

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
March 4, 2014
Town & School Meeting Results

School Meeting

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)
Elected: Michael Duane [486 votes]

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the School District adopt a budget not to exceed \$4,119,588 for the operation of the school for the ensuing year?
Result: Passed by paper ballot [154 yes; 53 no]

ARTICLE 4: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2014 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 5: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2014-2015 school year?
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 6: Shall the School District vote the elementary school budget by Australian Ballot?
Amended on the floor to read: Shall the School District form a committee representing a broad range of interests from throughout the town to explore options, technological or otherwise, to increase accessibility to the East Montpelier Town School District Annual Meeting and submit their report to the School Board no later than December 1, 2014?
Result: Passed by hand vote [103 yes; 67 no]

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 8: To elect the following School Directors (To be voted by Australian Ballot):

One (1) School Director Two (2) Year Term
Elected: Priscilla Gilbert [442 votes]
One (1) School Director Three (3) Year Term
Elected: Rubin Bennett [444 votes]
One (1) U-32 School Director Three (3) Year Term
Elected: Emily Goyette [443 votes]

Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Town Moderator, 1-year term

Elected: Michael Duane [487 votes]

School District Moderator, 1-year term

Elected: Michael Duane [486 votes]

Selectboard Member, 3-year term

Elected: Casey Northrup [463 votes]

Selectboard Member, 2-year term

Elected: Steven Sparrow [473 votes]

Lister, 3-year term

Elected: Robert Chickering [486 votes]

Auditor, 3-year term

Elected: Charlotte Staples [455 votes]

Trustee of Public Funds, 2 of 3-year term (position vacated in 2013)

No candidate

Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term

No candidate

Town Law Agent, 1-year term

No candidate

Town Grand Juror, 1-year term

No candidate

First Constable, 1-year term

Elected: Sandy Conti [492 votes]

Second Constable, 1-year term

Elected: Paul Haynes [474 votes]

Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term

Elected: Gary Hudson [484 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 2 of 3-year term (position vacated in 2014)

No candidate

Elected by write-in: Norman Hill

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Scott Hess [394 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Gene Troia [404 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

No candidate

EM Elementary School Director, 3-year term

Elected: Rubin Bennett [444 votes]

EM Elementary School Director, 2-year term

Elected: Priscilla Gilbert [442 votes]

U-32 School Director, 3-year term

Elected: Emily Goyette [443 votes]

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,483,545** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [454 yes; 83 no]

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise **\$75,000** for the Capital Reserve Fund. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [406 yes; 125 no]

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$36,775** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [356 yes; 175 no]

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town adopt the proposed East Montpelier Town Charter as recommended by the East Montpelier Charter Committee and accepted by the East Montpelier Selectboard. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [411 yes; 112 no]

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2015 to be paid to the Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received by the Town Treasurer at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Monday, November 17, 2014 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Friday, May 15, 2015.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2014 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Selectboard to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay unanticipated general and highway expenses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804(a).

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town adopt the proposed East Montpelier Conflict of Interest Ordinance as recommended by the East Montpelier Charter Committee and accepted by the East Montpelier Selectboard.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,400** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2015.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,000** for the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during fiscal year 2015.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$9,000** for the East Montpelier Signpost to provide for the production and mailing of six issues of the East Montpelier Signpost for each East Montpelier resident household and non-resident property owner during fiscal year 2015.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee, or what other amounts, for the following organizations for fiscal year 2015.

a) American Red Cross	\$ 250
b) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 750
c) Central Vermont Community Action Council	\$ 500
d) Central Vermont Community Land Trust	\$ 150
e) Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 1,600
f) Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 5,500
g) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$ 1,000
h) Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services & Shelter)	\$ 675
i) Community Connections	\$ 2,500
j) Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
k) Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 200
l) Green Mountain Transit	\$ 1,366
m) Green Up Vermont	\$ 150
n) Home Share Now	\$ 600
o) North Branch Nature Center	\$ 750
p) Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
q) People's Health and Wellness Clinic	\$ 1,250
r) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$ 300
s) Project Independence	\$ 250
t) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 275
u) Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 250
v) Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 750
w) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 100
x) Vermont CARES	\$ 150
y) Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 245
z) Washington County Diversion Program	\$ 450
aa) Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400

TOTAL \$21,911

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$5,800** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2015.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,333** as its share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the Green Mountain Transit Agency commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Voters of the Town of East Montpelier support the following request to the Vermont Legislature:

Whereas the establishment of a Public Bank in Vermont will help towns reduce the local tax burden by offering low cost bonds for public works and a depository for their accounts with competitive interest,

Whereas a Public Bank that makes loans and investments in Vermont's people and our economy will help create jobs, income, and economic security for all Vermonters,

We call on the State Legislature to create a Public Bank for Vermont that enhances the work of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, the Municipal Bond Bank, and Vermont chartered community banks and credit unions by accepting deposits from the state and municipal governments and making loan programs available for students, homeowners, municipalities and enterprises to make Vermont economically stable, self-reliant, and successful.

Amended on the floor to read:

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We call on the State Legislature to study the creation of a Public Bank for Vermont that enhances the work of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, the Vermont

Housing Finance Agency, the Municipal Bond Bank, and Vermont chartered community banks and credit unions by accepting deposits from the state and municipal governments and making loan programs available for students, homeowners, municipalities and enterprises to make Vermont economically stable, self-reliant, and successful.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.