

## Selectboard Memo

January 30, 2017 SB Meeting

### Discussion with Delinquent Tax Collector Regarding Attorney Assistance for Collection Efforts

- Attorney Jim Barlow has submitted an engagement letter for representing the town/delinquent tax collector during tax sale processes; the letter will be accepted by DTC Karen Gramer; the board needs to authorize the expense

### Discussion on Proposed Amendments to the East Montpelier Charter

- The East Montpelier Charter Committee has submitted a report with draft charter language that will add the town clerk and delinquent tax collector positions to the list of town jobs appointed by the board
- The Selectboard reviewed the proposal and developed alternative language, although the main thrust of the amendments, to appoint rather than elect the clerk and delinquent tax collector, remains unchanged
- Auditors are requesting that consideration be given to adding an auditor to the Selection Committee, either explicitly or, in good faith, as understood by the Selectboard
- Charter language needs to be finalized at this board meeting so that the proposed amendments can be included in the town report

### Finalization of FY2018 Budget

- See final draft budget for FY2018
  - Current budget has expenditures up 1%; projected tax rate up \$0.0053 (0.9%)

### Finalization of 2017 Town Meeting Warning

- Only Remaining Issues:
  - Update budget article to reflect final budget
  - Settle on language for Sanctuary Community discussion article
- Candidates for Office:
  - Selectboard (1 3-year & 1 2-year terms)
    - Amy Willis for 3-year term
    - Kim Swasey is running for reelection to the 2-year seat
  - Planning Commission (3 3-year terms)
    - All three incumbents (Jay Stewart; Ray Stout; Scott Hess) are running for reelection
  - EMES School Board (1 3-year & 1 2-year terms)
    - Darci Coleman-Graves for 2-year term
    - Rubin Bennett is running for reelection to the 3-year post
  - U-32 School Board (1 3-year term)
    - Karen Bradley
  - Town Moderator; School Moderator
    - Michael Duane is running for reelection to both posts
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Constable
    - Sandy Conti is running for reelection
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable
    - No candidate
  - Town Clerk (1 year of 3-year term)
    - CJ Flynn is running
  - Lister (1 3-year term)
    - Rob Chickering is running for reelection
  - Auditor (1 3-year term)
    - No candidate
  - Cemetery Commission (1 5-year term)
    - Tim Lamson is running

### Town Administrator Report

- VTrans Forum on Village Bridge & Rtes. 2/14 Intersection Project:
  - Forum set for Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at U-32
  - Current plan is to use a temporary bridge after all

- VLCT Special Meeting & Local Government Day:
  - Local Government Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; cost is \$45 (early bird through February 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - In conjunction with Local Government Day, VLCT has scheduled a special meeting for 1:30 on the 15<sup>th</sup> to consider a bylaw amendment that will, hopefully, resolve a problem with how the municipal policy is discussed and adopted at the October annual meeting; the bylaw will have the municipal policy treated as a new document each year, with no policy language carried over from previous years; as with all such meetings, we need to designate an official delegate if we intend to participate at the meeting; if the delegate only wants to attend the meeting and not Local Government Day, no fee is involved
- Small Funds Offered to Town on Behalf of Highway Department
  - A neighborhood would like to do something in gratitude for the highway crew's efforts and has offered to donate cash; the board needs to determine if funds should be accepted in any form, and if so, how funds could be offered
- Meeting Schedule:
 

○ February 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	BCA meeting
○ February 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Selectboard regular meeting
○ February 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Selectboard regular meeting
○ February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	At U-32; VTrans Village Bridge project forum
○ March 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Town Forum at EMES; second hearing on charter amendments
○ March 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Selectboard regular meeting
○ March 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Town Meeting at EMES

**Zoning Administrator Report**

- 2 permit applications so far in 2017
- No DRB meeting scheduled