

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in said Town, on **Tuesday**, the **second (2nd)** day of **March, 2021** at **9:30 AM** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on those Articles so noted:

[This paragraph would need to be reworked if we shift to an all-Australian Ballot warning]

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

Town Moderator, 1-year term
Selectboard Member, 3-year term
Selectboard Member, 2-year term
Selectboard Member, 2 of 3-year term
Lister, 3-year term
Auditor, 3-year term
First Constable, 1-year term
Second Constable, 1-year term
Planning Commissioner, 3-year term
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ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$x,xxx,xxx** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

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

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town, as authorized by 17 V.S.A. §2651a, authorize the Selectboard to appoint a first constable and, if needed, a second constable. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2022 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 Monday, November 15,

2021 and the second installment will be due on or before 5:00 PM Monday, May 16, 2022.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town adopt the proposed tax payment protocol as recommended by the Selectboard that would:

- Allow for a two-week (14 day) grace period;
- Set the interest rate to be charged for late and delinquent taxes at 1% per month with timing calculated from the end of the grace period; and,
- Set the penalty for delinquent taxes at 8%, charged as follows:
 - 2% at the end of the grace period;
 - 2% at the end of the first month following the grace period;
 - 4% at the end of the second month following the grace period.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$x,xxx for the Conservation Fund.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$x,xxx for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$x,xxx 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 2022.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$x,xxx for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$9,000 for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$x,xxx for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$7,833.06 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to provide services to residents of the Town of East Montpelier, including \$6,833.06 as its RCT portion of the fiscal year 2022 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into East Montpelier and \$1,000 as its fiscal year 2022 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the commuter bus service along Routes 14 & 15 with service into East 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.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,499.94** as its Green Mountain Transit portion of the fiscal year 2022 share of the annual ongoing cost of providing the commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into East 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.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$x,xxx** for Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. for operating expenses during fiscal year 2022.

ARTICLE 17: 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 2022.

1) American Red Cross	\$ 250
2) Big Heavy World	\$ 250
3) Capstone Community Action	\$ 500
4) Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 750
5) Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 1,875
6) Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team	\$ 200
7) Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity	\$ 350
8) Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	\$ 1,000
9) Circle	\$ 675
10)Community Harvest of Central VT	\$ 250
11)Downstreet Housing & Community Development	\$ 150
12)East Montpelier Community Connections	\$ 2,500
13)Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
14)Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 200
15)Girls/Boyz First Mentoring	\$ 300
16)Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300
17)Good Samaritan Haven	\$ 750
18)Green Mountain Transit	\$ 1,366
19)Green Up Vermont	\$ 150
20)HomeShare Vermont	\$ 800
21)North Branch Nature Center	\$ 750
22)Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
23)OUR House of Central VT	\$ 250

24)People's Health and Wellness Clinic	\$ 1,500
25)Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$ 300
26)Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 250
27)T. W. Wood Gallery	\$ 500
28)Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
29)Vermont CARES	\$ 150
30)Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 400
31)Vermont Family Network	\$ 500
32)Washington County Diversion Program	\$ 600
33)Washington County Mental Health Services	\$ 800
34)Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400
35)Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District	\$ 700
TOTAL	\$21,366

ARTICLE 18: Other non-binding business.

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ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN FORUM
SATURDAY, February 27, 2021
9:30 AM at the East Montpelier Elementary School
665 Vincent Flats Road, East Montpelier

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public Hearing and Informational Meeting concerning Australian Ballot Articles and other Warned Articles for the **March 2, 2021 Town Meeting**. Candidates for Town Offices will be introduced.

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of January, 2021.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

Seth Gardner

Carl Etnier

Amy Willis

Jon Jewett

Judith Dillon

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, ____ day of January A.D. 2021 at ____ M
received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as
required by law.

Attest: Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk