

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
March 6, 2018
Town & School Meeting Results

School Meeting

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)
Elected: Michael Duane [497 votes]

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 4: Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2018-2019 school year?

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,990,773, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,645 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.09% higher than spending for the current year. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [331 yes; 212 no]

ARTICLE 7: To elect the following School Directors. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

One (1) School Director Two (2) Year Term

Elected: Malinda Johnson [459 votes]

One (1) School Director Three (3) Year Term

Elected: Flor Diaz Smith [442 votes]

Town Meeting

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

Town Moderator, 1-year term

Elected: Michael Duane [502 votes]

Selectboard Member, 3-year term

Elected: Seth Gardner [480 votes]

Selectboard Member, 2-year term

Elected: Gene Troia [455 votes]

Lister, 3-year term

Elected: Ross Hazel [467 votes]

Auditor, 3-year term

Elected: Ed Deegan [466 votes]

Auditor, 2 of 3-year term

Elected: Carla Occaso [450 votes]

First Constable, 1-year term

Elected: Sandy Conti [490 votes]

Second Constable, 1-year term

No candidate

Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term

Elected: Emily Goyette [488 votes]

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 of 5-year term

Elected: Jonathan Boucher [469 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Jean Vissering [450 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Jack Pauly [446 votes]

Planning Commissioner, 3-year term

Elected: Mark Lane [445 votes]

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,726,496** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [470 yes; 76 no]

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$42,022** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

Result: Passed [397 yes; 147 no]

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2019 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 Thursday, November 15,

2018 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM
Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$3,000** for the Land Conservation Fund.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$3,100** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$17,250** for the East Montpelier Cemetery Commission for the support and maintenance of Town cemeteries during fiscal year 2019.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** 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 2019.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 10: 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 2019.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$5,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2019.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,333** as its fiscal year 2019 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the Green Mountain Transit 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.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 14: 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 2019.

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 Habitat for Humanity	\$ 250
6) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$ 1,000
7) Circle	\$ 675
8) Downstreet Housing & Community Development	\$ 150
9) East Montpelier Community Connections	\$ 2,500
10)Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
11)Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 200
12)Girls/Boyz First Mentoring	\$ 300
13)Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300
14)Good Samaritan Haven	\$ 750
15)Green Mountain Transit	\$ 1,366
16)Green Up Vermont	\$ 150
17)Home Share Now	\$ 800
18)North Branch Nature Center	\$ 750
19)Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
20)OUR House of Central VT	\$ 250
21)People’s Health and Wellness Clinic	\$ 1,250
22)Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$ 300
23)Project Independence	\$ 125
24)Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 250
25)Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 3,500
26)T. W. Wood Gallery	\$ 500
27)Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
28)Vermont CARES	\$ 150
29)Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 245
30)Vermont Family Network	\$ 100
31)Washington County Diversion Program	\$ 600
32)Washington County Mental Health Services	\$ 800
33)Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400
TOTAL	\$22,691

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of East Montpelier enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82.

Result: Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 16: Other non-binding business.

Shall the Town of East Montpelier adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugarers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

- 1. That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:**
 - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines;**
 - b. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,**
 - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to low-income people, people of color, or rural communities.**

- 2. That the Town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:**
 - a. Protecting Town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing Town lands;**
 - b. Weatherizing Town buildings and schools;**
 - c. Enlisting state support to install solar as appropriate on Town and school buildings;**
 - d. Promoting the siting of renewable energy in appropriate sections of Town;**
 - e. Promoting higher density development with access to public transportation;**
 - f. Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping us reduce overall energy use.**

Result: Amended on floor (see following); passed by voice vote

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 - d. Ensure that commercial-scale renewable energy developments comply with both the Regional and Town Plans and that renewable energy credits (RECs) from them remain within the town, Central Vermont region, and/or the state.**

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 - c. Enlisting state support to install solar as appropriate on Town and school buildings;**
 - d. Promoting the siting of renewable energy in appropriate sections of Town, while protecting important natural, cultural, scenic and agricultural resources, as identified in the Town Plan, when considering possible siting of commercial-scale renewable energy developments;**
 - e. Promoting higher density development with access to public transportation;**
 - f. Other initiatives to help residents reduce overall energy use.**

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.