

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in said Town, on **Tuesday**, the **seventh (7th)** day of **March, 2017** at **9:30 AM** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on those Articles so noted:

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

Town Moderator, 1-year term
Town Clerk, 1 of 3-year term
Selectboard Member, 3-year term
Selectboard Member, 2-year term
Lister, 3-year term
Auditor, 3-year term
First Constable, 1-year term
Second Constable, 1-year term
Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term
Planning Commissioner, 3-year term
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ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ [REDACTED] 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)

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)

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).

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).

- 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.
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,500** for the Land Conservation Fund.
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$3,100** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018.
- ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$5,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2018.
- 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.

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.

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

31) Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400
TOTAL	\$21,836

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 without regard to their politics, economic situation, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

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

**EAST MONTPELIER TOWN / SCHOOL FORUM
SATURDAY, March 4, 2017
9:30 AM at the East Montpelier Elementary School
665 Vincent Flats Road, East Montpelier**

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public Hearing and Informational Meeting concerning Australian Ballot Articles and other Warned Articles for the **March 7, 2017 Town and School Meeting**. Candidates for Town and School Offices will be introduced. The School will be first on the Agenda at the Forum, as well as at Town Meeting, followed by the Town.

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this day of January, 2017.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

Seth Gardner

Casey Northrup

Carl Etnier

Kim Swasey

Gene Troia

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, ____ day of January A.D. 2017 at _____M received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: CJ Flynn, Town Clerk