Discussion on Proposed Charter Amendments

- 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
- If the Selectboard decides to move forward with the amendment process, the first of two hearings on the amendments is scheduled for Monday, January 16th, 6:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Facility

Review of Letter to VT Department of Environmental Conservation Regarding East Montpelier Fire District #1 Proposed Merger with Town

- Letter is to DEC's Ashley Lucht, who runs the drinking water loan program; the fire district has a 2012 loan through the program for \$9,700; this was used for an engineering feasibility study of the Crystal Springs Water System; the loan would have been rolled into a construction/purchase loan had the fire district managed to strike a deal with Deane Hedges; the first payment on the loan is due March 1, 2017
- The point of the letter is to give Ms. Lucht some evidence of town interest in the Crystal Springs Water System even after the fire district is dissolved; the intent is to get an extension, at the very least, on the loan payment so that no payment will be due until after the town and fire district merger effort is resolved; this is not committing the town to anything

Discussion on FY2018 Budget Development

- See updated draft budget and staff analysis for FY2018
 - o Highway budget numbers updated

Discussion on 2017 Town Meeting Warning

- Cemetery Commission request is level-funded at \$7,000
- EM Trails Association is once again requesting \$4,000
 - o Any reason to ask the group to appear before the SB prior to placing this on Warning?
- Update on Candidacies:
 - o Selectboard (1 3-year & 1 2-year terms)
 - o Planning Commission (3 3-year terms)
 - All three incumbents are running (Jay Stewart; Ray Stout; Scott Hess)
 - o EMES School Board (1 3-year & 1 2-year terms)
 - Kim Kendall is not running for re-election
 - o U-32 School Board (1 3-year term)
 - Emily Goyette is not running for re-election
 - o Town Moderator; School Moderator
 - o 1st Constable
 - o 2nd Constable
 - o Town Clerk (1 year of 3-year term)
 - CJ Flynn is running
 - o Lister (1 3-year term)
 - Incumbent Rob Chickering is running
 - o Auditor (1 3-year term)
 - o Cemetery Commission (1 5-year term)
 - Paulie Coburn is not running again; Tim Lamson is running for her seat
- Update on Proposed Sanctuary Community Policy Article
 - o Board Member Etnier will present the update
- No known petition article in the works at this point

Town Administrator Report

• Meeting Schedule:

0	January 16 th	6:00 pm	At ESF: SB regular meeting; hearing on charter amendments
0	January 23 rd	6:30 pm	Selectboard special meeting; final budget/warning approvals
0	February 6 th	6:30 pm	Selectboard regular meeting