

From - "Vermont's Granite Railroads"

Montpelier & Wells River

Built 1869 - 1873

38 miles of main line, 2 miles siding

Original contract - \$1,065,000

Ground broken at Montpelier 1869 at what is now
143 Barre Street. Then the farm of Mrs. Anna Hubbard.

First Engine - "Montpelier" was an "American Type"
wood burner, later changed to burn coal. Delivered
1876, scrapped 1909, 33 years (about average).

First train over the entire line - November 24, 1873.
Last train November 15, 1956, 83 years.

Elevations

Wells River	461'	above	sea	level
Montpelier	523'	"	"	"
Summit	1443'	"	"	"
Groton Pond	1078'	"	"	"

"Summit" was the highest point of land on the line.
It was used as a park and located at the base
of Owls Head just north of Groton Pond.