

1811 Town Meeting Warning

State of Vermont.

To the inhabitants of the town of Montgomery who are
 qualified by law to vote in town Meeting affairs. Greeting
 these are to warn you to meet at the Dwelling house of James Upham
 Esq. in said town, on the 16th day of March instant at 10 o'clock
 in the fore noon, then & there to chuse a Moderator to Govern
 said Meeting.

- 2^d to chuse a town Clerk & other town Officers as the law directs
- 3^d to see what sum of Money the town will grant for schooling the
 year ensuing.
- 4th to hear & act on the request of Stephen Gates & Others
 respecting schooling.
- 5th to hear & act on the request of Solomon Cobb & Joseph W.
 Bush, respecting the lands on which they live. & likewise
 to see if the town will take any steps respecting the land
 on which M. Marble now lives.
- 6th to grant such sum of Money as the town may think
 proper for contingencies, & to act on any other business
 the town may think proper when met. & to see if the
 town will remove the place for holding town Meetings, to
 some place near the center of the town.

Given Under Our hands at Montgomery this 11th day
 of March A. D. 1811.

James Upham
 Stephen Gates } Select Men

Attestation

Montgomery March 16th 1811

My foregoing warning has been posted on the sign post in
 said town. For this purpose 12 copies of the same in habitants therein
 mentioned have been thereby duly notified to meet at
 the time & place & for the purposes in the same
 Warning mentioned.

James Upham
 Stephen Gates

The Following is a transcription of the 1811 Montgomery Town Meeting Warning & Attestation seen on the previous page. It was hand written by Town Clerk Henry Marble and is among the earliest Town Meeting Warnings recorded in the Town records.

Warning

State Of Vermont

1. To the inhabitants of the town of Montgomery who are qualified by law to vote in town ~~Meeting~~ affairs, Greeting these are to Warn you to Meet at the Dwelling house of James Upham Esq. within said town, on the 16th day of March instant at 10 o'clock in the fore noon, then & there to choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk & other Town Officers as the law directs.
3. To see what sum of Money the Town will grant for schooling the ensuing year.
4. To hear & list on the request of Stephen Gates & Others respecting schooling.
5. To hear and list on the request of Solomon Cobb and Joseph W. Birch, respecting the lands on which they live & likewise to see if the Town will take any steps respecting the land on which Mr. Marble now lives.
6. To grant such sums of Money as the Town May think Proper for contingencies, & to act on any other business The Town may think proper where needed. & to see if the Town will remove the place for holding Town Meetings to some place near the center of the town.

Given Under Our Hand at Montgomery this 4th day
of March A.D. 1811.

James Upham
Select Men
Stephen Gates

Attestation

Montgomery March 16th, 1811
The foregoing Warning has been posted on the sign post in
Said town for the previous 12 days & the in inhabitants herein
Mentioned have been thereby duly notified to meet at
The time and place & for the purposes on the same
Warning mentioned.

James Upham
Stephen Gates

200 Years Ago This Month... According to the minutes of the meeting, it convened as scheduled, and they elected officers as set out in Articles 1 and 2. There was also a vote to set out what was a new school district, District 3, "on the Hill south of the Mills", what is probably the area of Route 118 south of the Center today. Oaths were taken by the elected officers except for Henry Marble, the Town Clerk, who was absent. The meeting was then adjourned to March 30th at 2:00p.m.

The rest of the business would be done on March 30th. Article 3 was passed over. Most of the remaining meeting appears to have dealt with arrangements for school buildings (leased space) and settling up financial accounts. The Town's school tax was levied, about \$30. No money was appropriated for contingencies.

In other financial matters, a committee appointed to investigate and reconcile the accounts of three Town officers who died while in office, reported the Town was owed \$10.77 as follows:

\$3.42 from the accounts of the late Joshua Clapp, Town
Treasurer

\$2.50 from the accounts of the late Rufus Smith, Collector of
Taxes

\$4.85 from the accounts of the late William Parks, Collector of
Taxes

Montgomery's population in 1811 was about 240 and there were 76 students apportioned between the two school districts prior to Town Meeting.

Provided courtesy of the Montgomery Historical Society. Please keep us in mind if you have artifacts you would like to donate. We appreciate your help in preserving Montgomery's heritage and telling our community's story. Contact us at:



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