

**Overview of the East Montpelier Charter Committee's current positions and progress**  
**October 9, 2013\***

<b>Potential Charter Provision</b>	<b>Inclusion in the Charter: Where the Committee Stands</b>
Should the treasurer be appointed by the Selectboard?	Yes; include in a charter with "a committee including townspeople to recommend candidates to the Selectboard for an appointed treasurer"
Shall the Selectboard members serve as Trustees of Public Funds?	Yes. The Selectboard, in consultation with the treasurer, currently serves this function so should be included in charter.
Should the town law agent and grand juror be appointed or should the positions be abolished?	Abolish grand juror which has become irrelevant, Selectboard should assume the functions of the town law agent.
Shall the zoning administrator become an "at will" employee and should term be changed from current three-year to one-year?	No and yes. ZA should have a one year term without changing status from "for cause"
Shall the charter include a process for the recall of elected officials?	Not in original Selectboard charge; committee has not reached consensus.
Shall the charter include a conflict-of-interest policy that does not rely on voluntary compliance?	The committee endorses the concept, but no consensus yet about including it in charter. The same thing can be accomplished by an ordinance voted by the town.
Shall the Funding Request Article on the Town Meeting Warning always be voted on the floor regardless of total article amount?	No charter needed. This can be accomplished by a town vote.
Shall funding requests under \$3,000 (or whatever amount) go through Funding Request Committee process with no option for petition or appeal to the Selectboard?	No. The Funding Request Committee does not favor doing away with petition option.
Shall the town move to a town manager or expanded town administrator form of government?	Not through a charger; can be accomplished with a town vote.
Shall the charter include a provision that all elected and appointed positions are subject to personnel and other policies?	Not in original Selectboard charge. No. Not legally possible to subject elected officials to SB policies; appointed positions are already subject to such policies.
Should the collector of delinquent taxes be appointed by the Selectboard?	No. Should remain an independently elected position
Should the planning commission members be appointed?	No. There doesn't seem to be any problem with electing commissioners as we do. If a change were desired, it can be accomplished by a town vote.
Should the listers be appointed by the Selectboard?	No. There doesn't seem to be an acute problem (the SB agrees). Issues can be

	alleviated without a charter change: e.g. by hiring a professional assessor to assist the listers.
Shall the town shall have the power to adopt and enforce ordinances for the regulation of signs and billboards?	No charter needed to accomplish this. An ordinance adopted by the town will have the same affect.

\* Revised Oct 16 to reflect wording presented at the Oct. 9 forum. The order of the items has been changed to sort out those the committee is endorsing, those it wishes to discuss more, and those it is rejecting for inclusion in the charter.