

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EAST MONTPELIER TOWN CHARTER

The Selectboard of the Town of East Montpelier hereby gives notice pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2645 of two public hearings to consider amendments to the East Montpelier Town Charter (Title 24 Appendix V.S.A. Chapter 114E). The vote on the adoption of the proposed amendments will be by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2017.

Proposed Municipal Charter as Amended Town of East Montpelier

§114E-1. Statement of Purpose. Existing section amended to remove two of the goals of the original charter adopted in 2014.

§114E-2. Offices. Existing section renamed and expanded to eliminate certain obsolete town offices.

§114E-3. Town Treasurer. Existing section amended to reflect new §114E- 7 & 8; the assistant treasurer shall now be appointed by the Selectboard.

§114E-4. Zoning Administrator. Existing section amended to reflect new §114E- 7.

§114E-5. Town Clerk. New section; the town clerk and assistant clerk shall now be appointed by the Selectboard.

§114E-6. Collector of Delinquent Taxes. New section; the delinquent tax collector shall now be appointed by the Selectboard.

§114E-7. Terms of Office. New section setting 1-year terms of office for the treasurer & assistant, clerk & assistant, zoning administrator, and delinquent tax collector as well as mandating that all such appointees are employees of the town subject to town personnel policies.

§114E-8. Selection Committee. New section detailing the makeup, powers, and procedures for a committee that will recommend treasurer, clerk, and delinquent tax collector candidates to the Selectboard.

§114E-9. Separability. Former §114E-5.

The official copy of the proposed charter amendments 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>

1st Public Hearing: The Selectboard will conduct a hearing on the proposed charter amendments Monday, January 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m. in the public room of the East Montpelier Emergency Services Facility (54 Village Acres; the new fire station).

2nd Public Hearing: A second hearing on the proposed charter amendments will be held in conjunction with the East Montpelier Town Forum, Saturday, March 4, 2017 in the gymnasium of the East Montpelier Elementary School (665 Vincent Flats Road). The Town Forum commences at 9:30 a.m. The East Montpelier Moderator will preside over the charter discussion. The exact time of the discussion is unknown and we encourage all town residents to take part in the entire forum.

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