

**East Montpelier Selectboard Meeting APPROVED (02/05/18) MINUTES
January 29, 2018 at the Town Office**

Selectboard (SB) members present: Carl Etnier (recording secretary), Seth Gardner, Kim Swasey, Gene Troia, Amy Willis; Bruce Johnson (town and zoning administrator).

Others present: Road Foreman (RF) Guthrie Perry; auditor Ed Deegan.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

D. ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Mr. Perry presented possible purchase options for a roadside mower. He and Mr. Gardner will conduct further research on the reliability of the various models to get a sense of what the best long-run choice is for the town.

E. DEVELOPMENT OF 2017 SELECTBOARD REPORT FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Johnson presented a draft based on previous input from the SB, and the SB approved it with minor changes.

F. DISCUSSION ON FY2019 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Motion: I move we adopt the budget of \$1,726,496 for FY2019. Made: Mr. Troia. Second: Ms. Willis. 5-0.

G. DISCUSSION ON 2018 TOWN MEETING WARNING DEVELOPMENT

Motion: I move to accept the town meeting warning. Made: Mr. Troia. Second: Ms. Swasey. 5-0.

H. CONSIDERATION OF EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST TOWN MEETING ISSUE ARTICLE

Mr. Johnson presented draft language for the Signpost explaining three of the town meeting articles. The SB approved it.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

Town Administrator Report

2018 Municipal Planning Grant Update: A RFQ (request for qualifications) for consultant services went out last week with a deadline of February 14. The Planning Commission will evaluate candidates and work out an agreement with the selected party. We hope to have consultant on board by beginning of April.

Tax Sale Update: All delinquencies were paid off prior to the sale date. As one payment was by e-check and it had not fully cleared by the tax sale date, the tax sale was opened on the 26th and formally continued until February 2. The expectation is that the tax sale will be canceled prior to the 2nd.

Meeting Schedule:

- February 1st 7:00 pm Planning Commission public forum on draft town plan at ESF
- February 5th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
- February 19th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
- March 3rd 9:30 am Town Forum at EMES
- March 5th 6:30 pm Regular Selectboard meeting
- March 6th 9:30 am Town Meeting at EMES

J. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Motion: I move to raise Road Foreman Guthrie Perry's pay to \$24.50 an hour when he passes his 6-month employment, per the town's agreement with him at the time of his hire. Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Ms. Willis. 5-0.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: I move to adjourn. Made: Ms. Willis. Second: Mr. Troia. 5-0. 8:23 pm.