

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 7, 2023**

Please note that this is a working document. The articles fully highlighted in yellow are ones that have been included for discussion purposes. The inclusion of these articles for discussion does not imply any intent on the part of the Selectboard to include the articles on the approved warning for consideration by town residents at 2023 Town Meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School in said Town, on **Tuesday**, the **seventh (7th)** day of **March, 2023** at **9:30 a.m.** to transact the following business and to vote by Australian Ballot from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** on those Articles so noted.

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
Lister, 3-year term
Auditor, 3-year term
Planning Commissioner, 3-year term
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ARTICLE 2: 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 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2024 to be paid to the Town Treasurer, without discount in two installments and received by the Treasurer at the East Montpelier Municipal Building as follows: The first installment will be due and postmarked on or before Wednesday, November 15, 2023 and the second installment will be due and postmarked on or before Wednesday, May 15, 2024. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$46,764** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$X,XXX** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2024.

- ARTICLE 6: 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 2024.
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$X,XXX** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, administration and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2024.
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$X,XXX** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2024.
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$X,XXX** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2024.
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$X,XXX** for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to provide services to residents of the Town of East Montpelier, including **\$6,834** as its RCT portion of the fiscal year 2024 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 2024 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 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$X,XXX** as its Green Mountain Transit portion of the fiscal year 2024 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 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$X,XXX** for Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. for operating expenses during fiscal year 2024.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise the amounts listed below as recommended by the Town's Funding Request Study Committee for the following organizations for fiscal year 2024.

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	\$ 400
15)Girls/Boyz First Mentoring	\$ 300
16)Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300
17)Good Samaritan Haven	\$ 2,000
18)Green Mountain Transit	\$ 1,366
19)Green Up Vermont	\$ 150
20)HomeShare Vermont	\$ 800
21)Mosaic Vermont	\$ 250
22)North Branch Nature Center	\$ 750
23)Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
24)OUR House of Central VT	\$ 250
25)People's Health and Wellness Clinic	\$ 1,250
26)Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$ 300
27)T. W. Wood Gallery	\$ 500
28)Vermont CARES	\$ 300
29)Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 400
30)Vermont Family Network	\$ 200

31)Washington County Diversion Program	\$ 600
32)Washington County Mental Health Services	\$ 800
33)Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 400
34)Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District	\$ 600
TOTAL	\$22,166

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN FORUM
Saturday, March 4, 2023
10:00 a.m. 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 7, 2023 Town Meeting. The meeting will be hosted by the East Montpelier Selectboard in-person with remote attendance/participation options utilizing Zoom conference services. (see below for participation options.

A. 10:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
PUBLIC COMMENT

B. 10:10 AM REVIEW OF & DISCUSSION ON 2023 TOWN MEETING ARTICLES
[Public Comment Will Be Allowed On All Articles]

- Article 2: FY2023 Budget
- Article 3: Property Tax Protocol
- Article 4: Kellogg-Hubbard Library Appropriation
- Article 5: Four Corners Schoolhouse Association Appropriation
- Article 6: East Montpelier Signpost Appropriation
- Article 7: East Montpelier Trails, Inc. Appropriation
- Article 8: Montpelier Senior Activity Center Appropriation
- Article 9: Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice Appropriation
- Article 10: Rural Community Transportation, Inc. Appropriation
- Article 11: Green Mountain Transit Appropriation
- Article 12: Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. Appropriation
- Article 13: Funding Request Study Committee Recommendation for Appropriations to Worthy Organizations

C. 12:15 AM OTHER BUSINESS

D. 12:30 AM ADJOURN

To Attend the Public Hearing and Informational Meeting:

To join by web browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84447068796>

By phone: 1 + (646) 558-8656 [this is not a toll-free number]

Meeting ID: 844 4706 8796

Meeting documents and complete participation options can be seen here:

<https://eastmontpeliervt.org/march-4-2023-town-forum/>

If you have difficulty accessing the forum, please call or email Town Administrator Gina Jenkins:
(802) 223-3313 x 204

manager@eastmontpeliervt.org

You may also email comments to Ms. Jenkins in advance of or during the forum.

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 16th day of January, 2023.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

Seth Gardner

Carl Etnier

Amy Willis

Jon Jewett

Judith Dillon

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, ____ day of January A.D. 2023 at ____ M
received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as
required by law.

Attest: Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk