

Town of East Montpelier Board of Civil Authority  
Special Meeting held on Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Elise Thorsen, Edie Miller, Becky Reed, Lindy Johnson, Ginny Burley, Jan Aldrich, Jez Harrington, Ed Deegan, Rosie Laquerre

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 by Chair, Jan Aldrich.

**AGENDA REVISIONS:** There were no agenda revisions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Edie Miller spoke about a training she attended related to child marriage and encouraged the group to speak to our state Representative, Ela Chapin, if they have had an experience as JPs (or otherwise) with marrying people who are under the age of 18.

**TOWN MEETING PREP**

**BALLOT & TABULATOR UPDATE:** Clerk Laquerre gave a general update, noting that town and school ballots should be in mailboxes and that requests for the Central Vermont Career Center (CVCC) ballots have been slow. She will post to FPF encouraging voters to request the ballot by contacting her via email or phone. We will use two tabulators on Town Meeting Day; one for town ballots and the second one for WCUUSD ballots. A third ballot box will be supplied to hold the CVCC ballots.

**PRE-TABULATION:** A discussion was held, and the group decided to pre-tabulate town ballots on Thursday, March 2, 2023, from 3:00 PM until they finish those that have been checked in. Jez Harrington and Ginny Burley will begin the process with Rosie Laquerre at 3:00 PM. They will be joined by Ed Deegan and Edie Miller at 4:00 PM.

**STAFFING:** Clerk Laquerre reminded everyone to sign up for the time slots they wish to work on the Google Sheet that has been distributed. She'll send the link around again.

**CVCC COUNT:** Two BCA members are needed to deliver CVCC ballots to the Barre Alumni Hall for 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 9. Those two people will need to be ready to stay until the ballots for East Montpelier are counted. Jez Harrington and Rosie Laquerre volunteered for this task. Becky Reed offered to serve as a backup, hinging on her availability at the time. Rosie mentioned that the CVCC clerk shared that she would like other towns to share the responsibility of counting ballots in the future, but no suggestion as to which towns has been made.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Becky Reed moved and Jez Harrington seconded adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk