

EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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RUN TO RALLY DAY AND LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

On Saturday, September 12th, start off your day by running and end it by enjoying fireworks at the 10th ANNUAL RALLY DAY. Join your friends and neighbors for the FUN RUN over roads, through fields and woods. Registration for kids starts at 8:30 a.m. and for adults at 9:00 a.m. Spend the day participating in the PARADE, playing GAMES, testing your knowledge in the EAST MONTPELIER TRIVIA CONTEST, entering your talents in the TOWN FAIR and PHOTO CONTEST, having your photo taken sitting on a FIRE TRUCK and, of course, EATING. The Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary will again please our palates with homemade delectables for BREAKFAST and sandwiches for LUNCH. They also serve beverages, bagels and donuts. Their prices are reasonable, so eat heartily! NEW this year will be a LASAGNA DINNER at the Old Brick Church. With Rally Day's afternoon activities, you can work up an appetite so you can devour the lasagna, salad, bread and brownies a la mode!

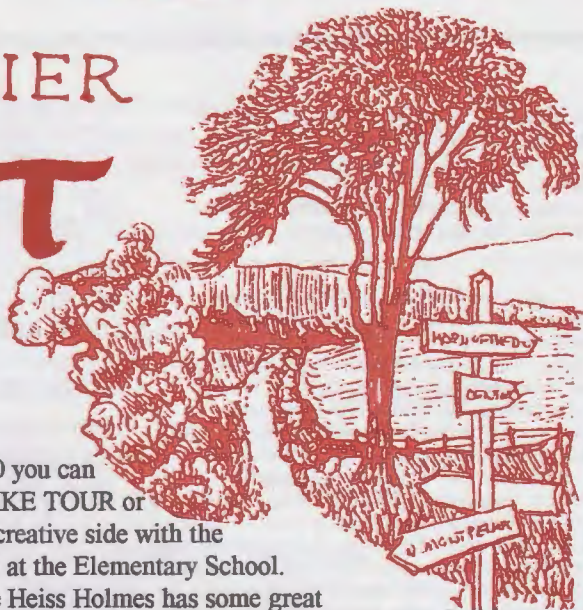
And how will you spend your afternoon? This year's MEMORY HOUR at the Four Corners Schoolhouse is sure to draw a crowd with the topic, "NATURAL DISASTERS, ACCIDENTS, and MURDERS in EAST MONTPELIER". The Schoolhouse will also sponsor a PERENNIAL PLANT SALE and BOOK SALE in the morning.

At 2:00 you can choose a BIKE TOUR or show your creative side with the ART HIKE at the Elementary School. Heidemarie Heiss Holmes has some great ways to discover the artist in all of us! Throughout the day be sure to check out the SIGNPOST SILENT AUCTION. The items and services offered are highly desirable and the proceeds help keep the Signpost coming to your doorstep every other month. Late afternoon will highlight the CARROLL BADGER MEMORIAL HIKE. The evening brings us our first FAMILY BINGO game at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. our first ever FIREWORKS. Both of these events will take place at the Elementary School.

There are many more activities throughout the day, most of them taking place at the Elementary School. The RALLY DAY SCHEDULE will be enclosed with your tax bills, and will also be at the Town Hall. For more information or to donate to the SILENT AUCTION, call Jane Burroughs at 229-2107.

RALLY DAY FIREWORKS CELEBRATE EAST MONTPELIER'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

On September 12 at 8:30 p.m., fireworks donated by East Montpelier resident Dave Swenson will mark the beginning of East Montpelier's Sesquicentennial. In January 1849 East Montpelier separated from Montpelier to become its own municipality. Much of the work for this separation took place in 1848. The fireworks will announce to the world that we're glad that this event took place. There will be many celebrations throughout the upcoming year honoring our Sesquicentennial. At Rally Day you can buy Sesquicentennial Calendars that feature old photographs of East Montpelier for \$8, and you can order Sesquicentennial Commemorative Plates for \$25. The plates are a limited special edition made right here in East Montpelier by Jennifer Boyer of Thistle Hill Pottery. The calendars will be keepsakes, and the plates heirlooms marking this important time in East Montpelier's history. Don't miss your opportunity to buy them.



THE EAST MONTPELIER SAMPLER

HOUSE.

Petitions Referred. Of Joseph A. Wing and others of Plainfield and J A S White and others of Northfield, for a new bank at Montpelier. Of Aziel Spaulding and 376 others, for a division of the town of Montpelier, to select a committee of five, consisting of Messrs Converse, Beardsley, Needham, Catlin, and Streeter.

An act to divide the town of Montpelier.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, as follows:

Sec. 1 The town of Montpelier is hereby divided and incorporated into two distinct towns, by a line drawn from the Northwest corner of lot number twenty-one in the fourth division of lots in said town, to the northeast corner of lot number twenty-two, in said division; *etc. to show new boundaries.*

Sec. 2. That portion of said town lying southerly and westerly of said line, shall hereafter be called and known by the name Montpelier; and that portion lying northerly and easterly of said line shall hereafter be called and known by the name of East Montpelier; and each of said towns, hereby created, shall have, possess and enjoy the same powers, privileges and immunities with all other incorporated towns in the State.

Sec 3. The paupers now supported by the town of Montpelier, and such persons as have removed and may hereafter become chargeable to said towns, as paupers, shall hereafter be supported at the equal expense of towns Montpelier and East Montpelier, in proportion to their respective grand list at the time such expense shall occur.

Sec 5. The town records of the present town of Montpelier, and all papers and files, now by law kept in the town clerk's office of said town, shall hereafter be deposited and kept in the town clerk's office of the town of Montpelier, hereafter incorporated; and all copies of said records which shall hereafter be made and certified, in due form of law, of (East) Montpelier, hereby incorporated, shall have the same credit and effect that is by law given to copies and certificates made by the town clerk of other towns in this State.

Sec 10. The grand list of said town of Montpelier and East Montpelier, hereby created for the year 1848, shall be the list of the persons and property situated within the territorial limits of each of said towns respectively, as made up by the listers of the present town of Montpelier, for said year.

Sec 11. The said town of Montpelier and East Montpelier shall become organized, and the first meetings, respectively, shall be called and holden, in the manner prescribed by section eight of chapter thirteen of the Revised Statutes.

Sec 12. This act, for the purpose of calling a meeting of the voters of each of said towns, for the organization of their respective towns, on the first day of January next, shall take effect from and after its passage; and for all other purposes this act shall take effect the first day of January 1849.

1848

NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS
NEW CASH STORE
KEITH AND BARKER, FASHIONABLE DRY GOODS



JUST RECEIVED!

A Large assortment of CURLS, FREZETTS, AND WIGS;
Also ROSE COMPOUND, a beautiful article
Opposite the bank, by P. G. SMITH

Musical Instruments.

E. D & G. G. NYE Manufacturers of SERAPHONES, Piano and Key MELODEONS, of various sizes and prices with Rosewood, Black Walnut and Mahogany cases, at North Montpelier, Vt.

We invite the attention of those wishing to purchase any of the above kinds of Instruments, and ask their patronage also, should the quality of tone, workmanship and prices meet their approbation.

Orders for instruments from abroad punctually noticed. Repairs of all kinds of Musical instruments thoroughly done and tuning to suit the best critics or no pay.
North Montpelier, Oct. 1848

Farm for Sale

LYING in Montpelier, almost two miles from the village, on the west county road, leading from Montpelier to Calais, containing fifty-seven acres, divided into mowing, pasturing and wood, land, with good and convenient buildings thereon. Payment made easy. For further particulars inquire of the subscriber on the premises.

Montpelier, Oct., 1848 BENJAMIN H. PIERCE

S. WINGLE TOW RYE STRAW

WANTED, at the PAPER MILL, in payment of accounts, or in exchange for Books or Paper.

E. P. Walton & Sons
66w

Feb 8, 1848

OFFICIAL

The Gold assayed ---Extraordinary Purity
We publish below the official letter of the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia to the Secretary of the Treasury, showing the assay of Clifornia gold.

The gold assayed yielded 36,492. he purity is extraordinary, the gold dust yielding 98 2-3 pure gold the melted gold yielding within 6,1000, or six dollars in the one thousand dollars, of the mint standard of 900. This far exceeds the expectations of the most sanguine, and place the extraordinary purity of the gold beyond controversy.
Union, Dec. 13.

EAST MONTPELIER

The Free Democracy of East Montpelier are requested to meet at the Methodist meeting house, at the center of said town on Thursday, the 30th day of August, instant, at 2 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of nominating a suitable person to represent said town, in the General Assembly of this State, for the year ensuing; and to transact any other business thought proper when met. A full attendance is requested.

By order of the town committee
East Montpelier, Aug 14, 1849

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Complete
Barre, Harvey Tilden, g
Berlin, Orrin Smith
Calais, E.C. McLoud
Duxbury, E.W. Corse
East Montpelier, N.C. King, new town
Fayston, Jacob Boyce
Marshfield, none fed 1 y
Middlesex, John Poor
Montpelier, J.A. Yail, g
Moretown, Dennis Childs, g
Northfield, Geo. B. Pierce
Plainfield, F.B. Hall, g
Roxbury, Dexter Sampson
Waitsfield, none f.s.l.y.
Warren, Wm. Rankin
Waterbury, none f.s.l.y.
Worcester, none f.s.l.y.

THE SIGNPOST'S SUPPORTERS MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. THANKS!

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Hugh C. & Marah Hawkins
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George & Margaret Hood
Albert & Betty Jerome
Charlotte M. Karr

Marion Kreis
Wally Macnow & Berta
Scott-Macnow
Paul & Elaine Manghi
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Mary Ann Rob
Samuel & Barbara Starr
Cynthia Tomaszewicz
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The Signpost welcomes contributions. Any amount would be gratefully received - \$5, \$10, \$25, even \$50. Send your donation to Anne Sherman, The Signpost, 315 Putnam Road, East Montpelier, VT 05651-4119. All new contributors will be recognized in the next issue.

TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

Our special fall issue celebrates East Montpelier's sesqui-centennial. The action to divide Montpelier into two towns took place in the fall of 1848, with the final law taking effect January 1, 1849.

We've created a mini-newspaper taken from 1848-9 newspapers in the State Library. Our "East Montpelier Sampler" contains parts of news articles relating to the division from Montpelier and the creation of the new town of East Montpelier. It shows the earliest committee to propose the change, the actual law to divide, and finally the election of our town's first representative to the legislature. Scattered in among these news items are typical advertisements of the day, some local.

These extracts come from "The Vermont Watchman and State Journal" and the "Green Mountain Freeman" in the State Library. Janet Macleod and I viewed them on a microfilm reader and had them copied. They suggest the flavor of the local newspapers of the time.

On these pages are verbal snapshots of what the town must have looked like in 1849. We have also used early photographs of different parts of town to enhance the text, although we know that there were no cameras in 1849. Many researchers and writers have made this all possible, and we are very grateful to them.

Jean Cate

EAST VILLAGE

by Gladys Dunkling, Phyllis Duso, Ruth Frost

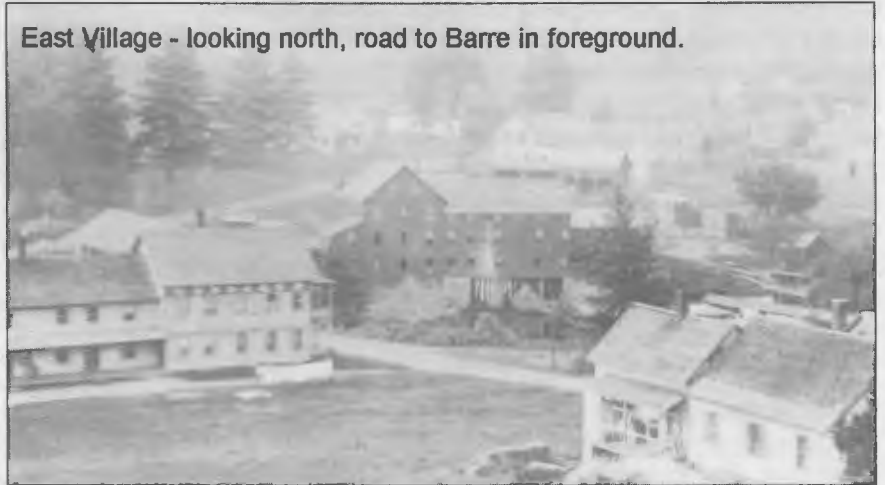
The early settlers who came to Quaker Village and Daggett Mills, as the East Village was called, had been mainly farmers. Most came north from Massachusetts and staked a claim for land, making arrangements for paying for it later. On a second trip, the family and household goods were brought, often with great hardship.

Many were attracted to the village because of the river and possible power for running machinery. By the 1840s many small enterprises had sprung up along the river. The saw and grist mills, perhaps the most important, served the villagers' lumber and flour needs. Although wheat was no longer a cash crop, farmers brought their rye, oats and corn to be ground into flour. Lewis Sibley operated the mill at midcentury.

The Walling map of 1858 shows also along the river a starch factory, a joiner, a shoe maker and a chair maker. North of the mills on the east side of Route 2, a store, run by a number of people over the years, was leased to Rensselaer Hammett in 1844. It provided essentials as well as a place to gossip and exchange news. Hammett also ran the East Village tavern (where Mark Stephen's law office now stands) in conjunction with the store in the 1850s. Amasa Bancroft's blacksmith shop was nearby, important for shoeing oxen and horses, and mending scythes and plows. Residences were scattered in among the businesses.

But businesses came and went in the early years, depending on demand for services and the fortunes of the owners. An important milestone was the completion of the Vermont Central Railroad into Montpelier in 1849, though it was another two decades before the Montpelier and Wells River brought passengers and freight to Fairmont Station in East Montpelier. A wider variety of goods could be found in

East Village - looking north, road to Barre in foreground.



Montpelier, providing an outlet for East Village goods.

The East Village School (District 9) circa 1811-14, originally a one-room schoolhouse, was eventually enlarged into a two-room school. This building currently houses the East Montpelier town office.

Although villagers worked hard they found time to socialize in various ways. Oyster suppers and balls were popular upstairs at the village tavern. The Universalist Church, circa 1833, now known as the Old Brick Church, filled both spiritual and social needs. Women visited at quilting parties, when they weren't spinning and weaving to produce the wool they needed to make socks and sweaters. The wool was purchased at the North Montpelier woolen mill. They gathered dyeing materials from woods and fields. They made everything for the home (baskets and pottery from local clay). The modern woman can only marvel at the accomplishments of East Village women.

As the settlement grew, people's social lives expanded. The division from Montpelier in 1849 provided an opportunity to serve one's community in local politics and the legislature. The first annual town meeting was held in March 1849.



NORTH VILLAGE by Maurice Cerutti

North Montpelier was a very busy community during the middle of the 19th century where you could have your wheat and other grains ground into flour, and your logs sawn into useable lumber. Local and imported raw wool could be processed into cloth, and you could have a pair of shoes made to order or repaired. An organ or violin could be purchased from the local craftsman who just finished making it. A barrel of choke cherries could be delivered to the local distillery for processing. If you needed bricks for a new house, they could be obtained from a nearby kiln. Refreshment, conversation and accommodations were available at the local tavern. Your children could attend local school district #4, and everyone stopped at the local general store.

But that was 63 years after Col. Jacob Davis had moved up from Massachusetts to become the first settler in the new town of Montpelier. His nephew Nathaniel had chosen lots in the northeast corner of town where he built a large house and several small business enterprises. He and others had developed a gristmill, a sawmill and finally a woolen mill, all powered by the excellent water supply. Samuel Rich eventually took over many of these enterprises and built a large tavern. Charles Sibley (who built my house just south of the "singing bridge" in 1843) ran the Union Store south of the woolen mill, and later, the Moses and Rich Store. The latter building, which was a general store until the 1950s, still stands on the northwest corner of the bridge. Charles also became the first postmaster for North Montpelier in 1840.

We know that the original "Little Woolen Mill" was purchased from William Martin by Walter Little in 1853, and his family continued to run it for many years. The mill was still operating in the 1950s. Downstream of the woolen mill were the sawmill and gristmill powered by a very large waterwheel. Eventually the mill had four waterwheels, yielding 65 horsepower running saws and three runs of grinding stones. These vital machines helped make North Montpelier the bustling community it was, thanks to the efforts of Samuel Rich and Horace and Josiah Hollister.

Some of the buildings of 1849 still stand, but social changes have had a significant effect on North Montpelier. Overall the appearance remains unchanged except for the loss of the large wooden buildings which housed the varied activities present at the time East Montpelier separated from Montpelier.

THE CENTER

by Anne & Conrad Ormsbee, Marilyn Piro

Montpelier Center in 1848 was without finite boundaries. The traveler would know he had arrived by an intersection of the few roads in town or a glimpse of the church steeple on the hill. It was the geographic center of the township, and most town meetings were held here. The community consisted of a few farms, some non-farm residences, and a few businesses.

The Center had developed largely because Parley Davis, who arrived in 1787 as a young man in his twenties, was attracted by its natural beauty and good soil. He envisioned its becoming the true center of the town. With his surveying skills and the help of others, he had laid out the first roads in town. Two of the four roads laid out before 1792 passed through the Center. The present Center Road was the start of the first stage route to Newport, and the road to Marshfield branched off to the east at the present Dodge Road.

By 1848 many trees had been cut and stumps removed, crops were planted and harvested annually, and farming was the principal occupation of the area. The land had fed thousands of sheep, helping Montpelier lead Washington County in wool production, but this had peaked about a decade earlier; cattle-raising was on the increase.

These earliest residents had been pretty self-sufficient, but they still looked to their neighbors for specialized skills. Two sawmills on Bennett Brook, a starch factory, a wheelwright shop and a blacksmith shop had clustered in the Center, built by people with vision and capital. Travelers' needs for rest and refreshment had led to the conversion of Joseph Wing's former home into Clough's Tavern, and part of Parley Davis's big house eventually became an inn.



Clough Tavern originally the Joseph Wing House

Local people tried to supply the needs for health and education as they did in other matters. Parley's wife Rebecca Peabody Davis served as nurse, doctor and midwife, using medical knowledge she had acquired from two doctors in her family. Parley felt strongly that education was important and, beyond supporting the local school, he

established a lending library of over two hundred volumes in his own home.

Social life in the Center in 1849 focused on school and church. The church, which had been completed in 1826, had become the site of town meetings. This meetinghouse was open to worshippers of all denominations. The one-room schoolhouse was the second such structure, the first having been built before 1801. School District 6 (the Center) met twice each year to hire teachers, provide fuel and water, and keep the schoolhouse in good repair.

As the settlement grew and the sense of community expanded, people enjoyed get-togethers, dances, sleigh-rides, and suppers, not only with Center neighbors but also with the residents of other parts of Montpelier town.

Parley Davis' death in 1848 marked the end of an era. Then in 1849 came the division separating the Town of Montpelier into two towns. The Center joined neighbors in the other villages to forge their new identity as the town of East Montpelier.

THE OUTLYING FARMS

by Joanne Bair, Pauline Coburn, Sylvia Tosi

Farming was the major occupation in the part of Montpelier township that became East Montpelier. According to the 1850 census, of the 18,670 acres in town after the division, 53% (11,169 acres) was considered to be improved land. This same census reported 154 farms - far more than today's 19!

Yesterday's farms were far more diversified and self-sufficient than today's. The farm provided the family with most of their basic needs. The produce from large vegetable gardens, apple orchards and sugarbushes was harvested, used and preserved for the winter months. Some farmers raised their own oats and wheat for grinding at the gristmill in East Village. Horses, necessary for transportation and working the land, as well as cows, sheep, pigs, and chickens were found on nearly every farm.

Painting by Joseph Gilman of Eri Morse farm near the County Road



The Town Grand List for 1849 lists the animals belonging to each property owner. The list for one farm shows horses, cows, sheep, hogs, oxen, yearlings (cows and horses less than a year old) and swarms of bees! This same farm produced wool, butter, cheese, wheat, corn, oats, hay, and potatoes, as well as 800 pounds of maple sugar. All this work was done without modern machinery or electricity! It's no wonder that a farmer's summer "workday" would extend through the night under the light of a full moon.

In 1849 East Montpelier was still a sheep farming community with a number of farmers owning large flocks. 1837 records show Joel Bassett with 210 sheep, Amasa Cummins - 100, Joel Nichols - 260, Theophilus Clark Jr. - 240 and George Clark - 290. But the decades of the mid-century saw the beginning of a transition from sheep to dairy farming, as well as a change from the use of oxen to horses for working the land. The demand for wool decreased after the Civil War, and better breeding increased the fleece of each animal from 2.9 pounds to 6.5 pounds.

Butter, and sometimes cheese, were the primary dairy products destined for market. Slow transportation and poor refrigeration made the shipping of milk impractical. In the Addison Peck farmhouse, the butter was stored during the summer months in a cellar room with a slate floor and brick walls which still today stay cool in the hottest weather. When cool weather arrived, the butter was shipped by rail to Boston.

Maple sugaring had long been a part of the self-sufficient farm. The product was generally sold in molded cakes or tubs rather than as liquid syrup. Later in the century the maple industry burgeoned, with Eri and Sylvanus Morse claiming to have the largest sugar woods in the world - 4000 sugar maples in the upper North Street area.

Our farming forebears worked long hard days and did much to shape our town. A visitor today may view 18th and 19th century farm tools and machinery at the Billings Farm in Woodstock, bringing to life how the members of the farm family did their work and lived their lives.



MILESTONES

Births

- >Isaiah Daniel Kennison, born May 14, 1998, son of Angela Kay & Evan Ernest Kennison.
- >Guy Francois Lessard, born June 9, 1998, son of Amy Beth & John Gaston Lessard.
- >Caleb Trevor Lewis, born June 12, 1998, son of Priscilla Bador White & Trevor Roy Lewis.

Deaths

- >Nancy C. Henning, died April 17, 1998, wife of Robert Henning.

Marriages

- >Jason Philip Laferriere to Melinda Ann Armani, June 6, 1998.
- >Toribio Vazquez Preciado to Lauren Viki Isaak, June 6, 1998.
- >Daniel Gilbert Violette II to Marcia Rose Bailey, June 13, 1998.
- >John Joseph Audy Jr. to Kathleen Celia Tremblay, June 27, 1998.
- >Nicholis Robert Hawkins to Billie-Jo Kimball, July 4, 1998.
- >Scott Christopher Hawkins to Marcie Mae Coffee, July 5, 1998.
- >John W. Couture to Susan C. Thayer, July 11, 1998.
- >Nathan Daniel Poland to Mindee J. Peterson, July 18, 1998.

Land Transfers

- >E. Christopher Pratt, Peter Pratt & Vera C. Pratt to G. Mark & Susan H. Catlin, 10.9 acres, TH 45 off Brazier Rd.
- >Hilda Lawson to Roger F. Lamson, 2.1 acres & dwelling, VT 14N.
- >Henry F. & Dorothy W. Witzemberger to Thomas Witzemberger, interest only, .78 acres, Maplewood Rd.
- >Hugh M., Susan W., Dennis R. & Nancy Hawkins to Jeffrey M. & Deborah G. Laquerre, 10.8 acres, Towne Hill Rd.
- >Austin C. Cleaves to James Shea & Harriott Meyer, 10.21 acres & dwelling, Old Trail Rd.
- >Phyllis Straw to Deborah Straw & Phyllis Straw, mobile home in Sandy Pines Mobile Home Park.
- >Douglas R. Johnson to Douglas R. Johnson, Trustee, Douglas R. Johnson Revocable Trust, 3 acres & dwelling, Kelton Rd.
- >Miriam Antonovich, Trustee to Jasna Krivosic-Prpic, 1.25 acres on Upper North St.
- >Miriam Antonovich, Trustee to Jasna Krivosic-Prpic, 54 acres, Upper North St.
- >Green Mountain Power Corp. to Winooski Hydroelectric Co., 5 acres, Gallison Hill Rd.
- >Francis A. Abramovich to Molly Power, 49.2 acres, Sanders Circle
- >Constance Hare to Darrell E. Sprague, 13.59 acres & dwelling, Old Trail Rd.
- >G. Lewis Raymond to John W. Trollinger, 3.04 acres, Towne Hill Rd.

SELECTBOARD

Tom Brazier, Chair, Edie Miller, Tim Meehan

June 3, 1998

- >Reappointed Dennis Carver to three year term on Conservation Fund Advisory Committee.
- >Voted to approve \$1,000 donation to Central Vermont Civic Center project from Carlton Smith Fund as recommended by Four Corners Schoolhouse and Recreation Boards.
- >Gravel budget vote passed on May 27th. Road Dept. authorized to begin summer gravel work.

June 17, 1998

- >Site meeting on North Street.
- >North Street project is on summer work program, and will proceed.
- >Michael Dworkin and Leonard Wilson appointed to three year terms on Conservation Fund Advisory Committee.

July 1, 1998

- >Lt. Bill O'Leary of VT State Police discussed matters of mutual interest in law enforcement.
- >Appointed Sandie Chaloux and Renee Kievit-Kylar to the Recreation Board.
- >Renewed contract for ambulance services with Town of Barre.

July 15, 1998

- >Adopted tax rate of \$2.05 for 1998.
- >Voted to support East Montpelier's joining the C.V. Revolving Loan Fund.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Douglas Johnson, Chair

June 4, 1998

- >Lengthy discussion on proposed changes to Zoning Regulations.

June 18, 1998

- >Approved Couture Sketch Plan to subdivide off 1/2 acre to sell to neighbor Lawson.
- >Voted to recommend to Selectboard readoption of Town Plan. Public hearing on July 30.

July 9, 1998

- >Approved change in Couture subdivision to provide Lawson with more protection.
- >Approved A.E. Hertzler Knox Subdivision Sketch Plan.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Earle Ellingwood, Acting Chair

June 8, 1998

- >Hearing on Chris Lyford request to add porch to his house on County Road. Recessed hearing to June 22.

June 22, 1998

- >Approved request of Maurice and Sue Cerutti to add deck to rear of their house on Route 14 in North Montpelier.
- >Approved Chris Lyford request to add porch.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN OFFICE

Phone: 223-3313

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Clerk-Treasurer - Sylvia Tosi

Asst. Clerk-Treasurer - Paulie Coburn

(M-Th 9-5, F 9-12 noon)

Administrative Assistant - Bill Bryant (W & Th 9-5)

PO Box 157, E. Montpelier, VT 05651



THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Jan Aldrich, Chair, Richard Curtis, Cheryl Rus, Loring Starr,
Nancy Thomas*

May 26, 1998

>Hired Tracy Storey as new Head Custodian.

June 4, 1998

>Accepted low bid of Johnson & Dix Company for oil.

>Fred McKnight of H. L. Turner Group presented report on Indoor Air Quality, making several recommendations.

June 17, 1998

>Voted to offer contract as principal to Carol Randall.

>Voted to recommend accepting bid of Laidlaw Company to provide bus transportation.

June 29, 1998

>Discussion of Speech/Language program.

>Voted to use local funds to replace two positions not funded by Title I - Lindy Johnson as .5 Reading Teacher and Kathe Stone as .5 Associate Staff member.

U-32 JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

(Chair, Peter Schober), Ginny Burley and Tony Klein, East Montpelier members

June 2, 1998

>Reviewed guidance program.

>Voted to hire Sandie Chaloux for Summer Driver Ed. position, Paul Bowles as Varsity Girls Basketball coach, Kathy Mehuron for 0.4 Math position, Matt Craig for Foreign Language, and Denise McCord as M.S. learning specialist.

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, May 5, the East Montpelier Fire Department held its annual meeting and election of officers. Jonathan Winston was re-elected Fire Chief, Michael Bliss was elected President, John Audy and John Knudsen were elected to two year terms on the Board of Directors and Robin Copping was re-elected Chaplain. For his outstanding work during the past year, Earl Smith was honored as Fire Fighter of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS

Sixth Grade Graduates

Hannah Baribeau

Jeffrey Butterfield

Dylan Cate

Danielle Christiansen

Joshua Cliche

Charles Davis

Elizabeth England

Ashley Fassett

Bradley Ferrada

Sara Fusco

Heather Grant

Janet Gray

Abigail Hall

Jonathan Henry

Kerry Hudson

Christopher Kane

Brock Phillips

Joshua Riley

Stacy Rus

Ryan Somers

Thomas Swenson

Ashton Troia

David Weinbaum

Robert Weise

East Montpelier U-32 Graduates

Rini Abrams

Jason Aldrich

Kimberly Boardman

Katie Clayton

Joel Cookson

Dylan Crossman

Jessica Deutsch

Keith Duff

Thomas Edson

Kathleen Fitzsimmons

Alison Goyette

Matthew Hall

Liza Hopkins

Michael Lamery

Lucas LaPerle

Shawna Liff

Kelly McCarthy

Melissa Nolan

Heather O'Hare

Chester Pearson

Benjamin Reed

Bethany Riley

Michelle Robinson

Sarah Shapiro

Thomas Syvertsen

Jared Thomas

Abbie Thorpe

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Are you interested in local history? A reorganizational meeting of the East Montpelier Historical Society will be held Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1998 at the Four Corners Schoolhouse at 7 p.m. For more information call Anne Ormsbee at 223-5372.



CHURCH BELLS



OLD BRICK CHURCH

Rev. Marcheta Townsend, Pastor

Sept. 13 - Worship at Covenant Hills - 11 a.m.

Sept. 20 - Worship, Sunday School and Child Care- 11 a.m.

OLD MEETING HOUSE

*Rev. David W. Connor and Rev. Susan Cooke Kittredge,
Co-Pastors*

Sept. 13 - Regular Services Begin

Worship, Sunday School and Child Care 9:30 a.m.

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Bob Walton

Worship and Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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Vermont
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COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDER

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:00	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30	Town Office
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30	Town Office
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd
U-32 School Board	2nd & 4th Wednesday	6:30	U-32 High School
Elementary School Board	1st Thursday	6:30	Elementary School
Recreation Board	3rd Monday	7:00	Town Office
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Mon-Thur: 9-5, Friday 9-12		Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1-2:30	Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assn.	3rd Wednesday	7:30	Four Corners Schoolhouse
Sesquicentennial Committee	3rd Monday	7:00	Town Office

EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug. 26	U-32 Classes start for grades 10-12	U-32	
Aug. 27	U-32 Classes start for grades 7-9	U-32	
Aug. 28	U-32 All classes	U-32	
Aug. 27	All Elementary Students Start Classes	EMES	
Sept. 12	RALLY DAY	EMES and all about town	All Day
Sept. 23	East Montpelier Historical Society	Four Corners School	7:00
Nov. 16	Taxes are due	Town Clerk's Office	By 5:00*

*Please note. Taxes must be in Town Office, not just postmarked 11/16.

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