

# TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE MERGER OF EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DISTRICT #1 WITH THE TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

The East Montpelier Selectboard and East Montpelier Fire District #1 Prudential Committee hereby give notice pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1484 of two public hearings to consider adoption of a Plan of Merger to merge the fire district with the town. The vote on the adoption of the proposed plan will be by Australian Ballot on two dates:

1. For East Montpelier Fire District #1, the vote will occur on January 11, 2017 at the fire district's annual meeting.
2. For the Town of East Montpelier, the vote will occur on 2017 Town Meeting Day, March 7, 2017.

### Plan of Merger

**1. Merger of the Fire District and Town.** At midnight on June 30, 2017, East Montpelier Fire District No. 1 shall merge into the Town of East Montpelier, and East Montpelier Fire District No. 1 shall cease to exist as a political entity or body corporate.

**2. Settling the Affairs of East Montpelier Fire District No. 1.** Prior to said merger, the Prudential Committee of East Montpelier Fire District No. 1 shall settle so far as possible its financial affairs and shall, on said date, turn over and deliver to the Clerk of the Town of East Montpelier all records, books, and documents of East Montpelier Fire District No. 1. The Prudential Committee shall execute whatever documents may be necessary to transfer the District assets and liabilities to the Town of East Montpelier.

**3. Assets Transferred and Liabilities Assumed.** Upon said merger, all the assets and property of East Montpelier Fire District No. 1 shall become vested in, and become property of, the Town of East Montpelier and all indebtedness of East Montpelier Fire District No. 1 shall be assumed by the Town of East Montpelier.

**4. Ordinances, Rules & Regulations.** Upon said merger, all existing ordinances and bylaws East Montpelier Fire District No. 1 shall be repealed.

**5. Charter.** The permanent provisions of this Plan of Merger will be incorporated as provisions of the Town of East Montpelier charter.

The official copy of the Plan of Merger as approved by the Selectboard and the Prudential Committee is on file for public inspection at the East Montpelier Municipal Office Building, 40 Kelton Road, East Montpelier. The document may also be viewed on the town website: <http://eastmontpeliervt.org>

**1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing: The Selectboard and Prudential Committee will conduct a hearing on the Plan of Merger Monday, December 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing: The Selectboard and Prudential Committee will conduct a hearing on the Plan of Merger Monday, January 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building.**

For more information, please contact Bruce Johnson, East Montpelier Town Administrator, at 802-223-3313 x 204 or eastmontadmin@comcast.net.