

**East Montpelier Selectboard Meeting APPROVED MINUTES (12/01/14)  
November 17, 2014 at the Emergency Services Facility**

**Selectboard members present:** Carl Etnier (recording secretary), Seth Gardner, Casey Northrup, Steve Sparrow; Bruce Johnson (town administrator).

**Others present:** Sarah Jarvis (Vermont League of Cities and Towns); Norman Hill, Scott Hess, Jean Vissering, Kim Watson (Planning Commission); Sandy Conti (town constable and animal control officer; East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD)); Elliott Morse (EMFD).

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Seth Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Treasurer Selection Committee Update

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**D. VLCT TRAINING ON THE USE OF THE VERMONT JUDICIAL BUREAU FOR ENFORCEMENT OF TOWN REGULATIONS**

Presenter: Sarah Jarvis, VLCT Staff Attorney

Ms. Jarvis presented on how towns can use the Judicial Bureau to enforce ordinances. No action taken.

**E. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM**

The Selectboard considered two resolutions that have been circulating to municipalities in the state, asking the legislature to cap school taxes; neither asked for a cap on school spending. No action taken.

**F. CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS**

The SB reviewed a draft revised personnel policy. No action taken.

**G. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON OPTIONS FOR OLD EMFD FIRE STATION**

Mr. Gardner invited Elliott Morse to discuss the town's tentative plan to use part of the EMFD station on Templeton Road. Space will be opening up there when EMFD sells two old tankers, and the town needs extra space for road equipment. The EMFD board and membership both voted to support the change of use, but Mr. Morse was one of the members who voted against it. He told the SB that the meeting space and kitchen there were in good shape and could be used by town organizations or a business. But he didn't know of anyone who wanted to use them, and he said no one has been using them.

Mr. Morse said he would not object to the town using the garage, if that seems the best option. He is willing to help find a good, new home for the salvageable parts of the kitchen and meeting room.

**H. EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS**

**Motion: I make the motion to authorize Bruce Johnson to sign the excess weight permit for Tom Lincoln. Made: Mr. Northrup. Second: Mr. Sparrow. 4-0.**

**I. WARRANTS**

**Signed.**

## **J. MINUTES**

**Motion: I make the motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2014 as presented. Made: Mr. Northrup. Second: Mr. Sparrow. 4-0.**

## **K. OTHER BUSINESS**

### *Treasurer Candidate Recommendation Committee Update*

The Treasurer Candidate Recommendation Committee has met once and will meet again this week. They discussed the job description of the treasurer, which the town's charter is silent on. Our presumption is that the appointed treasurer will have the statutory duties of an elected treasurer, and the SB will have the option to direct the treasurer to allow the SB to appoint assistant treasurers, as needed. Mr. Etnier has sought confirmation from VLCT.

### *Montpelier "Grindings" Issue*

Some grindings purchased from Montpelier to apply to town roads have included stiff concrete-reinforcing wires that are normally removed magnetically before the grindings are sold. Two residents have reported getting flat tires on one of the roads the grindings were applied to, and one has put in a claim to the town. VLCT has not yet processed the claim.

The affected stretch of one road has been resurfaced with \$6,000 worth of gravel. The town road crew has found no signs of the metal on the two other roads, and no claims have yet been made regarding those roads.

### *Park 'n Ride Design Alteration*

A minor design change to the Park 'n Ride to be constructed in the village moves the bus shelter to the back part of the lot. The SB has no objections.

### *Final 2014 Paving Numbers*

Net paving expense to the town was \$245,538.87, exclusive of a VTrans grant reimbursement of \$70,720 for Gallison Hill Road.

### *August – October State Police Report*

The Town share of fines is approximately \$2,000; 20% below budget expectation.

### *First 2014/2015 Tax Installment Update*

The first payment deadline was 90 minutes before the start of tonight's meeting. Preliminary numbers show the town has collected 58.7% of the total due for 2014/15 (not just the first installment); last year we were at 57.6% at this point.

### *Upcoming Schedule of Meetings*

December 1st	Selectboard regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at town office
December 3rd	Capital Improvement Committee public forum on capital plan, 7:00 p.m. at Emergency Services Facility (ESF)
December 4th	EMFD FY2016 Budget Presentation, 7:00 p.m. at ESF
December 8th	Proposed joint meeting with Calais Selectboard for EMFD budget, 7:30 p.m. at Calais town office
December 15th	Selectboard regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at town office

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: I make the motion to adjourn. Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Sparrow. 4-0. 9:30 pm**