

## Minutes for the East Montpelier Selectboard

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### July 17, 2023 Selectboard Meeting

**This emergency meeting was held per 1 V.S.A. § 312(c)(3) in-person at the Municipal building with a remote participation option using the Zoom conferencing platform.**

**SB Attendance:** Chair Seth Gardner, Jon Jewett, Zoe Christiansen, Town Administrator (“TA”) Gina Jenkins, Road Foreman Guthrie Perry

**Remote SB Attendance:** Scott Hess

**In-Person Public Attendance:**

**Remote Public Attendance:**

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Road Foreman Perry asked to discuss the Selectboard’s expectation of the timing for the storm damage to be repaired on the town roads.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Discuss Request for Authorization to Hire Part-Time Road Crew**

The Selectboard discussed the potential to hire a part-time road crew member to assist with the storm damage repairs and provide ongoing support for the Road Crew on an as needed basis. The Selectboard discussed that the town has regularly retained a part-time employee as part of the road crew to assist as a on-call employee based on need.

**Motion: To authorize TA Jenkins and Road Foreman Perry to hire part-time personnel to support the Road Crew.** Made by Mr. Hess, second by Mr. Jewett. Passed unanimously.

### **Discuss Selectboard Expectation for Storm Repairs to Town Roads**

Road Foreman Perry and the Selectboard discussed the ongoing repairs to the town roads after the storm. Chair Gardner stated that he believed Road Foreman Perry should continue to work through the damage consistent with the approach the Road Crew has been employing. The strategy in place has been to ensure roads are passable with at least one lane where damage prevented safe passage of the road and ensure that residents can safely exit their driveways by repairing any erosion preventing safe exit. The Road Crew will then continue working to bring the roads back to their standard condition while addressing new issues caused by increasing rain.

### **Other Business**

None.

**Motion: To adjourn.** Made by Mr. Jewett, second by Mr. Hess. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gina Jenkins.

Approved July 24, 2023 Selectboard meeting.

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