

CHAPTER 18

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

One of the most important steps in developing a Town Plan is how the recommendations in the Plan are to be implemented. Goals and policies were established for the following chapters of this Plan:

- Chapter 5: Archaeological, Historic, and Scenic Resources
- Chapter 6: Community Facilities
- Chapter 7: Community Services
- Chapter 8: Community Utilities
- Chapter 9: Economy
- Chapter 10: Energy
- Chapter 11: Transportation
- Chapter 12: Education
- Chapter 13: Housing
- Chapter 14: Natural Features
- Chapter 15: Land Use

When combined together, the goals and policies should support the “Visions for the Future of Montgomery” set forth by the Plan in the beginning. The Town Plan should also be compatible with other plans in the surrounding communities. It should be noted that some of the goals set forth by the Plan may take a substantial amount of time to complete. The goals may also require funding which may take time to acquire.

The Town of Montgomery can work with other agencies and organizations such as the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Agency of Housing and Community Affairs, and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, to name a few. These agencies and organizations can help the Town in achieving the goals that were set forth in the Town Plan.

Citizen involvement is also a tool that should be used and encouraged. Citizens should be involved in local planning issues that may arise for they will be the ones most likely affected by any changes that occur in the Town. Their input, ideas, opinions, and concerns should be taken into account when dealing with planning issues since they are the ones who have the most to gain from the Plan. Input from residents is very useful in deciding what the most pressing issues are in Town and also where the Town should most likely be headed in the future.

Considerable expected capital expenditures are outlined in this plan. Capital funds have been established to address these expected costs; however, other creative solutions should be pursued in order to keep the local tax rate from sudden significant increases.

Planning is an ongoing process that will require the efforts of many different people. The Plan will change over time and these changes should be taken into account on how they will affect the needs of the community in the years to come.