

ALL 2014 MINUTES

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, January 6, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of December 30, 2013 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #1 for \$50,940.78 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board discussed the possibility of installing a fence across the entrance to the town sand shed to keep people out for safety reasons. There is a small pile of sand outside of the main pile for residents to access.
5. Town Sand Policy. The Board clarified the policy on residents taking town-owned winter sand: "Montville residents are welcome to take up to two 5-gallon buckets of sand from the town sand shed for their driveways. Whole pick-up loads are not allowed. Taking sand for commercial use is prohibited." The Board discussed mounting a sign on the shed that would state the policy, as well as a sign that warns of the danger of climbing on or digging into the large sand pile.
6. Jay reported that he bought a used Waterford woodstove for the Town House for \$550. It has the UL tag that is required by the state fire code.
7. The Board reviewed and revised the road plan that Jay drafted. They will review it with Steve Lucas, Road Commissioner before they finalize it. The Board will discuss with Steve the practicality of notifying landowners before ditching if it impacts lawn.
8. Cathy reported that she talked to both a Maine State Trooper and the Waldo County Sheriff's office about monitoring speeds on the Burnham Hill Road. The Sheriff's office agreed to place a speed display on the road in the spring. The Trooper said he would tell police personnel in the area that there is a speeding problem on the road and ask them to monitor it.

Meeting ended at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell, Administrative Assistant

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, January 13, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of January 6, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #2 for \$4,098.05 was accepted and signed.
4. Bob and Cathy will meet with a local contractor this week at the transfer station to explore possible plans to cover the packer truck.
5. Road Commissioner Steve Lucas will review the draft road plan and report back with his opinion for prioritizing.
6. The Board voted to transfer \$3,994.40 from the Snow Removal and Sanding account to the following accounts for the purpose of balancing these accounts.

Insurance WC/UE—admin	107.65
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PW Equip Repair & Maintenance	1,478.06
Insurance WC/UE—PW	50.93
Demolition	11.06
HS Equip Repair & Maintenance	1,284.98
Emergency Management	83.64
Town Garage	114.99
Fire Station	863.09
TOTAL	\$3,994.40

7. The Board voted to transfer \$41,171.78 from the Roads and Bridges account to the Road Capital Improvement Reserve account.
8. The Board voted to carry over \$7,027.79, the remainder of the Town House account, to next year.
9. The Board voted to carry over \$5,432, the balance of the Record Preservation Capital Fund (established at the 2007 annual town meeting), to next year.
10. The Board voted to transfer \$502.68 from the VFD Operations account to the following accounts for the purpose of balancing these accounts.

Fire Dept Wages	458.69
VFD Payroll Liability	43.99
11. The Board voted to transfer \$58.06 from the VFD Equipment account to the VFD Payroll Liability account.
12. The Board voted to transfer \$748.81 from the VFD Insurance WC/UE account to the Fire Dept Wages account.
13. The Board voted to carry over \$1,982.03, the remainder of the VFD matching grants account, to next year.
14. The Board transferred \$3,203.75 (\$3,000.00 from the VFD Equipment Reserve account and \$203.75 from the VFD Equipment account), which is the balance of fire department (VFD) accounts (excluding matching grants), to the “VFD Equipment Reserve” account, as authorized by the 2011 town meeting.
15. The Board decided to draft a letter to the past owners of the remaining foreclosed properties.
16. Jay signed a Recycler License Zoning Renewal Form for Dave’s World.

Meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Monday, January 20, 2014: no meeting because it was Martin Luther King Day

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, January 27, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), Herman Peaslee (budget committee), Christine Gaul (Walker School Food Corps Service)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of January 13, 2014 were accepted. There was no meeting on January 20, Martin Luther King Day.

3. Christine Gaul, Food Corps Service member who is working at Walker School this year, asked the Board to write a letter of support for a Maine Community Foundation grant that would support expanding the gardens at Walker School to provide more food for the school cafeteria and food pantry donations, as well as establishing a community garden. The Board offered to send in a letter of support and Cathy volunteered to write it.
4. Treasurer's Warrants #3 for \$1,516.24 (1-20-14, payroll only) and #4 for \$72,925.97 were accepted and signed.
5. The Board invites residents to give input on the 2014 budget and the town meeting warrant at its meeting on February 10. The Board will meet on February 17 even though it is a holiday. The warrant will be signed on Feb. 24.
6. The Board recommends that the discount rate remain at 1%, the interest rate for delinquent taxes remain at 3.5%, and the interest rate on overpayment of taxes remain at 0.05%. All three figures will be voted on at town meeting.
7. The Board signed letters to six past owners of tax-acquired properties, urging them to arrange payment so they can redeem their properties.
8. The Board decided to apply for the Radar Speed Trailer Loan Program through the Maine Local Roads Center. Towns are chosen by lottery. If we are chosen, we will have use of the Radar Speed Trailer for two weeks between April and November with no charge.
9. The Board received notice of a claim against the town for an incident that occurred at the town sand shed in December.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, February 3, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Linda Dartt, Debi Stephens, Katie Campbell, Charles Omell, Bonnie Hrichak

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of January 27, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #5 for \$16,563.35 was accepted and signed.
4. Open to the Public: A group of residents from the Burnham Hill Road came in to ask about cutting that was done after the ice storm in December, particularly an apple tree that was thought not to have been in the way) as well as the speed limit sign that was supposed to have been posted. The Board will remind Road Commissioner Steve Lucas that the speed limit sign needs to be reposted and the missing street sign replaced as soon as possible.
5. Open to the Public: Debi Stephens brought up some issues relating to the Town House. The Historical Society would like to save the window that is going to be removed in order to put in the new door. Debi and the Board agreed that the window, as well as the old wood stove, will be moved to the old Selectmen's office that is now used by the Historical Society. The Historical Society offered the use of their benches in the Town House.
6. We have received the construction permit from the state fire marshal's office allowing us to do the necessary work on the town house to increase capacity and abide by state fire code.
7. Glenn Couturier has agreed to moderate this year's town meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, February 10, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Herman Peaslee (budget committee), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), John York (fire chief), Peter Maruhnic

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of February 3, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #6 for \$43,525.63 was accepted and signed.
4. Bob and Jay spent four hours at the town house this week. They moved the old stove and unbolted three-quarters of the chairs. They will continue their work next week.
5. The Select Board, with input from the Budget Committee representative, fire chief, and road commissioner, discussed the 2014 budget in detail.
6. The Board reviewed a draft of the town meeting warrant.
7. The Board discussed questions from the auditor.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, February 17, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Mary Thompson (tax collector/treasurer)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of February 10, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #7 for \$5,097.51 was accepted and signed.
4. 2014 Budget: added \$3,500 from undesignated/town buildings for heat pump for town office. Jay says heat pump should pay for itself within five years. Finalized budget.
5. The Board finalized the 2014 town meeting warrant. They will sign it next week.
6. The Board discussed the annual report. Susan is working on it.
7. The Board signed five quit-claim deeds, transferring ownership back to three property owners who had lost their property to the town due to non-payment of 2011 taxes.
8. In response to requests from residents to include an article on the warrant to be able to set the hours of the town clerk and tax collector, the Select Board spoke with the clerk and tax collector, asking them to consider expanding their hours to include an additional evening or Saturday. They agreed to add Monday evenings. That office will now be open until 7:00 on Mondays and Tuesdays. The new office hours of the town clerk and tax collector are:
Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesdays 2 p.m.-7 p.m.
Wednesdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sat. 9-11 a.m.

9. Following communication with the auditor, the Board voted to amend the minutes of 1-13-14 to change the amount transferred from Snow Removal from \$4,301.90 to \$3,994.40 and to delete Plumbing Inspector from the list of accounts to which funds were transferred. They also voted to carry over \$5,432, the balance of the Record Preservation Capital Fund (established at the 2007 annual town meeting), to next year.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, February 24, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Carol Visser (animal control officer), Glenn Visser (deputy animal control officer), John York (fire chief), Sandy George

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of February 17, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #8 for \$66,472.16 was accepted and signed.
4. Carol Visser, Animal Control Officer, reported on some of her recent animal control work. The Select Board asked her to send a monthly report, as well as come to a Board meeting on a quarterly basis. Carol also told the Board that the town has access to a grant that allows us to trap, neuter, and release wild, unowned cats at no cost to the town. Residents can call the Carol for more information.
5. Cathy reported that she had a call from a resident about a mailbox being knocked down by the snowplow on Halldale Road. She talked with Steve Lucas, who contacted Jonathan Thornhill, snowplow contractor, to make him aware of the complaint. Jonathan was advised that he should be as cautious and reasonable as possible around all mailboxes.
6. The Board accepted a quote of \$3,172 from Mitchell's Roofing to replace a section of the firehouse roof with standing seam metal.
7. The Board signed the 2014 town meeting warrant and discussed the annual report.
8. Sandy George expressed dissatisfaction about the North Ridge Road not being sanded enough recently.
9. Fire Chief John York raised a number of concerns with the Board, including the heating vents on the firehouse and particular aspects of the town's insurance policy. He also informed the Board about a possible grant opportunity for a new fire truck.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, March 3, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of February 24, 2014 were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Warrant #9 for \$9,047.61 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board finalized the 2013 annual report. We will start printing it and hope to have it available for residents in the transfer station and local stores by Saturday, March 15.
5. New recycling rep: the Board appointed Stan Zeigler to serve as the town's representative to the Unity Area Regional Recycling Committee (UARRC) for a three-year term.
6. Cathy attended a recent board meeting of the Liberty Library and reported that the library has an impressive number of programs and is a great community service. The board is looking for a Montville resident to join it.
7. The Board asked Susan to develop a bid solicitation for summer mowing.

Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, March 10, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of March 3, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #10 for \$43,661.61 was accepted and signed.
4. Jay, Bob, and Cathy have been working at the Town House. The chairs are all moved. The new stove and door still need to be installed. Jay will bring some firewood for use at town meeting.
5. The 2013 annual report is printed and Cathy will take it to Augusta to be bound. We hope to have it back for distribution to residents by Friday or early next week.
6. The transfer station will be closed on Saturday, March 29 so that the attendants can attend town meeting. They will be open on Sunday, March 30 instead.
7. Jay signed the Volunteer Firefighter insurance form.
8. We received notice that the Maine Department of Transportation has included repair of guardrails and posts on the bridge on Route 173 in S. Montville in its 2014-16 work plan.

Meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, March 17, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of March 10, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #11 for \$65,021.05 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board approved the summer mowing bid solicitation sheet for the three town buildings in Center Montville and for two cemeteries. Bids are due April 14.

5. The Board reviewed the foreclosure situation. We still have four tax-acquired properties from nonpayment of taxes that foreclosed in November 2013 and two from November 2012. Four of the six former property owners have made payments in the last few weeks.

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, March 24, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), Stan Zeigler (recycling rep), Kathy Foley (Liberty Ambulance), Chris Birge (Liberty Ambulance)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of March 17, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #12 for \$1,125.98 was accepted and signed.
4. Kathy Foley and Chris Birge of Liberty Ambulance spoke to the Board about the trouble they are having with a lack of volunteers, particularly drivers and EMTs to consistently cover the weekdays. Without additional help, they are not sure they will be able to continue with the services they provide to Montville and Liberty residents. They are considering many different scenarios so they can continue to exist. They will speak at town meeting on Saturday to let residents know about what is happening.
5. Stan Zeigler, our new recycling representative, reported on a recent board meeting of the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center. The meeting considered the pros and cons of single stream recycling (a recycling system in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals, and other containers are mixed) vs. single sort recycling, which is what we currently do at the transfer station, and found that it is more cost-effective to maintain our present recycling system. The town of Brooks recently voted to withdraw from UARRC, creating a greater financial burden for the remaining towns. The UARRC Board has decided to cut the manager's position to part time. Stan stated that one of his goals is to increase recycling rates.
6. Town Meeting Prep: Bob and Jay installed the new door and installed and tested the new stove. They will finish cleaning up this week and get the water going.
7. The Board signed a supplemental tax warrant, which is a farmland withdrawal penalty.
8. We learned that we have been selected to use the DOT's Radar Speed Trailer for 2 weeks in October.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, March 31, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Jonathan Thornhill

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of March 24, 2014 were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Warrant #13 for \$8,282.31 was accepted and signed.
4. The Select Board reviewed the insurance application.
5. Jonathan Thornhill asked some questions about the plans for the packer shed. The Board set April 21 as the date that the bids are due.
6. The Board thanked Glenn Couturier for donating his time and services to the town when he served as moderator at last week's town meeting.
7. The Select Board unanimously appointed and set compensation for the following town officers:
 - Road Commissioner: Steve Lucas (\$8,000)
 - Emergency Management Director: John York (\$1,000)
 - Code Enforcement Officer: Bob Temple (\$3,000)
 - Licensed Plumbing Inspector: Bob Temple (\$500 plus fees)
 - General Assistance Administrator: Susan Shell
 - Public Access Officer: Abbie Hills
 - E-911 Addressing Officer: Cathy Roberts
 - Elections Warden: Mary Thompson
 They also set compensation of \$4,000 for Fire Chief John York (who does not need to be reappointed every year). All appointments are for one year.
8. The Board reappointed Debbi Lasky and John Twomey to three-year terms on the Appeals Board.
9. The Board approved the list of ballot clerks submitted to them by Town Clerk Abbie Hills. The ballot clerks serve for two-year terms.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, April 7, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Sandy George

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of March 31, 2014 were accepted.
3. Open to the Public: Sandy George asked about plans to repair the North Ridge Road. There are a couple of very bad spots. The Board will clarify with Road Commissioner Steve Lucas what his plans are.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #14 for \$44,428.95 was accepted and signed. On April 1, 2014, Jay signed warrant #13A (payroll only) for \$41.00.
5. The Select Board reviewed the insurance application. They discussed whether to request an exclusion from liability coverage for the town's four tax-acquired properties that included dwellings. They delayed making a decision in hopes that the previous owners will redeem their properties before July 1st, when the new insurance policy begins. Jay signed the application.
6. The Select Board accepted the resignation of Carol Visser as Animal Control Officer with an appreciation of the good work she has done for the town for the past several years.
7. The assessors started planning their spring assessing visits.

8. Cathy reported that she and Sandy George attended last week's School Board meeting about next year's school budget.
9. The Board decided to meet on April 21, Patriots' Day, even though it is a state holiday and the clerk's office will be closed.

Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, April 14, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), Sandy George, Sandy Palmer

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of April 7, 2014 were accepted.
3. The Board appointed Peter E. Nerber to be the town's new Animal Control Officer and Peter A. Nerber to be the Deputy ACO. Both men are from Palermo and currently serve as ACO/Deputy ACO for the towns of Palermo, Albion, and China. The compensation will remain the same as last year: \$1,000 plus mileage for the ACO and \$12.04/hour plus mileage for the Deputy ACO.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #15 for \$10,811.89 was accepted and signed.
5. The Board opened the one bid for mowing that it received. Because the amount of the bid was significantly higher than the amount the town budgeted for mowing, the Board decided to extend the deadline for bids for two more weeks.
6. The Board asked Road Commissioner Steve Lucas to make a list of the projects he is going to work on this summer: ditching, culverts, bridges, and roadside mowing.
7. The Board reviewed and okayed a letter to be sent to all personal property owners.

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, April 21, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), John York (Fire Chief), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Fran Gonzalez, Tom Hrichak, Bonnie Hrichak, Kathryn Campbell, Charles Omell

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of April 14, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #16 for \$1,561.77 was accepted and signed.
4. Fire Chief John York informed the Select Board of several items.
 - a. The Fire Department is applying for a Safety Enhancement Grant from Maine Municipal Association for \$2,000 for two lightweight composite self-contained breathing apparatus bottles and a multi-gas detector.

- b. Residents can now get burn permits on-line for a fee. Part of the fee will be returned to the town.
 - c. John asked if any of the Select Board would like to attend a fire chiefs' training on May 4 from 8-4.
 - d. Some members of the fire department will be attending a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care training in May.
 - e. The Board signed the Waldo County Incident Management Support Agreement.
5. Five residents of the Burnham Hill Road expressed concerns about widening on their road, excessive speed, frequent trucks driving on the road, effects of winter sanding, and other issues. After a long discussion, the Board made the following specific plans regarding the road: a) Cathy will contact the sheriff's office again to ask them to follow up with their offer to monitor speed on the road, b) the Board will discuss with Road Commissioner Steve Lucas the citizens' concerns about widening, ditching, and grading, and c) the residents will provide the Board with the names of trucks that frequently travel fast on the road so that the Board can contact those companies informing them of the drivers' speed and letting them know that a possible next step is to close the road to truck traffic.
 6. The Board will begin assessing visits in the next couple of weeks.
 7. The Board signed letters to five of the previous owners of tax-acquired property, giving them until May 9 to pay their 2011 taxes.
 8. The Board accepted a bid in the amount of \$3,628.06 from Jonathan Thornhill of Construction Unlimited to build a shed for the packer truck.
 9. Upon request from Fire Chief John York, the Board decided to edit item #4 of the minutes of 3-31-14 as follows: "The Board decided against increasing the insurance coverage on mobile equipment on three of the fire trucks, as well as on three of the fire trucks themselves, as requested by Fire Chief John York, because the Board feels the current coverage is adequate. The additional coverage would cost the town \$450-500."

Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, April 28, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), Sandy Palmer, Sandy George

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of April 21, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrants #17 for \$68,219.08 and #17A for \$139.00 were accepted and signed.
4. The Board discussed summer road plans with road commissioner Steve Lucas.
5. The Board opened four mowing bids for the town buildings, Mount Repose Cemetery, and Greenwood Cemetery. The Board accepted Sandy Palmer's bid of \$6,300.

Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, May 5, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of April 28, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #18 for \$16,000.13 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board continued to discuss summer road maintenance plans with road commissioner Steve Lucas.
5. The Board approved a bid packet for this year's paving project(s): about one-half mile at the east end of the Burnham Hill Road and possibly one-half mile of the south end of the Halldale Road. Susan will prepare an ad to go in the paper next week and the bids will be due June 9.
6. Tax-acquired properties: One property owner paid off his 2011 taxes. A quit-claim deed will be signed next week. Five foreclosed properties remain, three with dwellings and two that are land only.

Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, May 12, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), Sheriff Jeff Trafton, Tom Hrichak, Bonnie Hrichak, Kathryn Campbell, Charles Omell

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of May 5, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #19 for \$9,715.93 was accepted and signed.
4. Sheriff Jeff Trafton attended the meeting to report on efforts to curb speeding on the Burnham Hill Road. Last week, one violation and one warning were issued. The residents who attended the meeting reported that they have noticed less speeding since the presence of law enforcement. They informed Sheriff Trafton of particular regular speeders and the sheriff said he will contact them.
5. The Board signed two quit-claim deeds, returning tax-acquired properties to their original owners, after receiving full payment for 2011 taxes. They discussed the next step for the four remaining tax-acquired properties.
6. The Board signed multiple copies of the Warrant and Notice of Election for the RSU 3 budget validation referendum, which will be held on Tuesday, June 10.
7. The Board discussed Fire Chief John York's request to erect firehouse signs on Route 220 and to create a new road name at Frye Mountain and erect signs for it. No decisions were made.
8. Jay signed the state renewal application/license for transportation of nonhazardous waste for the packer truck.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, May 19, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), Sandy George

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of May 12, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #20 for \$67,511.66 was accepted and signed.
4. Sandy George asked Road Commissioner Steve Lucas about his plans for work on the North Ridge Road. Parts of the road will be rebuilt this summer. Sandy suggested that it might be more economical and more environmentally friendly to pave more of our gravel roads.
5. First Selectman Jay LeGore reconciled the monthly bank statements with the weekly treasurer's reports, checking to be sure each cashed check was accounted for on the warrants, on March 4, 2014 (for January 2014), April 4, 2014 (for February 2014), and May 6, 2014 (for March 2014).
6. The Board reviewed the outstanding tax-acquired properties.
7. The Board accepted the proposal of Sundog Solar for a heat pump for the town office, one of three companies that submitted bids.
8. The Board discussed the fact that during the last two winters, the town's solar panels have come slightly short of providing enough electricity for all town buildings for 12 months. We are quite sure this is due to snow on the panels blocking the sunlight during the winter. The Board discussed possible remedies: installing metal roofing below the panels, adding additional panels, and looking at ways we can reduce electrical usage in the buildings.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, June 2, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of May 19, 2014 were accepted. There was no meeting on May 26, 2014.
3. Treasurer's Warrants #21 for \$1,673.83 and #22 for \$22,244.96 were accepted and signed.
4. The Board reviewed the four remaining tax-acquired properties. Jay visited Sandra Edgcomb last week. She confirmed that she does not want to keep her foreclosed property; the Board will proceed with selling it. Later this week Cathy will call or visit the 2nd property owner. Cathy and Bob will meet with the family of the 3rd. Susan is in communication with the interested parties of the 4th.
5. The Board decided to add a road on Frye Mountain to our E-911 system: High Bridge Road, the first road on the right off of the Carter Ridge Road. We will order a road sign, at the request of John York, Emergency Management Director.

6. The Board decided to renew its agreement with Harcros to buy winter salt at \$57.21/ton for next winter. We will increase the amount from 225 to 250 tons. We are obligated to buy 75% of that amount (187.5 tons) and the price is guaranteed for up to 125% of the amount (312.5 tons). The amount of salt we have used in each of the last six winters has ranged from 216 to 281 tons.
7. The Board discussed logistical details for this year's roll-off, to be held July 12-13.
8. The transfer station will be open on Saturday, July 5 for regular hours.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, June 9, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Steve Lucas (road commissioner), Cory Nutting (Lane Construction), Jamie Ward (All States Asphalt), Ralph J. Helms (Wellman Paving), Bonnie Hrichak, Tom Hrichak, Katie Campbell, Charles Omell, Monique Kady, Sharon Hibbard, Fran Gonzalez

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of June 2, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #23 for \$5,898.97 was accepted and signed.
4. The bids for paving a half-mile of Burnham Hill and a half-mile of Halldale were opened. The Board awarded the paving to Lane Construction Corporation of Washington. They submitted the lowest bid @ \$153,270.
5. Several residents from Burnham Hill Road voiced their concerns regarding safety and excessive speeding from trucks and vehicles. They also discussed how the width of the road has expanded over the last 10 years and how they feel this adds to the problem. The residents have requested that the road be closed to trucks over a 6-ton limit. The Board will send a letter to local trucking companies notifying them of the speeding issues on Burnham Hill and that the Board is considering further action if the situation is not mitigated. Jay will consult the Maine Department of Transportation Local Roads Office. The residents presented trucking company names and vehicular license plate numbers of those who appeared to be speeding. The Board will give this information to the Waldo County's Sheriff's Office. At the request of the residents, the Board and Road Commissioner Steve Lucas agreed to erect a "children playing" sign and move one of the speed limit signs to make it more visible.
6. The Board discussed the status of foreclosures. They will continue to research options for resolving outstanding issues and take action accordingly.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, June 16, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of June 9, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #24 for \$8,793.11 was accepted and signed.
4. Tax-acquired properties: the Freeman property was paid off last week. There is one remaining tax-acquired dwelling and two parcels that are land only. The Board has already decided to sell the Edgecomb (land-only) lot, at the request of the previous owner. If the final land-only lot is not able to be redeemed by the previous owner, the Board will put both land lots out for bid. The Board wrote a letter to MMA Risk Management requesting an exclusion from liability coverage for the one remaining dwelling.
5. Burnham Hill Road: In response to requests from residents of Burnham Hill, the Board and Road commissioner have completed the following in the past week: moved speed limit sign and cut brush to make signs more visible, ordered two "children at play" signs, initiated consultation with Maine DOT Local Roads, drafted letter to companies whose drivers have been seen speeding on the road, gave list of chronic speeders to sheriff's office.
6. The Board granted a request by the Historical Society to open up the town office so that the bathroom can be used during an event on June 27.
7. We received an Action Plan from our insurance company regarding items that need to be addressed in our town buildings. We must reply within 30 days stating how we plan to address the issues and we must remedy the issues by August 12.

Meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, June 23, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of June 16, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #25 for \$61,632.39, including the June school bill, was accepted and signed.
4. The Board signed a quit-claim deed to a previous owner of tax-acquired property.
5. The Board discussed which type of insurance to carry on town buildings. They will discuss it further next week after getting more information from MMA Risk Management, our insurance carrier.
6. At the request of the Planning Board, the Board discussed the issue of junkyards in order to give the Planning Board clarity regarding the town's stance on junkyards. The Select Board asked Code Enforcement Officer Bob Temple to come to its meeting next week to help them figure out what choices small towns have regarding regulating junkyards.
7. At the request of the road commissioner, the Board discussed the fact that the town plows an extra mile of road so that a Palermo resident can reach his home in the winter. There are several cases in which we trade another town for plowing vs. grading, or we plow a section of a town's road and they plow a section of ours, but we do not have such an agreement with Palermo. The Board will discuss the possibility of making an arrangement with Palermo.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, June 30, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Bob Temple (code enforcement officer), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of June 23, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #26 for \$12,351.96 was accepted and signed.
4. Code Enforcement Officer Bob Temple discussed junkyards with the Board. Jay stated that his only concern with junkyards is pollution, an issue that can be referred to the Maine Department of Motor Vehicles and Bureau of Motor Vehicles for enforcement. Jay will attend the Planning Board meeting next week when they meet with the owner of the new scrap metal operation on Route 3.
5. Because of cost, the Board decided to pave just a half-mile of the Burnham Hill Road (\$76,635), and not the half-mile section of the Halldale Road that it was considering, which was also bid at \$76,635.
6. The Board decided not to make changes to the insurance on town buildings this year, staying with replacement cost rather than actual cost value.
7. The Board signed a letter that will be sent to companies and businesses whose trucks have been allegedly speeding on the Burnham Hill Road, asking them to instruct their drivers to slow down.
8. The Waldo County Sheriff's office set up a radar trailer on the Burnham Hill Road one day last week. Traffic was monitored from about 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The graphs showed that 39 vehicles passed through during these seven hours. The average speed was 26 MPH. Only one vehicle was clocked as driving faster than 35 MPH (at 46 MPH). The speed limit on the road is 25 MPH.
9. The Board adopted Appendix A of the 2014-15 General Assistance Ordinance.
10. The Board voted for Kathy Littlefield of Waldo and Galen Larrabee of Knox to serve on the MMA Legislative Policy Committee.
11. The Assessors set the 2014 certified ratio, the percentage of just value upon which local assessments are made, at 98%.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, July 7, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of June 30, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #27 for \$11,773.99 was accepted and signed.

4. The Board reviewed tax-acquired properties, action plan for town buildings, and Palermo plowing, but took no action on any of them.
5. In addition to paving a half-mile of the Burnham Hill Road this summer, the Board decided to also have Lane grind (only) a half-mile section of the Halldale Road (on the southerly end) for \$8,424. Next summer Lane will complete the paving job.
6. The Board committed the 2014 property taxes. The mil rate increased slightly, from 16.2 to 16.6.
7. The Montville Fire Department received an MMA Safety Enhancement Grant for two-thirds of the cost of a multi gas meter, not to exceed \$463.33

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, July 14, 2014

Present: Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Sandy George

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of July 7, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #28 for \$15,947.60 was accepted and signed.
4. Open to the Public: Sandy George came on behalf of the Grange, inquiring about taxes owed. She thought the Town voted in the 1950s to exempt both the current Grange and the South Montville Grange. She asked if the Board could further investigate.
5. The Board considered a nomination for the Spirit of America Award for outstanding community service.
6. Thank you to the crew (Bob, Brad, Jack, and Levi) for a successful roll-off weekend. All went well except the Town's loader broke down and Steve Lucas had to bring his. DM&J, the waste haulers, will provide a proposal to the Board for handling the entire roll-off next year. They will provide a comprehensive price for having their staff work the weekend, as well as handle the operations. They would also take some items that we do not take, such as large propane cylinders and cans of used paint.
7. Bob reported that he conducted an on-site visit of the Burnham Hill Road with Peter Coughlan of the Local Roads Center of the Maine Department of Transportation to discuss the issues on that road.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, July 21, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Shirley Freeman, Wayne Harriman, David Harriman

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of July 14, 2014 were accepted.

3. Shirley Freeman, Wayne Harriman, and David Harriman asked questions about their tax bills.
4. Treasurer's Warrant #29 for \$75,739.83 was accepted and signed.
5. The Board nominated Peggy McKenna as the Montville recipient of the Spirit of America Award for outstanding community service.
6. Jay completed the Local Roads Assistance program certification form.
7. The Assessors signed an affidavit correcting the recent tax commitment because of a recurring problem in the tax assessment program.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, July 28, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Ana Antaki, Roy Antaki

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of July 21, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #30 for \$3,316.00 was accepted and signed.
4. Ana and Roy Antaki spoke to the Board regarding a concern about their road.
5. The Board signed a letter to Dan Whittier, Loss Control Consultant at MMA Risk Management, stating that we are in the process of addressing the items on the recently received Action Plan and hope to complete the process by the end of September.

Meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, August 4, 2014

Present: Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Mary Thompson (treasurer/tax collector), Peter Nerber (animal control officer)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of July 28, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #31 for \$23,140.45 was accepted and signed.
4. Animal Control Officer Peter Nerber reported to the Board on some recent incidents.
5. Treasurer Mary Thompson reported to the Board that Sullivan's is several months behind in reimbursements to the town for tipping fees.
6. The Board reviewed progress on the Action Plan for town buildings.
7. The Board decided to send out solicitations for winter sand bids, using the same amount and dates as last year.

Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, August 11, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Bonnie Hrichak, Kate Campbell, Charles Omell, Sandy George

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of August 4, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #32 for \$22,433.42 was accepted and signed.
4. Residents from Burnham Hill requested an update on the meeting with DOT representative, Peter Coughlan. Mr. Coughlan requested to meet only with a representative from the Board. Bob Price prepared a report of this meeting and highlighted the important points discussed. The Board is waiting for Peter Coughlan's report and will share it with residents. Speed monitoring of Burnham Hill will continue. There appears to be some reduction in trucks speeding, possibly a result from a letter the Board sent to trucking companies that their drivers are in violation of the 25 mph limit. Speed monitoring will continue. Discussion on establishing a fixed road width is still ongoing.
5. The Union Harvest Grange is requesting the Board to research property tax exemption for the Grange. Sandy George believes the town voted in the 1950s to exempt the Grange from paying property taxes. However, Jay felt that because the town took over the Grange building until recently, there was an interruption in ownership that may have not been "grandfathered." This would imply that the Grange would have to reapply for an exemption now that they are owners again. He will check with MMA and Maine Revenue for clarification.
6. Sandy George also requested clarification on the definition of "off grid" and "on grid" used for tax assessing purposes. Jay will provide this at a later date.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, August 18, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Sandy George

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of August 11, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #33 for \$80,399.47 was accepted and signed.
4. Discussion of tax exemption for the Grange for the 2014 tax year with Sandy George continued. Jay agreed to provide new information to Maine Municipal Association and Maine Revenue Services and re-ask the question regarding exemption.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jay LeGore

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, August 25, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of August 18, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #34 for \$25,169.29 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board open the two winter sand bids that were received and accepted the lower one, from Lucas Construction.
5. The Board cast its ballot for Harry Dean Potter of Palermo for Waldo County Budget Committee District 3 Representative.
6. The Board signed a letter to Gary Stacey, Plant Controller at Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, temporarily suspending the town's agreement with Sullivan's Waste Disposal in which the town gets tonnage credit for household waste transported to PERC by Sullivan's from dumpsters located at private residences in Montville. The board took this action because Sullivan's is several months behind in reimbursing the town.
7. Jay signed the town's annual contract with Newburgh Associates.
8. Jay signed an insurance exclusion for property and liability coverage on a piece of tax-acquired property.
9. Winter Fuel: The Board decided to pre-buy 700 gallons of #2 oil at \$3.269 for the town office (450) and garage (250) and 500 gallons of propane at \$2.229 for the firehouse from Downeast Energy (formerly Thompson's). Its prices were better than Maritime Energy's.

Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, September 8, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of August 25, 2014 were accepted. There was no meeting on September 1.
3. Treasurer's Warrants #35 for \$2,581.21 dated 9-2-14 and #36 for \$36,346.41 dated 9-8-14 were accepted and signed.
4. The Board reviewed in detail the Action Plan, the list of improvements to buildings recommended by the Town's insurance company. The Selectpeople and Administrative Assistant are actively working on remediating the items in the action plan.
5. The Board discussed remaining work that needs to be done on the Town House.
6. Winter Fuel: The Board signed contracts with Downeast Energy for 700 gallons of #2 oil and 500 gallons of propane.
7. The Board signed two tree growth recertification letters and one tree growth acceptance letter.

8. Cathy informed us that transfer station attendants Bob Demers and Brad Peters recently completed Core Training Sessions 1: Transfer Station Operations and #2: Reporting Requirements and Report Preparation.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, September 15, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of September 8, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #37 for \$20,910.32 was accepted and signed.
4. First Selectman Jay LeGore reconciled the monthly bank statements with the weekly treasurer's reports, checking to be sure each cashed check was accounted for on the warrants, on June 16, 2014 (for April 2014), July 19, 2014 (for May 2014), July 23 (for June 2014), and August 27 (for July 2014).
5. Jay and Susan reported on the work they did on the Action Plan. Bob replaced the railings outside the town office last week.
6. The Board signed ten farmland program reminder letters.
7. The Board reviewed and approved the 2014 Sales Ratio Study.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, September 22, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Herman Peaslee

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of September 15, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #38 for \$85,877.86 was accepted and signed.
4. First Selectman Jay LeGore reported that he reconciled the monthly bank statement for August 2014 with the weekly treasurer's reports, checking to be sure each cashed check was accounted for on the warrants.
5. The Board signed a letter to MMA Risk Management stating that the items on the Action Plan are either complete or almost complete. The work included the following tasks:
 - Cutting back overgrown brush from the sand shed,
 - Repairing a bow in the back wall of the garage and fascia on the garage exterior,
 - Hanging a fire extinguisher, securing a conduit, and reducing clutter inside the garage,
 - Installing light covers and repairing the eye wash system at the transfer station,
 - Reviewing and updating the town's HazCom policy and other safety programs,
 - Fixing emergency lights and removing items stored in the boiler room at the town office.

6. The Board adopted an updated Hazard Communication Program.

Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, September 29, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of September 22, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #39 for \$136,867.97 was accepted and signed, including the 2014 county tax assessment of \$135,753.85.
4. The Board discussed some of the work that they are currently doing on the Town House, such as plans to install a wheelchair ramp and a transom window above the new door.
5. Jay and Bob cleaned the garage this week. They discussed with Steve Lucas which of the materials can be used by the town and which should be discarded.

Meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, October 6, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of September 29, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #40 for \$15,488.27 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board approved a request by the local snowmobile club to continue to use the snowmobile trail behind the firehouse this winter.
5. The Board will not meet next Monday, October 13, as it is a state holiday.
6. A public hearing on adoption of General Assistance Appendices B and C (food and housing) will be held on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

NO MEETING ON OCT. 13, 2014 (HOLIDAY)

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, October 20, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Karen York, Peter Weston, David Jacobson, Suzanna McKnight, and Doug McKnight

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of Oct. 6, 2014 were accepted. There was no meeting on Oct. 13 (holiday).
3. Treasurer's Warrants #41 for \$1,210.92 (payroll only), #42 for \$66,797.20, and #42A for \$800 were accepted and signed.
4. The Board signed the 2014 Municipal Valuation Report.
5. The Board adopted General Assistance Appendices B and C (food and housing).
6. Karen York announced that the Montville Fire Dept is collecting empty ink cartridges. People can drop them off at the town house or call Karen at 382-3077 to make other arrangements for large quantities.
7. Residents from the Choate Road voiced their concern regarding excessive speeding from school buses, fuel delivery trucks, and cars. The Board agreed to look into purchasing fluorescent signs alerting traffic to a dangerous curve, and to send letters to local fuel companies, RSU 20, and RSU 3 alerting them that their drivers may be speeding, as well as contact the Sheriff's office to arrange police monitoring for speeding drivers.
8. The Board will send a letter of appreciation to the companies who had been previously identified as having drivers speeding on Burnham Hill. Residents have noticed a slight shift in driving patterns.

Meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, October 27, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Greg Hills, Terry Fischer

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of October 20, 2014 were tabled.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #43 for \$1,838.33 was accepted and signed.
4. Greg and Terry came to discuss the tax valuation of the Grange. The Board agreed to review the valuation.

Meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jay LeGore

NO MEETING ON NOVEMBER 3 (SNOW STORM)

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, November 10, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of Oct. 20 and Oct. 27, 2014 were accepted. There was no meeting on Nov. 3 due to power outage as a result of the snowstorm.

3. Treasurer's Warrants #44 for \$22,928.93 and #45 for \$77,244.10 were accepted and signed.
4. As a follow up from complaints from residents of the Choate Road about speeding on that road, Cathy has called RSU 3 and RSU 20 to ask school bus drivers to slow down, as well as calling Sheriff Jeff Trafton to alert him of the speeding problem. Susan will send letters from the Board to companies whose trucks use the road frequently.
5. The Board received a right-to-know request from attorney William Kelly, representing Kay and Harley Larrabee, regarding the Isthmus Road. Cathy and/or Susan will draft a letter to Mr. Kelly, and ask assistance of Abbie Hills, the town's Freedom of Access Officer. The Board discovered an error in how the Isthmus Road is represented on the town's E-911 maps, which the Board will correct.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, November 17, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of Nov. 10 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #46 for \$64,129.80 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board approved the addition of a new road name. The old gravel pit road off of the N. Mountain Valley Highway will be called "Peaceful Valley Lane," at the request of new residents who are building there.
5. The Board and the road commissioner discussed which signs to purchase to warn drivers of the sharp curve on the Choate Road.
6. The Board discussed the need to keep the edge of roadways clear of rocks and other obstacles so that town roads can be safely plowed.

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, November 24, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Jonathan Thornhill

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of Nov. 17 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #47 for \$3,062.47 was accepted and signed.
4. Jonathan Thornhill inquired about the legal status of the Isthmus Road and, specifically, whether the public easement on the road has ever been extinguished. To the best of the Board's knowledge, the road was never discontinued. It is thought to be abandoned by non-maintenance since 1965, in which case a public easement on the road remains.

5. The Board will purchase four “chevron” signs to erect at the sharp curve on the Choate Road, two in each direction.
6. Tax Collector Mary Thompson informed the Board that ten properties with eight property owners foreclosed on Nov. 21 for nonpayment of 2012 property taxes. The town now owns those properties. One person paid Monday night. Of the remaining seven, four have been in communication with Mary and/or the Board about paying off the debt. The Board sent letters to four of the property owners.
7. Jay LeGore reconciled the monthly bank statement for September 2014 with the weekly treasurer’s reports, checking to be sure that each cashed check was accounted for on the warrants.

Meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, December 1, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of Nov. 24 were accepted.
3. Treasurer’s Warrant #48 for \$11,929.93 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board cast their ballot for Joseph Dunn of Howland for Municipal Review Committee director.
5. Foreclosure update: one landowner paid off his 2012 taxes and another paid off a portion. Six pieces remain in foreclosure.
6. Jay LeGore reconciled the monthly bank statement for October 2014 with the weekly treasurer’s reports, checking to be sure that each cashed check was accounted for on the warrants.

Meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, December 8, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of Dec. 1, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer’s Warrant #49 for \$31,156.64 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board signed four quitclaim deeds, transferring town-acquired properties back to the original owners after they paid their 2012 taxes.
5. The Board discussed the need for a better reporting system for assessing, including the possibility of a building notification ordinance. In lieu of a new ordinance, the Board will attempt to improve the current property declaration form by putting it on the town website

and sending out emails, in addition to including it in the annual report, as it currently is.

Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, December 15, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and the minutes of Dec. 8, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #50 for \$66,055.46 was accepted and signed.
4. The Board signed one quitclaim deed, transferring town-acquired property back to the original owner after the 2012 taxes were paid.

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Roberts

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, Dec. 22, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The minutes of Dec. 15, 2014 were accepted
3. Treasurer's Warrant #51 for \$1,755.87 was accepted and signed.
4. Abbie Hills was reappointed Registrar of Voters for two years.
5. We recieved an abatement application from the Grange.
6. Jay LeGore reconciled the monthly bank statement for November 2014 with the weekly treasurer's reports, checking to be sure that each cashed check was accounted for on the warrants.

Meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jay LeGore

Montville Board of Selectmen Meeting– Monday, Dec. 29, 2014

Present: Jay LeGore (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob Price (3rd Selectperson), Susan Shell (administrative assistant), Steve Lucas (road commissioner)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Montville Town Office.
2. The agenda and minutes of Dec. 22, 2014 were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Warrant #52 for \$1,632.51 was accepted and signed.
4. Road Commissioner Steve Lucas reported on some of the roads work he has done recently, including grading the Penney Road and adding gravel to several roads.

5. It was reported to the Board that the crypt door at Mount Repose Cemetery is falling off.
The Board will look into repairing it in the spring.
6. The Assessors reviewed a couple of abatement applications it has received.

Meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shell

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