

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
March 7, 2017
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 [489 votes]

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2017 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 4: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2017-2018 school year?
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,810,942, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$20,477 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.13% higher than spending for the current year. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)
Result: Passed [305 yes; 236 no]

ARTICLE 7: To elect the following School Directors. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

One (1) School Director Two (2) Year Term

Elected: Darci Coleman-Graves [431 votes]

One (1) School Director Three (3) Year Term

Elected: Rubin Bennett [445 votes]

One (1) U-32 Director Three (3) Year Term

Elected: Karen Bradley [453 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 [497 votes]

Town Clerk, 1 of 3-year term

Elected: CJ Flynn [486 votes]

Selectboard Member, 3-year term

Elected: Amy Willis [436 votes]

Selectboard Member, 2-year term

Elected: Kim Swasey [476 votes]

Lister, 3-year term

Elected: Rob Chickering [482 votes]

Auditor, 3-year term

No candidate

First Constable, 1-year term

Elected: Sandy Conti [494 votes]

Second Constable, 1-year term

No candidate

Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term

Elected: Tim Lamson [462 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Scott Hess [391 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Jay Stewart [398 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Ray Stout [389 votes]

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

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,681,597** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [453 yes; 84 no]

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$38,614** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [379 yes; 157 no]

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town adopt the proposed amendments to the East Montpelier Town Charter as recommended by the East Montpelier Charter Committee and the East Montpelier Selectboard. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).

Result: Passed [401 yes; 112 no]

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town adopt the proposed Plan of Merger of East Montpelier Fire District #1 with the Town of East Montpelier as an amendment to the East Montpelier Town Charter as recommended by the East Montpelier Selectboard. (To be voted by Australian Ballot).
Result: Passed [454 yes; 74 no]

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2018 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 Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Tuesday, May 15, 2018.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,500** for the Land Conservation Fund.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$3,100** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 10: 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 2018.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,000** 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 2018.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2018.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,500** for Cross Vermont Trail Association to be used as a part of the required local match of federal grants for the construction of a stretch of the Cross Vermont Trail, mostly in East Montpelier, including a bridge across the Winooski River.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018.
Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$5,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,333** as its fiscal year 2018 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 17: 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 2018.

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| 1) American Red Cross | \$ 250 |
| 2) Capstone Community Action | \$ 500 |
| 3) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education | \$ 750 |
| 4) Central Vermont Council on Aging | \$ 1,875 |
| 5) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center | \$ 1,000 |
| 6) Circle | \$ 675 |
| 7) Downstreet Housing & Community Development | \$ 150 |
| 8) East Montpelier Community Connections | \$ 2,500 |
| 9) Family Center of Washington County | \$ 500 |
| 10) Friends of the Winooski River | \$ 200 |
| 11) Girls/Boyz First Mentoring | \$ 300 |
| 12) Good Beginnings of Central VT | \$ 300 |
| 13) Good Samaritan Haven | \$ 750 |
| 14) Green Mountain Transit | \$ 1,366 |
| 15) Green Up Vermont | \$ 150 |
| 16) Home Share Now | \$ 800 |
| 17) North Branch Nature Center | \$ 750 |
| 18) Onion River Food Shelf | \$ 1,000 |
| 19) OUR House of Central VT | \$ 250 |
| 20) People's Health and Wellness Clinic | \$ 1,250 |
| 21) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont | \$ 300 |
| 22) Project Independence | \$ 125 |
| 23) Sexual Assault Crisis Team | \$ 250 |
| 24) Twin Valley Senior Center | \$ 3,000 |
| 25) T. W. Wood Gallery | \$ 500 |
| 26) Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired | \$ 150 |
| 27) Vermont CARES | \$ 150 |
| 28) Vermont Center for Independent Living | \$ 245 |
| 29) Washington County Diversion Program | \$ 600 |
| 30) Washington County Mental Health Services | \$ 800 |

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| 31) Washington County Youth Service Bureau | \$ 400 |
| TOTAL | \$21,836 |
| Result: | Passed by voice vote |

ARTICLE 18: Other non-binding business.

Shall the Town of East Montpelier adopt the following policy:

The Town of East Montpelier considers itself a Sanctuary Town. As a Sanctuary Town, the Town of East Montpelier will direct employees not to inquire into any resident's immigration status or religious affiliation as part of their official duties and to refuse any request from a state or federal agency for:

- 1) information on a resident's immigration status or religious affiliation; or,**
- 2) assistance in enforcing federal immigration policy.**

The residents of East Montpelier accept, welcome, and will support immigrants.

This was amended on the floor to:

The Town of East Montpelier will direct employees not to inquire into any resident's immigration status or religious affiliation as part of their official duties and not to dedicate any time or resources to:

- 1) providing a state or federal agency with information that would not otherwise be available to the public; or,**
- 2) assistance in enforcing federal immigration policy.**

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Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Non-binding resolution presented on the floor:

The citizens of East Montpelier, Vermont support the efforts of our state and federal legislators to enact legislation that would require the disclosure of federal tax returns before a presidential candidate's name can be placed on the primary and general election ballots; and, upon passage, we direct the Select Board to convey the results of the vote to our elected state and federal representatives.

Result: Passed by voice vote