the town meeting warrant will be discussed at the next two select board meetings, February 17 and February 24.
12. Motion to adjourn @ 8:50 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – February 17, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Karen York, Peter Maruhnic, Linda Gallant, David Arnold

1. Meeting called to order – 7:08
2. Acceptance of agenda and 2-10-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Karen York brought a draft fire department budget and information about emergency management, such as FEMA reimbursement.
4. Peter Maruhnic, Linda Gallant, and David Arnold asked about the status of the wind power moratorium ordinance. We will use the Dixmont ordinance as a model, with the exception of taking out the clause charging the planning board with studying the issue and coming up with possible ordinance(s), although it is hoped that the Montville Planning Board will be involved in the process. It was clarified that the moratorium ordinance is for commercial wind development only.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #7 for \$5,002.81 was accepted and signed.
6. Karen York informed the board that John York is in the process of appointing a second deputy fire warden who will be available during the day to make burn permits more accessible to residents. Karen York will be that warden.
7. 2009 Warrant: Herman has been working on the warrant. There are a few articles whose wording still needs to be clarified. The board decided to table a discussion of road discontinuance for this year. Herman discovered that we need an article in the warrant to raise money from overlay to pay for abatements. The warrant will be signed next week.
8. The board began a discussion of the assessing categories of off-grid acres and off-grid houselots to ensure they are meaningful, appropriate categories.
9. A farmland penalty was signed as a supplemental tax bill.
10. Motion to adjourn @ 9:05 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – February 24, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, John York, Peter Maruhnic, Earle Albert

1. Meeting called to order – 7:12
2. Acceptance of agenda and 2-17-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Earle Albert of the Liberty Ambulance Service informed the board that he is now the liaison between the town and the ambulance. He discussed various ideas to improve the ambulance service. They are very much in need of more volunteers, both EMTs and drivers.
4. Hannah reported on the remaining unpaid 2006 taxes. There are about eleven people who haven't finished paying. The automatic foreclosure date is March 10.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #8 for \$52,086.54 was accepted and signed.
6. The Board discussed with Hannah the fact that dog license fees and late fees, by law, are supposed to be put into a reserve account, which is then used to pay the animal control officer's compensation.
7. The board tabled a discussion of the off-grid assessing designation.
8. Abbie requested that the Board send out her business filing form with the personal property tax letter and form we are about to send out. The Board is concerned that the filing form may create more confusion to an already potentially confusing letter. The Board offered to include a paragraph in the personal property letter reminding people to register with the clerk.
9. A few residents have complained that their mailboxes have been damaged by snowplows. Legally, a town is not liable to repair mailboxes.
10. We have had a request by Tree by Leaf to use the grange. There is concern about the privy being overfull. Jay will look into the legalities and logistics/costs of a pumping system as well as composting systems. In the meantime, the board will allow Tree by Leaf to use the building, given it does not exceed the 49 persons/floor legal capacity of the building.
11. We have had an inquiry from a resident regarding the status of the Isthmus Road—is the road abandoned or discontinued and does the town maintain ownership of the road. Susan will research and get back to resident.
12. There are some roads in town that need hanging brush cut after the recent storm. Herman will ask Jack Martin to cut Peavey Town and any other roads that very much need it.
13. The 2009 town meeting warrant was worked on and should be signed next week.
14. Motion to adjourn @ 9:20 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – March 3, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Karen York, Peter Maruhnic, Ana Antaki, Roy Antaki, Susan Marshall

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 2-24-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Karen York reported that she applied for a grant with MEMA. If accepted, we will be reimbursed for 50% of the annual EMA budget. She also informed the board that we got a grant through the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency for three new radios (worth \$2,500), which will be required by the federal government in 2013.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #9 for \$6,313.48 was accepted and signed.
5. The certification to the town clerk was signed for the ordinance entitled, "Moratorium on Wind Power Development for the Municipality of Montville."
6. The 2009 Town Meeting Warrant was signed.
7. Brush-cutting follow-up: Herman reported that Jack Martin and Jonathan Thornhill were given the okay to cut brush that was in the way following the heavy snowstorm last week. The Board discussed the need to do some major brush cutting in town next summer.
8. Motion to adjourn @ 8:20 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – March 10, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Eric Galant of Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC)

1. Meeting called to order – 7:01
2. Acceptance of agenda and 3-3-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Eric Galant presented a plan for Route 3 corridor planning. The Department of Transportation has asked MCRPC to assist with planning on Routes 1, 3, and 17. A committee will be formed with two representatives from each Route 3 community to address corridor planning and land use. Eric asked for the Board to appoint two people from Montville to serve on the committee. The committee will look at traffic patterns and volumes, housing densities, etc. Draft of report will be submitted to towns for comments and then given to DOT. The committee will meet three times in the next three months or so.
4. Hannah reported on some banking options through Key Bank. She will look into the possibility of putting Certificates of Deposits that are maturing soon into a Key Bank money market account.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #10 for \$90,143.62 was accepted and signed.
6. Glen reported on school board budget planning. Worst case scenario resulting from decrease in state subsidies, increase in energy costs, increase in total valuation of towns in district could increase school budget by \$1,000,000. This could lead to an increase in Montville's share by \$100,000, as we pay approximately 10% of the district's local share.
7. Jay reported on assessors' meeting he attended in Belfast: Personal property ratio should be same as real estate ratio. For example, if our real estate ratio is 70% of market value, than we should apply the 70% to the personal property valuations. Jay has subscribed to a list serve, which he will use to get more information on what other towns are doing

8. Jay reported on Waldo County selectmen's meeting that took place last Wednesday. Kate Dufour from MMA talked about what impact the federal stimulus money might have on Waldo County towns. Also talked about possible 10% reduction in state funding for Tree Growth program. Reduction in URIP money is another possibility. Revenue sharing will also take a cut, possibly 10%. Finally, she presented on LD 1.
9. The revised General Assistance Ordinance Appendix B for the period April 1, 2009 to September 1, 2009 was signed by the board.
10. The Board discussed plans to address the current mud problems on Montville's dirt roads.
11. Motion to adjourn @ 9:05 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant, with help from Glen Widmer

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – March 17, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Peter Maruhnic, Scott Randall

1. Meeting called to order – 7:09
2. Acceptance of agenda and 3-10-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. We received four bound copies of the audit. We will keep these bound copies for our records. They are available at the office for anyone to review here. An unbound copy of the audit can be produced for residents, charging them the customary .25/page. We can also send the audit documents out electronically.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #11 for \$6,437.63 was accepted and signed.
5. The Board is looking for two volunteers to serve on the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission's Committee on the Route 3 Corridor. (Anyone interested should contact the Board.)
6. Herman put a sawhorse by the hole in the Haystack Mountain Road by Steve Palmer's driveway. Jay will look at it tomorrow.
7. We will order water tests for the town office and firehouse. The water in the town office has been running brownish-orange during the last three weeks.
8. Glen went to the school board meeting last night and gave an update on the school budget. He reported that the school board is considering whether the high school should accept the state laptops for each student as part of the MLTI program. Although the laptops are free, being part of the program would mean the district would need to provide an additional technology technician, purchase support equipment, and pay more in electricity charges. Furthermore, the district would forfeit the \$1,300 the state gives for technology in exchange for the laptops. Despite associated costs, there are many reasons to accept the laptops, as students having their own laptops greatly increases educational opportunities and leads to development of skills needed to compete in today's workforce. The school board also discussed implementing a pre-K program and the sports budget.
9. Motion to adjourn @ 8:20 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – March 24, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Glenn Visser, Carol Visser, Peter Maruhnic

1. Meeting called to order – 7:07
2. Acceptance of agenda and 3-17-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Open to the Public: Glenn and Carol Visser came in to discuss tree growth and current use tax program options for their land.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #12 for \$5,668.17 was accepted and signed.
5. Roads: Jay went to a workshop on paving roads. Scott scraped some of the dirt roads this week with the grader. Herman reported that there is a sinkhole and a frost heave on the Halldale Road that Jonathan Thornhill will take care of tomorrow.
6. The Board discussed possible appointments for the job of animal control officer, as Mark Pantalone does not want to be reappointed.
7. The Board instructed Hannah to purchase 5,000 new trash stickers (Jay/Herman—unanimous).
8. Susan submitted a water test for the town office to the state lab earlier this week.
9. The Board discussed SAD 3 school board's offer to give the towns its portable classroom units at no cost when the old Mt View closes down. No decision was made.
10. Motion to adjourn @ 8:45 (Widmer/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – March 31, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Peter Maruhnic, Bob Temple

1. Meeting called to order – 7:06
2. Agenda items added—“ clerk and treasurer/tax collector deputy pay” in old business and “report on school budget” in new business—and 3-24-09 minutes accepted (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Treasurer's Warrant #13 for \$51,085.85 was accepted and signed.
4. Discussion of clerk and treasurer/tax collector deputy pay followed by motion: Deputy pay will be used only when the clerk or treasurer/tax collector is out of the office to hire another person for \$11.00/hour but when the clerk or tax collector/treasurer is in the office alone and covering for the other, she will get \$4.50/hour in addition to her regular pay (Peaslee/LeGore—motion failed). New motion: Deputy pay will be used when the clerk or treasurer/tax collector is out of the office to hire another person for \$11.00/hour but when the clerk or tax collector/treasurer is in the office alone and covering for the other, she will get \$4.50/hour in addition to her regular pay. At the end of the fiscal year, the remaining amount from the \$2,000 allotted for deputy pay will be split evenly between the clerk and the treasurer/tax collector (LeGore/Widmer—passed with Peaslee opposed).

5. The Board made appointments to and set compensation for the following positions:
Local Health Officer: Jennifer Gunderman-King (\$1,000)
Fire Chief: John York (\$4,000)
Emergency Management Director: John York (\$1,000)
Code Enforcement Officer: Bob Temple (\$2,000)
Licensed Plumbing Inspector: Donnie Harriman (\$500 plus fees)
Animal Control Officer: Carol Visser (\$1,000)
Deputy Animal Control Officer: Mark Pantalone (\$12.04/hour)
E-911 Addressing Officer: Glen Widmer
General Assistance Administrator: Susan Shell
All appointments are for one year, except for local health officer, which is statutorily set for three years.
6. Charges for copies of commitment book: The Board voted to charge .25/page for paper copies, \$1.00 for copies on CDs, and no charge for electronic versions (Peaslee/LeGore—unanimous).
 7. Susan will send out solicitation letters for summer mowing this week.
 8. The voted to hire Jacki Robbins as assessing agent for \$800 (Peaslee/Widmer—unanimous).
 9. Some of the potholes in the tarred roads will be cold patched in the next couple of the weeks.
 10. Herman reported that residents have expressed concerns about the quality of the grading done on town roads (rocks left in road, crowns removed). The Board will closely monitor the quality of the work and will take appropriate action.
 11. Brush-cutting and summer roads projects: The Board will make a list of what needs to be done this year.
 12. Bridges: tabled until next week
 13. The Assessors will continue its drive-around for assessing purposes the week of April 20.
 14. Purchasing a chainsaw for the town—tabled.
 15. Glen reported that it is predicted that next year's school budget will mean a \$70,000 increase for Montville for our share.
 16. Motion to adjourn @ 9:05 (Peaslee/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – April 7, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Peter Maruhnic

1. Meeting called to order – 7:09
2. Acceptance of agenda and 3-31-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Treasurer's Warrant #14 for \$44,764.80 was accepted and signed.
4. Spring Roads: Lots of mud and sinkholes this week! Lucas Construction has been putting stone in the worst mud spots on the North Ridge Rd. (2 sections), Choate Rd., and Morrill Rd. He's planning to do another spot on N. Trotting Park Rd. He looked

at Haystack Mountain Rd. but was unable to get to it without doing further damage with his heavy trucks.

5. The Board appointed Mark Guido and Peter Maruhnic to the Route 3 Corridor Committee.
6. The importance of having the town's equipment serviced by a professional was discussed. Jay will set up a record-keeping system for maintenance and repairs on the backhoe and grader.
7. The Board discussed the idea of creating road monitors, volunteers from each of the major roads in town who would report immediate road problems to the board. Jay will draft a job description then Susan will contact potential volunteers to see if they are willing to perform this task.
8. The board reviewed the recent report we got from the Maine Department of Transportation regarding the condition of Montville bridges. Jay will respond to the report.
9. The board decided to buy a chainsaw for the town. Last summer we paid our employee to use his own chainsaw. Buying our own would save money for the town. Jay will look into it.
10. The Fire Department received a grant from the Maine State Forest Service for \$400 to buy two pagers. The town will match with \$400.
11. Motion to adjourn @ 9:05 (Peaslee/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – April 14, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Carol Visser, Glenn Visser, John York

1. Meeting called to order – 7:04
2. Acceptance of agenda and 4-7-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Humane Society Contract. The board discussed the possibility changing to the Waterville Humane Society because it is closer than Thomaston to most of Montville. The cost to the town is the same. Carol Visser, Animal Control Officer, expressed a preference for staying at Knox County Humane Society. The Board voted to stay at Knox County for another year (Peaslee/Widmer—unanimous).
4. Deputy Animal Control Officer: The Board agreed that Mark Pantalone (Deputy ACO) should be contacted only by Carol Visser (ACO), the three Selectmen, Abbie, Hannah, or Susan—not by residents directly. He would like to be told when Carol is out of town so he knows when he is “on duty.” Carol should always be told first of a situation and Mark called only if we can't reach Carol. Because we are paying him by the hour, we want to be judicious in how much we ask him to work.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #15 for \$9,857.17 was accepted and signed.
6. Roads. Mud is drying up. Cold patching and brush cutting will be done soon. Plans for summer roads projects are in the works. The Morrill Road, North Trotting Park Road, the north end of the Choate Road, and North Ridge Road are priorities.

7. Mount View tenth grade students are looking for community service projects in municipalities. We are trying to brainstorm projects for them—tabled until next week.
8. John York reported that someone has offered \$200 for an old garage door that the fire department no longer uses. The board authorized John to sell the door for the best price possible.
9. The board voted to amend the motion on deputy pay made on March 31, 2009 to “Deputy pay will be used when the clerk or treasurer/tax collector is out of the office to hire another person *or when a third person is hired to help with larger projects or for training* at \$11.00/hour” (passed with Peaslee in opposition).
10. The Grange group from Freedom asked to use the Montville Grange Hall two times a month indefinitely because the building they have been using is no longer available. The problems with the privy in the Montville Grange Hall were noted. Glen moved that we allow the grange to use the grange at the rate specified in the contract (\$5/hour). Motion failed for lack of second. It was moved by Jay and seconded by Glen that we allow the group to use the grange for \$5/meeting with no heat and \$10/meeting with heat (Herman abstained).
11. Kari Friedman called with concerns about her driveway and the culvert that the town installed last year. Jay will talk to her about the problem.
12. Hannah reported that a resident asked for her multiple, contiguous lots to be combined into one lot, since they are all on one deed, to avoid multiple lien fees. Hannah and Susan will look into the legalities of this.
13. Discussion of abatement request asking that a landlocked lot be assessed with off-grid acres rather than regular excess acres. Glen moved to eliminate off-grid designation for excess acres. Motion failed for lack of second. Abatement request denied because similar properties in Montville are taxed as this one is. The off-grid designation is in the process of being reviewed.
14. Motion to adjourn @ 8:40 (Peaslee/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – April 21, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Glen Widmer, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Jonathan Thornhill

1. Meeting called to order – 7:04
2. Acceptance of agenda and 4-14-09 minutes (Widmer/ Peaslee—unanimous).
3. Jonathan Thornhill inquired about when the board will consider next winter’s snow removal contracts. The Board typically starts discussion of snow removal contracts in July.
4. Treasurer’s Warrant #16 for \$10,143.73 was accepted and signed.
5. The board discussed how to improve the quality of the grading on the town’s gravel roads.
6. Jay priced chain saws; the best deal was a Stihl that Vikings recommended for \$250. The board decided to purchase it as well as protective gear (helmet and chaps).

7. The Board eliminated the assessing classification of “off-grid” as it relates to both excess acres and base lots (first acres). The base lots that are currently assessed with off-grid houselots will be changed to undeveloped houselots, which will not change their values. Parcels that are currently assessed with off-grid acres and are landlocked (i.e., no vehicular access and no right-of-way) will be assessed with a new landlocked designation.
8. Motion to adjourn @ 8:55 (Peaslee/LeGore)—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – April 28, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Sandy Palmer, Jack Martin

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 4-21-09 minutes.
3. The mowing bids were opened. We received three bids for the four town buildings on the Center Road and three bids for Mount Repose Cemetery for the following amounts: \$2,430, \$1,950, and \$3,900 for the town buildings and \$4,000, \$2,500, and \$3,250 for Mount Repose. Herman moved and Jay seconded to table the decision until next week when Glen is back.
4. Jack Martin came in to talk about problems with the backhoe and the loader, and to report on the condition of some of the roads he plows in the winter (Howard, Peavey Town, Twitchell Hill).
5. Scrap metal will be accepted at the transfer station starting May 1st through August 31st. We will not accept tires this year.
6. Hannah has arranged to have a group of students from Mount View High School help Hannah and Ginny Walker at the North Ridge Cemetery: inventory the stones, dig away dirt from the ones that are lying on the ground, cut brush.
7. Treasurer’s Warrant #17 for \$2,519.15 was accepted and signed.
8. Grading roads. The Morrill, North Ridge, Choate, Burnham Hill, Halldale, Penney, Goosepecker Ridge, Peavey Town, Spring Hill, Hidden Valley Roads have been graded. More will be done this week. They are being done roughly in order of usage, from heavier to lighter traffic.
9. Training expenses for deputy clerk, personal property, and fuel oil for next winter will be tabled until next week when Glen is back.
10. Meeting ended at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – May 5, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Peter Maruhnic

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00

2. Acceptance of agenda and 4-28-09 minutes.
3. The motor on the grader needs to be replaced. The board decided to buy a remanufactured motor (for approximately \$8,000) from Cummings and have Emerson in Knox put it in (for approximately \$1,500). While the grader is being repaired, we may contract out to grade some of the smaller roads that haven't been done yet.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #18 for \$15,752.60 was accepted and signed.
5. Abbie asked where in the budget the money for training for the deputy clerk will come from. The board clarified that the training fee itself will come from the education line of the budget and the hours reimbursed will come from the deputy wages line, just as it does for all town employees. Motion: allocate \$200 from the education line for the town clerk's and deputy town clerk's training budget (LeGore/Widmer—passed with Peaslee opposed).
6. Peter Maruhnic reported that he and Mark Guido attended their first meeting of the Route 3 Corridor Commission. Seven communities are involved, from Belfast to Liberty. Peter asked the Board to brainstorm ideas of improvements for Route 3.
7. The Board reviewed the mowing bids and accepted Evan Coleman's bid of \$2,500 for Mount Repose Cemetery. Mowing of the town buildings will be done by town employees (unanimous).
8. The Thompson Road culvert, the Hidden Valley washout, and the Halldale Road culvert will all be looked at this week.
9. The Board is considering buying a used portapotty for use at the grange.
10. Streetlights: tabled.
11. Roadside trash: We have had reports of television sets and tires dumped on the Halldale and Burnham Hill roads. Jay will ask Scott to pick them up.
12. Meeting ended at 8:40—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – May 12, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Sandy George, Diana George Chapin, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:10
2. Acceptance of agenda and 5-5-09 minutes.
3. Open to public
 - a. Sandy George asked about 2009 taxes
 - b. Asked about North Ridge Road
 - c. Wanted to know about personal property tax
 - d. Noted that Scott had cut brush and done a good job, but brush was left behind. She requested that we chip the brush as soon as possible.
 - e. Asked about Frye Mountain. Does the town receive any reimbursement from the Federal Government since the land was taken from the town? She said she would look into this.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #19 for \$26,530.42 was accepted and signed.

5. Roads: Steve Lucas was contacted last week to do some grading, but was delayed because of rain. Halldale sinkhole was still damp as of last weekend, although it may be dry enough to be repaired now. Scott is cutting brush on Halldale.
6. Glen will check with DMJ to find out about current roll-off rates and arrange for roll-off day.
7. Street light discontinuance: Board decided to discontinue three streetlights, those being the ones on the corner of New Ireland Road and Rt. 3, corner of Rt. 173 and Cemetery Road, and the one at the firehouse.
8. Grader update: Scott is picking up new motor in Scarborough on Thursday.
9. Meeting ended at 7:55—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Glen Widmer, 2nd Selectman

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – May 19, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Peter Maruhnic

1. Meeting called to order – 7:04
2. Acceptance of agenda and 5-12-09 minutes.
3. Open to the Public: Peter Maruhnic came in to ask for ideas for the Route 3 Corridor Commission. Glen suggested addressing risk factors in high-accident areas, such as Route 3 near Route 220, to decrease the number of accidents.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #20 for \$9,672.08 was accepted and signed.
5. The Board signed the “Warrant and Notice of Election Calling MSAD 3 Budget Validation Referendum,” which will be held Tuesday June 9, 2009.
6. The Board appointed Ginny Walker to be to Elections Warden for the June election (Jay/Glen—unanimous).
7. Roads Budget: The Board discussed whether to set aside funds from the current summer roads budget for the Reserve Capital Improvement Account; they hope to be able to set aside \$20,000.
8. The Board decided to enter a bid for joint purchase for winter road salt to the Maine Department of Transportation for 220 tons.
9. Meeting ended at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – May 26, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 5-19-09 minutes.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #21 for \$12,664.37 was accepted and signed.
4. Roads: The grader is repaired and back in use.

5. There is a broken window at the town house, presumably caused by a rock thrown through by a lawn mower. Glen volunteered to repair the window before Election Day on June 9.
6. Jay will ask Scott to mow the schoolhouse, community hall, and town house as often as the town office.
7. The Board appointed Susan Shell to post the school budget warrant (unanimous).
8. Meeting ended at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – June 2, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Carol Visser

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 5-26-09 minutes.
3. We received the Waldo County 2009 tree growth assessing rates. They have increased this year: \$325/acre for softwood, \$251/acre for mixed wood, and \$164/acre for hardwood. These rates will affect landowners who are enrolled in the tree growth program and some who are enrolled in the farmland program
4. Carol Visser, Montville's Animal Control Officer, came in to discuss a dog issue on the Choate Road. She requested that we ask people who have complaints about dogs-at-large or aggressive dogs to contact her directly so that she can document ongoing problems.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #22 for \$100.00 was accepted and signed on June 1, 2009.
6. Treasurer's Warrant #23 for \$36,141.26 was accepted and signed tonight.
7. Roads: The north end of the Choate Road will be rebuilt next week. Grading on gravel roads continues.
8. The transfer station will be closed on Saturday, July 4th for the holiday and open during regular hours (8-4) on Sunday the 5th. It is now open for summer hours: Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.
9. Jay will ask Scott to rake leaves under the maple trees and pick up branches at Mount Repose Cemetery.
10. Meeting ended at 8:26—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – June 9, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 6-2-09 minutes.
3. Board approved Kristie Palmer becoming a member of Maine Town Clerk Association at a cost of \$20 to be taken from deputy clerk account.

4. Hannah reported on work that needs to be done at Foster Carter Cemetery. Jay will check with Scott about getting this done.
5. The board approved the Montville Snow and Ice Removal Plan.
6. Keys: Glen will come up with a sign-out form for town keys so we know who has keys and when they were returned.
7. Treasurer's Warrant #24 for \$18,120.32 was accepted and signed.
8. Meeting ended at 7:26—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Glen Widmer, 2nd Selectman

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – June 16, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 6-9-09 minutes.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #25 for \$22,045.25 was accepted and signed.
4. Winter salt. We have been given a bid of \$67.46/ton by the state for winter salt. This is a lower price than what we paid last year. Jay will call the contact person from the Department of Transportation with questions about delivery.
5. The Board has received two estimates for the firehouse septic system. They will solicit one or two more.
6. Steve Lucas repaired two mud areas on the Choate Road this week.
7. We have asked to be part of a program run by the Waldo County jail to employ inmates to do volunteer work in the town. We have requested that the inmates cut brush at the old dump site on the Peavey Town Road.
8. Meeting ended at 8:10—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, Administrative Assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – June 23, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Karen York

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 6-16-09 minutes.
3. The Board reviewed the Montville Hazard Mitigation Strategy with Karen York, Assistant Emergency Management Director. Between the Fire Department and the Board of Selectmen, we have completed all required items except for encouraging residents to reduce bulk slash in wooded areas through best management practices. Susan will work on procuring posters to accomplish this goal.
4. The Treasurer's Warrant #26 for \$6,267.18 was accepted and signed.
5. Roads: It has been too wet to grade the gravel roads.
6. Winter Salt: The board accepted the state's bid for winter salt. We found out that it will be delivered on an as-needed basis, so we will save significantly on delivery costs as well as the lower price.

7. The Board opted not to appoint a local sealer of weights and measures. Steve Giguere, Deputy State Sealer of Weights and Measures, informed Abbie in an email that municipalities have the option to request the state sealer to appoint someone to seal the town. If a town does not notify the state of a local Weights and Measures official, the state assumes the inspection duties.
8. The Fire Department requested to use the packer truck for field day on July 8th. Jay will ask Bob Demers, who has the proper license to drive the truck and is covered by the town's insurance, to drive the truck that day.
9. We have had a few complaints about a particular household with barking dogs. Glen will call the people who have complained and ask them to talk with the dog owners directly as a first step, as the town has no ordinances to address this problem. He will also explain to them the possibility and process of residents developing a municipal ordinance.
10. Meeting ended at 7:45—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – June 30, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Mrs. Hannah Hatfield, John York, Carol Visser, Roy Antaki, Peter Maruhnic, Steve Lucas, Jack Martin, Jonathan Thornhill, Karen York

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00
2. Acceptance of agenda and 6-23-09 minutes.
3. Carol Visser, Animal Control Officer, came in to discuss the problem of the few residents who have not yet paid their dog licenses. The dog warrant is due back to the Town Clerk tomorrow (July 1st). Susan will call MMA tomorrow to find out whether people with unpaid fines have to have summons issued by July 1st or whether there is any flexibility in extending the deadline.
4. Peter Maruhnic and Roy Antaki came in to report on the progress of the wind committee. They said that they are about 75% done with drafting an ordinance. They will give what they have to the Planning Board at their next meeting on July 8th. Because of the length of time required to hold a public hearing prior to a town meeting vote, the wind committee anticipates that the 180-day moratorium may need to be extended another 60-180 days and the ordinance voted on at the regular town meeting in March 2010.
5. Steve Lucas came in to ask about the dump truck the town has rented, and voiced some complaints about the quality of the recent grading that has been done—lack of crowning, big rocks and berms being left on the side of the road. Jack Martin, John York, and Jonathan Thornhill voiced similar complaints. Herman suggested trying a different grader operator to be responsible for grading on certain roads this summer. Jay pointed out that the current grader operator should be notified of the problems the residents raised and given a chance to rectify the problems.
6. The Treasurer's Warrant #27 for \$11,482.99 was accepted and signed.
7. Roads: The continuing rains continue to deter grading of the gravel roads.

8. Route 3 Corridor Commission: The Board has reviewed the report and has no suggested revisions, additions, and corrections.
9. Noisy Dog Complaint: Glen talked with two of the three neighbors who complained, as well as talking to Carol Visser, Animal Control Officer. Carol spoke with the people with the noisy dogs about their neighbors' concerns.
10. Glen will contact Heidi Blood to ask her to be a second deputy animal control officer for when Mark Pantalone, the current deputy ACO, is out of town.
11. Fire House Septic System. We have received four bids and have three more pending. They will be told they have one more week to get their bids in. The Board received the following complaints from Greg Hills about the septic bid process:

Gentleman:

What paper did you post the bid for the septic for the Fire Dept. in? If you didn't put it out to bid please tell me why and how do you come to the decision of who to "invite"? The scuttlebutt around town is your only inviting your friends or your getting paid off. I don't believe it but is out there.... I just think you are all stupid.

Greg

Gentleman:

I will ask you again, how do you decide who to "invite" to give estimates and why don't you put the Fire Dept. septic out to bid? The next time I have to ask you it will be on the editorial page of Republican Journal.

Greg

The Board responded as follows:

Dear Greg:

Regarding your question about advertising for bids for the "firehouse septic project," there are no state statutes or regulations requiring the Board to advertise for bids, or even statutes mandating competitive bidding at the local level.

Our experience with advertising in the local paper in the past has resulted in minimal or no response. We have had better results soliciting estimates for projects directly. This has been done in the past by searching the yellow pages and the internet for qualified businesses for the type of project required as well as companies who have previously done work for Montville. We feel this gives the town the best chance of receiving the best price and quality of work. The names of the contractors who have given us estimates for the "firehouse septic

project” will be in the minutes from our meeting after the job has been placed. We have had four responses and are waiting for the remainder.

The Board asks that you address us in a professional and civil manner, particularly in your position of chair of the Montville Budget Committee.

Jay, Glen, and Herman

12. The Board will continue developing its long-term plan for repairing problem areas in town roads for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
13. We discussed the work needed to be done before committing taxes.
14. Meeting ended at 9:05—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – July 7, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, John York, Karen York

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00
2. Acceptance of agenda and 6-30-09 minutes.
3. The board completed its list of “Montville Hazard Mitigation Roads Projects” and gave it to Karen York, Assistant Emergency Management Director, who will pass it on to the County Emergency Management Director. The board thanks Karen for her work on this.
4. In response to Karen York’s request, the Board approved the expenditure of the remaining emergency management funds by September 1 in order to take advantage of a federal grant that will give us a 50% reimbursement for our emergency management budget.
5. Treasurer’s Warrant #28 for \$7,573.25 was accepted and signed.
6. The board agreed that Carol Visser, Montville’s Animal Control Officer, could join the Maine Animal Control Association.
7. Roads: Because of the recent rainy weather, we have had to make some unforeseen repairs to the roads. The board discussed the need to forego major work until later in the year in case funds are needed for storm repair.
8. Fire House Septic System. The board reviewed the five proposals it received and accepted Dean Bartlett’s quote for the septic system. His was the lowest quoted price. Two other contractors did not reply and another did not offer a price because he was too busy to complete the job within the time required.
9. Meeting ended at 8:05—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – July 14, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Karen York

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00
2. Acceptance of agenda and 7-7-09 minutes.
3. Karen York reported that she will be purchasing a computer for Montville Emergency Management.
4. Karen discussed with the board the need for possible ditching at the field day field because of drainage problems.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #29 for \$12,407.90 was accepted and signed.
6. The 2009 tax commitment was approved unanimously by the assessors.
7. Meeting ended at 7:45—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – July 21, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Moe Martin, John York, Roy Antaki, Ana Antaki, Bob Price, Doug Raymond, Karen York, Richard Silkman and Nick Mazuroski of GridSolar

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00
2. Acceptance of agenda and 7-14-09 minutes.
3. Richard Silkman gave a presentation on GridSolar, an alternative project to CMP's proposed \$1.5 billion transmission line expansion project (MPRP). He is advocating a system of localized distributed solar generation to be used during peak load times (i.e., when it is hot and air conditioning is needed, there is lots of sunshine and thus the ability to produce solar power). More information about this project is available on-line at www.gridsolarme.com.
4. Karen York expressed concern about the field being prohibitively wet for field day and we discussed other possible fields to use or perhaps using a smaller portion of the usual field.
5. Roads: We discussed drainage problem in the Town House parking lot.
6. The Treasurer's Warrant #30 for \$77,882.13 was accepted and signed.
7. The Board will send out a solicitation for bids for winter sand to the eleven contractors we have on our ongoing list, as well as any other contractors who want to submit a bid. The deadline is August 18.
8. Meeting ended at 9:04—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – July 28, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, John York, Karen York, Greg Hills

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02

2. Acceptance of agenda and 7-21-09 minutes.
3. The Board of Selectmen received a petition (text below) from Greg Hills asking for a special town meeting. He asked for an immediate answer as to whether the board will hold a special town meeting. Glen Widmer, who was chairing the meeting at the time, stated that the board will consider putting the articles on a warrant for a town meeting. Greg Hills stated that “a no action is a no vote” and left the meeting. However, he was here for less than a minute after he gave the petition to Glen and the board did not have the time or opportunity to read over the petition. At this point the board would like to make it clear that it has not refused to act on the petition. The board will consult with Maine Municipal Association to learn the best course of action.

“To the Municipal Officers of the Town of Montville:

“We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Montville, hereby petition the Municipal Officers of Montville pursuant to 28 MRSA Section 121, to submit to the voters Montville at the Special Town Meeting to be held on September 10, 2009, the following local option question(s):

“Article 1. To see if the Town, as a result of the budget approved in accordance with the Articles herein, will authorize a one-time exemption from the LD 1 Law governing annual Town expenditures to accommodate for the approved budget.

“Article 2. To see what sum of money if any the Town will raise for the purpose of repairing the Town grader from surplus.

“Article 3. To see what sum of money if any the Town will raise for the purpose of repairing the town Transfer truck from surplus.

“Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting held March 24th 2009.

“Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Town grader.”

4. Karen York told us that the town has a new radio license with a frequency established for base station operations for emergency management and the fire department. She also told us that paperwork has been submitted for the emergency management planning grant.
5. The Treasurer’s Warrant #31 for \$106,401.97 was accepted and signed.
6. Roads: Herman did a drive-around to look at all the washouts and assess the condition of the gravel roads. Further discussion about which roads are in most critical need.
7. The board approved two requests for use of the grange in August. Both groups are non-profits and will be charged \$5/hour with a maximum charge of \$25 for grange use according to our guidelines.
8. We learned about an opportunity for energy efficiency grants and discussed applying for one for a solar panel on the town office and better insulation in the garage.

9. Meeting ended at 9:04—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – August 4, 2009

Present: Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, John York, Karen York, Bo Atkinson, Roy Antaki, Corie Dimmitt, Greg Hills, Lance Philbrook, Jennifer Gunderman-King

1. Meeting called to order – 7:01
2. Acceptance of agenda and 7-28-09 minutes.
3. Karen York informed us that there will be a Public Assistance meeting for municipal officials on August 18th to initiate the Federal Disaster Aid process for reimbursement to municipalities regarding the disaster declaration for the June 18-July 8 storms. She asked one of the Selectmen to attend the meeting.
4. Karen also expressed relief that the field day field will be in drier condition for field day this Saturday due to sunnier days this week.
5. Roy Antaki inquired about a change in the use of the Bragdon Road to trucks. The Selectmen responded that, as far they know, the public part of the road is open, except for weight limitations in the spring.
6. Corie Dimmitt asked for a maintenance log for the grader for 6 months and Glen, who was chairing the meeting, agreed.
7. The Treasurer's Warrant #32 for \$65,277.20 was accepted and signed.
8. The Board of Selectmen discussed whether to consider the citizen's petition to put the petition's five articles on a warrant at the next town meeting. It was decided unanimously to include the articles on the warrant for the next town meeting called by the selectmen. Glen explained that the next town meeting would most likely occur in the early fall, as the town will need to vote on the wind ordinance written by the wind sub-committee of the Planning Board. Based on consultations with the Maine Municipal Association, the board could decide to wait until our next annual town meeting, as the articles largely relate to issues that have already passed. He further explained that according to Maine State law, any meeting called by a notary public would be invalid since there is no "unreasonable refusal" of the petition by the board; the board has agreed to accept the articles for inclusion on the next warrant and there is no pressing issue of time, as verified through the Board's consultations with the legal staff of the Maine Municipal Association.

Bo Atkinson asked why the petitioners think the town should sell the grader. Greg Hills and Corie Dimmitt stated that the roads are not being graded properly and that an article to sell the grader would elicit discussion about the condition of the roads. Corie Dimmitt suggested that a road commissioner might be a good idea. Glen Widmer agreed that the town would benefit from having a separate person responsible only for roads and reported that the board has been researching how other towns manage their roads. He stated that most of the towns he consulted with, Liberty, Freedom, Waldo, Searsmont, and Morrill, have paid road commissioners outside of the Board of Selectman. Freedom pays its commissioner \$17,000 and

Liberty pays its \$5,000, plus approximately \$5,000 in mileage reimbursements.

Jennifer Gunderman-King pointed out that the real issue seems not to be selling the grader (article #5 on the petition), but possible solutions to the condition of the roads.

9. Jennifer Gunderman-King, Montville's local public health officer, gave a short presentation on H1N1 virus. She informed the board that there are some signs that the virus could impact the community severely, such as unusual continued spread in the summer, the fact that it's a new virus; it is a more severe virus than usual flu virus with a higher hospitalization rate; it affects younger people (24 and under) and pregnant women most severely; it affects lungs more so that there is a higher prevalence of pneumonia. She discussed ways that the state is addressing the virus. Karen York, Emergency Management Assistant Director, asked if Jennifer can provide informational brochures about H1N1 at field day. Jennifer gave us a "Cover your Cough" flyer for the town office and suggested that we provide hand sanitizer and tissues in the front office. John York asked about the proper masks for ambulance staff. Jennifer talked about setting up a communication system so that if things escalate, people in town can regroup and address the problems. She emphasized the importance of the basics: covering your cough, washing your hands, and stay home when you're sick.
10. URIP forms/certification: tabled until Jay is back.
11. Herman asked the budget committee to look into what it would mean for the town to have a road commissioner, specifically how much to allocate for the position and the duties that their compensation would provide for.
12. Meeting ended at 7:50—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – August 11, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Roy Antaki, Ana Antaki, Diana George Chapin, Jonathan Thornhill, Greg Hills

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 8-4-09 minutes.
3. Ana Antaki asked if a sound engineer can speak at a Selectmen's meeting about noise issues regarding wind power. The Board agreed and asked Susan to schedule the engineer.
4. Roy Antaki informed the board that the wind committee will be giving a presentation on the committee's progress at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night. Roy asked what monies would be available in the budget for an attorney to review the draft ordinance. Glen responded that it would be helpful to see a copy of the ordinance first before we talk about how much to spend on legal costs. It was clarified that the proper process for extending the 180-day moratorium is a vote of the selectmen preceded by a public hearing.
5. Greg Hills asked if the board has set a date for a special town meeting and was told we have not set a date. Jay stated that there may be a special town meeting for the wind issue. Herman suggested having a special town meeting for the articles on Mr. Hills's petition on the same evening that we have a public hearing for the wind

moratorium extension and said it seems extremely likely that we can hold a hearing/town meeting in September. Glen asked the Antakis whether the wind committee can let the board know by September 1 whether an ordinance will be ready for the Planning Board by its September 9 meeting, so that we know by September 24 (the date the moratorium expires—180 days after March 28, 2009) whether or not the moratorium needs to be extended.

6. The Treasurer's Warrant #33 for \$26,103.27 was accepted and signed.
7. Roads: Jonathan Thornhill suggests doing cold-patching on the holes on the Morse Road sooner than later. He also asked about cutting hanging brush before school starts and the buses drive the roads. The board will ask the three snowplow operators to look over the roads they plow this summer and fall to see what needs to be done to prepare the roads for winter plowing. Jonathan also talked with the board about the terms of this year's snowplowing contract. The board will meet with all three snowplow contractors next week or the week after to set the terms of this year's contracts.
8. URIP forms/certification: Jay will come into the office to work on URIP numbers tomorrow morning and the board will review and sign it next week.
9. The board talked about mowing along sides of road that needs to be done. We'll start by mowing the through roads. Glen suggested asking Scott to do some brush-cutting and hiring someone else to do some grading. Glen will develop a list of roads that most need brush cut on them after consulting with the three snowplowing contractors.
10. Reviewed abatements.
11. Meeting ended at 8:20—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – August 18, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Karen York, Steve Lucas, Jonathan Thornhill, Greg Hills

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 8-11-09 minutes. Unanimous.
3. Open to the public.
4. The Treasurer's Warrant #34 for \$7,763.04 was accepted and signed.
5. Roads: Jay reported on a FEMA informational meeting he attended today related to presidential disaster declaration related to heavy rains in June. He thought we'd get some money, but is unsure what.
6. URIP forms: completed by Jay and faxed today.
7. Sand Bids. Received five sand bids that the board reviewed. Decided that we would look into quality of material offered by bidders before we make a final decision, which we will make next week.
8. Snowplow Compensation Discussion. Board and snow contractors talked about possibility of a three-year contract. Board and contractors were both in agreement that the compensation would be less per mile if we did settle on a three-year contract, as it would offer assurance of work for the contractors.
9. Meeting ended at 7:50—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Glen Widmer

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – August 25, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Jonathan Thornhill

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 8-18-09 minutes. Unanimous.
3. Rob Rand of Rand Acoustics gave a presentation on wind turbines as a source of noise.
4. The board voted to offer the snow removal contractors three-year contracts at \$3,300/mile with compensation for fuel if the price of fuel goes over \$4.00/gallon (Glen/Jay—unanimous).
5. Treasurer's Warrant #35 for \$2,879.01 was accepted and signed.
6. Sand Bids. The board accepted the bid for \$7.50/yard from Dave's World (Glen/Herman—unanimous).
7. The board signed the warrant for a special town meeting to be held on September 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the town house on the citizens' petition and set a date for a hearing on the moratorium extension to be held Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the town office.
8. The board submitted a ballot for the County Budget Committee for Arthur Butler of Brooks and James Bennett of Thorndike.
9. The board prepared the following statement in response to the recent citizens' petition:

Recently the Board of Selectmen was presented with a petition drawn up by Greg Hills. This statement is to bring to light the sequence of events related to this petition, the board's responses to the events, and the advice from and correspondence with the Maine Municipal Association (MMA), the authority in Maine that advises towns on legal matters.

On Tuesday July 28, 2009 Greg Hills presented Montville's Board of Selectmen with a petition for consideration of five articles. The petition called for a special town meeting on September 10, 2009 for the townspeople to discuss and vote on the five articles. When Mr. Hills dropped off the petition, he demanded to know immediately, before the board had time to read the contents of the petition or enter into any discussion, whether the board would hold a special town meeting. Mr. Hills was clearly told that the Board of Selectmen would read over the articles, contact the Maine Municipal Association, and determine a course of action based on our discussion of the articles. Mr. Hills left the meeting after being told this and did not stay for the discussion of his articles.

The five articles that Mr. Hills listed for discussion are, as written on the petition:

"To the Municipal Officers of the Town of Montville:

“We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Montville, hereby petition the Municipal Officers of Montville pursuant to 28 MRSA Section 121, to submit to the voters Montville at the Special Town Meeting to be held on September 10, 2009, the following local option question(s):

“Article 1. To see if the Town, as a result of the budget approved in accordance with the Articles herein, will authorize a one-time exemption from the LD 1 Law governing annual Town expenditures to accommodate for the approved budget.

“Article 2. To see what sum of money if any the Town will raise for the purpose of repairing the Town grader from surplus.

“Article 3. To see what sum of money if any the Town will raise for the purpose of repairing the town Transfer truck from surplus.

“Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting held March 24th 2009.

“Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Town grader.”

In the days succeeding the aforementioned board meeting, the board has had extensive correspondence with MMA. We want to share our findings regarding special town meetings and petitions with the public:

- 1) The Board of Selectmen, when presented with a petition such as the one we were presented with, reviews the petition and can decide to accept or refuse the articles. If the board refuses the articles, the refusal can be ruled “unreasonable” by a court of law and the petitioning individual then can have a notary public call a special town meeting. If, on the other hand, the board decides to accept the articles, the board must determine if the articles are pressing and need immediate action, or if they are not pressing and can wait until the town holds its next town meeting. The individual petitioning cannot hold a legitimate special town meeting on his own unless the board of selectmen refuses to accept his articles for inclusion on the next town warrant, or does not address the issue in a time period that corresponds with the immediacy of the articles. If an individual does hold a meeting on his own pertaining to articles the board has agreed to accept, the meeting is illegal and all decisions made at said meeting are invalid unless validated through a court decision.*
- 2) The articles presented to the board by Mr. Hills mostly pertain to budget issues that have already passed. The Maine Municipal Association, upon reviewing the petition, has upheld the board’s position that none of the issues are pressing and could wait for consideration until the town next meets, even if this is at the next annual town meeting in March. This most likely would not be the case, as the*

town may have to meet this fall to vote on an ordinance designed by the Planning Board's wind subcommittee. As there is an expense to call a special town meeting (paying for a moderator, paying for advertising, etc.), the board would most likely wait and see what happens with the wind issue and make a decision based on whether a special town meeting is also needed related to that issue, thereby having one special town meeting instead of two.

- 3) *Mr. Hills has stated to the board of selectmen that we acted illegally by going over the equipment repair and maintenance line in the Highway and Public Works section of the town budget to replace the grader engine when the original engine died unexpectedly. Mr. Hills holds that whenever the board overspends a budget line, this expenditure needs to be approved by the town. The board would like to make clear that the town has, in the past, regularly gone over individual lines in the town budget. The select board has consulted with a number of lawyers who work for MMA, all of whom state that we acted within the law pursuant to article 13 in the town warrant, which authorizes the board to "transfer unexpended balances to any account requiring said funds for the purpose of balancing accounts." Indeed, without this provision, running the town's business would be nearly unworkable. Either we would have to over appropriate each individual account to guarantee that we would not exceed it (requiring higher taxes or carrying a much larger surplus) or we would be holding special town meetings on a regular basis every time an account is overspent. By giving the board the authority to move funds between accounts, the town is recognizing that, at the end of the year, some accounts will be over and some will be under. The important thing is that total expenses do not exceed total revenue for the year. At this point in time, our budget looks good for the year. We are approximately in the same place where we were last year at this time. We feel it is important to point out that the current board of selectmen has never gone over the town's annual municipal budget. Rather, we have been able to contribute to the town's surplus each of the past two years through prudent spending, careful attention to the town's finances, and the assistance of Hannah Hatfield, our town treasurer. Our annual audits, required by law and done by a third party, have shown the town to be exceptionally responsible and accountable in our spending. Copies of the annual audit from the past two years are available at the town office for anyone who is interested in learning more about how the town is managed financially.*

The board wants the citizens of Montville to be well informed. We assure you that we are working with the best interests of the town in mind and doing so on a lean budget as approved at the last annual town meeting. We regret that we must take time that could be better spent on town business explaining the process of addressing this petition and the articles it calls for. We welcome any questions or comments you all may have. Please feel free to call us at our homes, call the selectmen's office at 342-5543, e-mail us at montville@fairpoint.net, or attend one of our weekly board meetings at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

10. Meeting ended at 9:10—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, Administrative Assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – September 1, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Greg Hills, Craig Turner, April Turner

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 8-25-09 minutes.
3. Craig and April Turner asked why the sheriff was called by Susan yesterday regarding vehicles in the roadway at their house on the Bragdon Road (which were subsequently towed by the sheriff's department). They were told that we were forwarding a complaint to the sheriff's department for a resident and that we have received numerous complaints about vehicles and other objects in the roadway over the past few years from the town plow contractor, the school bus driver, and residents of the road. Craig Turner stated that he came into the town office a couple of weeks ago and asked the town clerk whether it was a problem to have vehicles in the roadway, and whether there was any road construction going on on the road; he was told no. Mr. Turner feels that because he spoke with the town clerk, the administrative assistant should not have called the sheriff's department and feels the town should pay for the towing charges. The board received no communication from the clerk about her conversation with Mr. Turner and will need to verify with the clerk the content of her conversation with Mr. Turner before they can consider Mr. Turner's request to have the town pay for the towing costs. Jay clarified that it is against state law to park on the side of the road. Jay offered to visit the Turners in order to measure 25 feet (or 33 feet?) from the center of the road to establish the right-of-way so that the Turners know where they can legally park.
4. The Turners also asked for ditching at their house. Jay agreed to look at the ditching situation when he is there measuring the right-of-way.
5. In reference to the citizens' petition, Greg Hills stated, "I believe on the night of July 28 there was no action taken" at the Select Board meeting.
6. The Treasurer's Warrant #36 for \$10,892.58 was accepted and signed.
7. Scott has been grading gravel roads the last few weeks. He recently graded Spring Hill and Peavey Town, is currently working on Thompson and will soon do Morrill and others.
8. We will soon need to order road signs to replace ones that have been stolen.
9. The Board discussed the possibility of selling (through competitive bidding) the sander that attaches to the one-ton pick-up. Jay will look around the garage for any other equipment that the town no longer uses and the board will decide next week what to put out to bid.
10. We looked at the Maine Emergency Management Agency's information on Hazard Mitigation grants that address repetitive storm damage. We agreed to keep track of records and set up a better record-keeping system. Susan will call MEMA to ask what the chances are of the town getting a grant to repair small portions of various

gravel roads (rock-lined ditches, updated culverts, adding gravel and reshaping roadways).

11. Meeting ended at 8:25—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – September 8, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 9-1-09 minutes.
3. Roads. The board decided that during the next round of grading in the fall, it will hire someone in addition to the current public works employee to grade a select number of Montville roads.
4. The Treasurer's Warrant #37 for \$22,453.94 was accepted and signed.
5. The Board denied Craig and April Turner's request to pay for their towing charges stemming from last week's incident on the Bragdon Road and will send them a letter saying so. Abbie denied that Craig asked her whether it was a problem to have vehicles in the roadway. She wrote a statement regarding the conversation.
6. The board decided to apply for a Renewable Resources grant from the state for solar panels for the town office. The grant is due September 30. Glen and Susan will work on it.
7. The board learned about a wood-to-energy grant application opportunity that will be coming up in a few months.
8. Meeting ended at 7:50—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – September 15, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Jonathan Thornhill, Roy Antaki, Ana Antaki, Bob Brooks, Tom Boothby, Peter Maruhnic, Carolyn Maruhnic, Peter Kassen, Doug Thomas, Susan Marshall, Charles Fletcher, Linda Gallant, David Arnold, John Twomey, Annette Naegel (George's River Land Trust)

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00
2. Acceptance of agenda and 9-8-09 minutes.
3. The board voted to extend the moratorium on wind power development another 180 days. The current moratorium expires on September 24, 2009, and the new moratorium will expire 180 days from then, on March 23, 2010. The wind committee asked about the availability of legal costs to review the ordinance. Glen suggested they contact Maine Municipal Association first for some preliminary legal advice, although MMA does not review ordinances. The board will consider approving funds for legal fees next week, after it receives a written proposal from the attorney the Wind Subcommittee has contacted.

4. The board asked Jonathan Thornhill to give an estimate for trimming branches on the Burnham Hill Road.
5. Annette Naegel of the George's River Land Trust (GRLT) came to discuss the transfer of the Veronesi conservation easement, which the town has held since 1988. The Select Board has proposed that the town transfer the easement to GRLT, since the town does not have the necessary resources to maintain and monitor the easement. The town will need to vote on the transfer at our next annual meeting. Annette has walked the property and GRLT's Lands Committee has unanimously voted to proceed with transferring the easement from the town to the land trust. The land trust will collect baseline data and check to see if there are any environmental hazards before they finally agree to take the transfer. They will be pursuing ways to strengthen the easement to meet current standards—which will produce an amendment to the easement. The Board and GRLT have conferred with both Eddie and Harriett Veronesi about the transfer and the amendment; both Veronesis are in support of the process.
6. The Treasurer's Warrant #38 for \$81,864.21 was accepted and signed.
7. Doug Thomas and Peter Kassen asked about the process to remove the public easement on the old road that goes from the North Ridge Road to the Hidden Valley Road (Doug's current driveway). Doug and Peter are two of only three abutters on the road. The road was discontinued by the town in 1971. Susan will look into the legal process necessary to remove the public right-of-way from the road.
8. Meeting ended at 8:03—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – September 22, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Roy Antaki, Ana Antaki, Jonathan Thornhill

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 9-15-09 minutes.
3. The Treasurer's Warrant #39 for \$131,110.97 was accepted and signed.
4. Roads: Jay suggests considering additional projects we should do before winter. He will come up with a list and present it next week. Ideas discussed were repairing a 500-foot muddy segment of the Goosepecker Ridge Road near O'Keeffe's driveway and the muddy segment of the Peavey Town Road by Richard Peavey's house as well as the bottom of the Peavey Town Road, which seems to be in a perpetual washboard condition. The board is hiring Rodney Abbott to do some grading on a couple of roads on Saturdays.
5. Putting equipment out to bid—tabled until next week
6. The board received a written proposal from attorney Edmond Bearor of Rudman and Winchell for reviewing the draft Wind Turbine Generator Ordinance. Mr. Bearor estimated that his initial work will cost the town \$900 (4 hours at \$150/hr to review ordinance and 2 hours at \$150/hr provide written comments on ordinance). Follow-up work will be billed at \$150/hour. The board approved a maximum of \$1,200 in funds for legal review of the draft ordinance.

7. The board was asked by the Planning Board to set fees for the subdivision application. The Montville Subdivision Ordinance stipulates a three-stage application process, and there is a fee charged during each of the three stages. Susan will research what other towns charge.
8. The board decided to postpone applying for a grant for photovoltaic panels on a town building until next year, to give us a chance to raise the required matching funds and ask the town for approval at the annual town meeting.
9. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – September 29, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:03
2. Acceptance of agenda and 9-22-09 minutes.
3. The Treasurer's Warrant #40 for \$3,303.02 was accepted and signed.
4. Roads: The board discussed additional projects to do before winter, such as fabric and gravel on roads that need it.
5. The Board set the following fees for the Montville subdivision application: \$15/lot for each of the three stages of the application process: preapplication, preliminary plan, and final plan.
6. Putting equipment out to bid— The Town is accepting bids for a **Sander**: 4 yd stainless steel hopper 11 hp B&S and a **Loader**: '63 Cat 944 Traxcavator. Bids close Oct 20 at 5:00 p.m. An ad will go into the *Republican Journal* on Oct. 8
7. The board received a request from the town clerk to increase the deputy budget. The board feels that overspending the account is not justified because it is not an emergency; the requested additional expenditures could have been avoided with proper planning.
8. Jay will research how to cover the pink insulation around the bottom of the town office.
9. Jay will ask Scott to weed-whack the ditch in front of the town office.
10. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – October 6, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Ron Desrosiers

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 9-29-09 minutes.
3. Ron Desrosiers of Time and Tide RC&D talked about the State Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grants that are available to towns through the federal stimulus money. The Board had already been discussing this grant possibility and is exploring

the possibility of applying for a grant that would pay for 90% of the costs of installing solar panels on one of the town buildings and/or better insulating the town garage and the fire house. In order to go through with the grant process, we would need to hold a special town meeting to a) approve the Selectmen entering into a contract with the state should we get the grant and b) approve the expenditure of 10% of the cost of the project.

4. The Treasurer's Warrant #41 for \$19,835.85 was accepted and signed.
5. Roads. Jay will make sure the backhoe is ready for winter.
6. Notices were sent last week to the abutters on Moffitt Lane (old road that runs from the Thomas residence on the North Ridge Road roughly three-quarters of a mile to the Hidden Valley Road) regarding a proposed discontinuance of the public easement. The road was discontinued by the town in 1971. The board will hold a public meeting on October 20 to consider the discontinuance.
7. Volunteer road monitors: The board discussed setting up a system of volunteer road monitors who would communicate to the board about problems on roads such as mud, erosion, and missing road signs. Susan will contact someone on each road to see if they would be willing to serve the town in this capacity.
8. The board will erect a "child playing" sign on the Foy Road where we have had complaints of traffic going too fast by a house with a small child.
9. The board signed the "General Assistance Ordinance Appendices" for 10-1-09 to 10-1-10.
10. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – October 13, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 10-6-09 minutes.
3. The Treasurer's Warrant #42 for \$60,179.85 was accepted and signed.
4. Roads. Dave's World will be adding surface gravel to roads in seven different locations.
5. Ginny Walker was appointed to be election warden.
6. Barking Dogs Complaint. The Board received a complaint about a barking dog problem near McFarland's Corner. This is the second complaint we have had about this problem since the Animal Control Officer spoke with the dog owners in July; both complaints were from the same person. Herman will call the person who complained and explain to her that Montville doesn't have a noise ordinance that would govern such noise issues, as well as make sure she knows she should be calling the animal control officer (Carol Visser) about such issues in the future.
7. The board will erect two "school bus stop ahead" signs on the Halldale Road on either side of the Penney Road where the school bus has almost been hit when it turns around.
8. Deputy clerk pay: the board wrote a letter to Abbie Hills, town clerk, alerting her to the fact that there is only \$37.25 remaining in her deputy account for this fiscal year.

Additionally, the six hours that Kristy Palmer worked as Deputy Registrar last week will be taken from the \$300 Registrar budget line.

9. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – October 20, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Karie Friedman, Doug Thomas, Charles Fletcher

1. Meeting called to order – 7:05
2. Acceptance of agenda and 10-13-09 minutes.
3. The Treasurer's Warrant #43 for \$6,193.71 was accepted and signed.
4. Roads. North Ridge and Choate were graded this week. Gravel was laid on other roads. The board discussed the possibility of filling in potholes with gravel rather than grading whole stretches of road, as Liberty does. Jay and Jack Martin rode over some back roads (Peavey Town, Howard) today to see what preparation they need before snowplowing.
5. Proposed discontinuance of public easement on Moffitt Lane. Charles Fletcher stated that he and wife love walking the road and would hate to see something that the public owns be given up. The question of whether to include in the motion of discontinuance the bridge on the Hidden Valley Road side of Moffitt Lane was discussed. Herman stated the bridge would be better protected by removing the public easement so it doesn't get driven on.
 - Glen moved to discontinue the public easement on Moffitt Lane from the North Ridge Road to the Hidden Valley Road (unanimous).
 - In discussing damages, the board found that the value and use of abutting properties is not adversely impacted by the discontinuance, and Jay moved to award zero dollars in damages (unanimous).
 - Glen moved to approve the discontinuance order (unanimous). The order was signed by all three Selectmen.
6. The board signed the warrant for a special town meeting on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of a) authorizing the Board of Selectmen to apply for a matching grant from the state to install photovoltaic panels on the Montville Sand Shed and to implement conservation measures in town buildings, and b) appropriating the required 10% matching funds for the grant if approved. The regular Select Board's meeting will be at 6:00 that night.
7. The board opened the bids for the sander and the loader. They received two bids for each. The board decided not to accept either bid for the loader because they were both too low. It was moved (Glen) to accept the bid for \$900 from Steve Fowler for the sander—unanimous.
8. The board reviewed the three proposals for photovoltaic panels and decided to use the proposal from ReVision Energy for the purposes of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation grant that the town is going to be applying for (see #6 above) because it is \$4,725 less than one proposal and \$10,725 less than the other.

9. The board appointed Susan Jones to post the notice of election and the special town meeting warrant.
10. The board discussed the current condition of the sand shed roof and whether it will need repair or replacement soon.
11. The November Planning Board meeting will be held on November 12 instead of November 11 because the 11th is Veteran's Day.
12. Meeting ended at 8:35—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – October 27, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 10-20-09 minutes.
3. The bill of sale for the sander was signed.
4. The Board and the treasurer/tax collector discussed the possibility of allowing the use of credit cards for tax and fee payments to the town. Municipalities have recently been permitted to charge the credit card user for the credit card fee, so that the taxpayers of the town do not have to bear these costs. Hannah will do some more research on the possibilities.
5. The Treasurer's Warrant #44 for \$19,001.03 was accepted and signed.
6. Roads: The new gravel that Dave St. Clair put down on several roads held up well during the recent rainstorm. The office received compliments on the quality of some of these roads. There is some more grading to be done. Work will be done on Hannan Road soon.
7. The Board signed the "Notice of Vote on Order of Road Discontinuance" to be sent to the abutters of Moffitt Lane.
8. The Board approved work requested by the Historical Society to be done in the Town House: sand and varnish the floors in the two entryways and the bathroom.
9. Meeting ended at 8:35—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – November 3, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:07
2. Acceptance of agenda and 10-27-09 minutes.
3. The Treasurer's Warrant #45 for \$7,717.25 was accepted and signed.
4. Roads: Dave St. Clair worked on the Hannan Road this week, building it up. Scott filled in a washed out area on the Center Road.
5. The sand shed roof is in poor condition and will need to be repaired this fall and then considered in next year's budget to be replaced next year.
6. A number of tax abatements were discussed.

7. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – November 10, 2009

Present: Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 6:00. The meeting was held an hour earlier than usual because of the special town meeting at 7:00.
2. Acceptance of agenda and 11-3-09 minutes.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #46 for \$5,850.66 was accepted and signed.
4. Roads: We received positive feedback about the quality of the recent grading on the North Ridge Road.
5. The sand shed roof will be patched this fall by Danny Doyle.
6. Susan will order ten 10-foot sign posts. We are out right now, and cannot replace all the road signs that need replacing.
7. The board is considering buying a used, but never-been-used computer for use in the Selectmen's office to replace both the outdated desktop computer and the old laptop that is in need of a new battery anyway. The computer is being offered to us by a resident and would be a good deal for the town.
8. Abatements—tabled pending information from Revenue Services.
9. Meeting ended at 6:40—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – November 17, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00.
2. Acceptance of agenda and 11-10-09 minutes.
3. Roads: Dave's World is working on the bad spot on the Halldale Road between Boothby's and the Vose Cemetery—putting a layer of stone between two layers of fabric to improve drainage, as well as cleaning out the ditches.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #47 for \$64,572.26 was accepted and signed.
5. It was brought to our attention that there are sometimes items on the forum section of the Montville website that merit a response from the Board. Susan will monitor the postings every couple of weeks.
6. According to the rental policy for the Community Hall, the board decided there should be no charge for the Historical Society's use of the Community Hall for a holiday fair on December 6th, as no charge is levied for municipal events.
7. The board received a request from a resident to put an article on the spring warrant that would protect the tree canopy over the North Ridge Road. Susan will call her to ask her to come to a Tuesday night meeting to discuss her idea with the Select Board.
8. The application for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant is complete and will be submitted to the state tomorrow.

9. Meeting ended at 7:40—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – November 24, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Steve Lucas

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00.
2. Acceptance of agenda and 11-17-09 minutes.
3. Steve Lucas asked about work that was done on the Halldale Road. He said there is work that needs to be done on the Morrill Road about water running on the center of the road that will create icy spots this winter. He expressed disappointment in not being asked to do the recent roadwork on the Hannan and Halldale Roads.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #48 for \$15,475.09 was accepted and signed.
5. The board will continue the process of discontinuing three of the town's streetlights according to the decision made at the annual town meeting in March 2009.
6. One property in town foreclosed on November 21, 2009 according to the statutory foreclosure procedures for nonpayment of 2007 property taxes. The Board discussed a plan to allow the owners to repurchase their property by paying the remaining amount of their 2007 taxes.
7. The board discussed developing a job description for road commissioner.
8. The board reviewed and prioritized its task list.
9. Meeting ended at 8:51—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – December 1, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00.
2. Acceptance of agenda and 11-24-09 minutes.
3. The Board was asked by a resident if he could have the lumber under the Community Hall to burn in a bonfire. Jay will check first to see if the wood is useable.
4. It has come to the attention of the board that there again are vehicles and other articles in the town road's right-of-way in front of a house on the Bragdon Road and in the way of winter plowing. The owners have been asked multiple times to keep their things out of the roadway. The board sent a letter to the owners asking the objects be removed by December 12.
5. Treasurer's Warrant #49 for \$9,030.66 was accepted and signed.
6. Meeting ended at 7:21—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – December 8, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:00.
2. Acceptance of agenda and 12-1-09 minutes.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #50 for \$43,236.08 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board reviewed the state's Sales Analysis Return of 2009 home sales.
5. Meeting ended at 7:23—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – December 15, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield, Debbie Lasky, Steve Lucas

1. Meeting called to order – 7:15
2. Acceptance of agenda and 12-8-09 minutes.
3. Debbie Lasky asked for and was granted permission to look through and make a list of documents from the old Selectmen's office in the Town House that are currently stored in the Town Office vault.
4. Steve Lucas discussed two recent bites by a dog on the Center Road. He expressed concern about the fact that the dog was taken out of quarantine by the Searsmont animal control officer (where the dog was quarantined) before the 10 days mandated by state statute, and frustration that the dog was not monitored by the Montville animal control officer while it was in quarantine. He is concerned about the safety of the children who live near the dog and is asking the Selectmen to have the dog removed from the home. Glen suggested that the parties use a mediator to try to resolve this problem. Steve isn't interested in mediation. Susan will contact Maine Municipal Association to clarify the legal procedure for dealing with a dangerous dog, and whether the Selectmen have a legal role. (The Selectmen met with the dog owner about this incident prior to their 7:00 meeting.)
5. The Treasurer's Warrant #51 for \$64,923.70 was accepted and signed.
6. The original owners of the one property in town that is foreclosed because of non-payment of 2007 taxes have made a payment of \$100 and have stated they intend to pay the balance within a few weeks.
7. The Board did a quick review of a draft building notification ordinance.
8. There were several complaints about snow removal during the last few storms. All agreed that the conditions of the recent storms made snow removal very difficult (freezing rain, rain on ice).
9. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – December 22, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 12-15-09 minutes.
3. The Board will meet with animal control officer Carol Visser next week to follow up on the dog-biting incident.
4. A review of the draft building notification ordinance was tabled until next week.
5. The Board instructed the treasurer to send a bill for housing a dog quarantined to the dog owner, as state law requires.
6. The Treasurer's Warrant #52 for \$1,576.91 was accepted and signed.
7. Glen will talk to one of the Freedom Selectmen about obstructions in the public way on the Penney Road.
8. The board okayed a draft job description for road commissioner and agreed to use it as a working document.
9. The board discussed the idea of cutting brush near the intersection of the Goosepecker and Penney Roads, deciding the best time of the year to do such a task would be summer or spring.
10. Jay will call someone about looking at the loader brakes after the first of the year.
11. The board reviewed and signed a letter of agreement with the auditors.
12. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting – December 29, 2009

Present: Jay LeGore, Glen Widmer, Herman Peaslee, Susan Shell, Hannah Hatfield

1. Meeting called to order – 7:02
2. Acceptance of agenda and 12-22-09 minutes.
3. The Board met before the meeting with animal control officer Carol Visser to follow up on the recent dog-biting incident.
4. The Treasurer's Warrant #53 for \$2,301.78 was accepted and signed.
5. The Board will wait to consider carry-overs until all the bills from this year have come in.
6. The Planning Board will be asked to review the draft building notification ordinance. We will schedule a public meeting to get citizen input on the draft ordinance before the annual town meeting on March 27.
7. Meeting ended at 8:15—unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, administrative assistant