

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 5, 2024**

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 **fifth (5th)** day of **March, 2024** 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, remaining 2 years of 3-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: To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$2,297,070** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2025 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 Friday, November 15, 2024 and the second installment will be due and postmarked on or before Thursday, May 15, 2025.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$51,960** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. (To be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,500** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2025.

- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$12,000** 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 2025.
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$4,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, administration and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2025.
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2025.
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** for Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. for operating expenses during fiscal year 2025.
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2025.
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$7,834** 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 2025 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 2025 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 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$1,499** as its Green Mountain Transit portion of the fiscal year 2025 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 14: 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 2025.

1) American Red Cross	\$ 250
2) Big Heavy World	\$ 250
3) Capstone Community Action (formerly CVCAC)	\$ 500
4) Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 750
5) Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,875
6) Central VT Disaster Animal Response Team (CVDART)	\$ 200
7) Central VT Habitat for Humanity	\$ 350
8) Central VT Memorial Civic Center	\$ 1,000
9) Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services & Shelter)	\$ 675
10) Community Connections	\$ 2,500
11) Community Harvest of Central VT	\$ 400
12) Downstreet Housing & Community Development	\$ 150
13) Elevate Youth Services	\$ 500
14) Family Center of Washington County	\$ 500
15) Friends of the Winooski River	\$ 300
16) Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$ 300
17) Good Samaritan Haven	\$ 2,000
18) Green Mountain Transit (GMT)	\$ 1,366
19) Green Up Vermont	\$ 150
20) HomeShare Vermont	\$ 800
21) North Branch Nature Center	\$ 1,000
22) Onion River Food Shelf, Inc.	\$ 1,000
23) OUR House of Central VT	\$ 250
24) People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$ 1,250
25) Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	\$ 300
26) T W Wood Gallery	\$ 750
27) VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
28) Vermont Bar Foundation	\$ 2,000
29) VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 400
30) VT Family Network	\$ 500
31) Washington County Diversion Program	\$ 600
32) Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District	\$ 600
33) Youth First Mentoring (formerly Girls/Boyz First Mentori	\$ 300
Total	\$ 23,916

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN FORUM
Monday, March 4, 2024
6:30 p.m. at the East Montpelier Municipal Building
40 Kelton Road, East Montpelier

The Citizens of East Montpelier are invited to attend a Public Hearing and Informational Meeting hosted by the East Montpelier Selectboard, conducted in-person and remote attendance option offered via Zoom (see below for participation options), to discuss the Articles on the 2024 Town Meeting Warning.

A. 6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
PUBLIC COMMENT

B. REVIEW OF & DISCUSSION ON 2024 TOWN MEETING ARTICLES
[Public Comment Will Be Allowed on All Articles]

- Article 2: Town Officer Reports
- Article 3: FY2025 Budget
- Article 4: Property Tax Protocol
- Article 5: Kellogg-Hubbard Library Appropriation
- Article 6: Four Corners Schoolhouse Association Appropriation
- Article 7: East Montpelier Signpost Appropriation
- Article 8: East Montpelier Trails, Inc. Appropriation
- Article 9: Montpelier Senior Activity Center Appropriation
- Article 10: Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. Appropriation
- Article 11: Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice Appropriation
- Article 12: Rural Community Transportation, Inc. Appropriation
- Article 13: Green Mountain Transit Appropriation
- Article 14: Funding Request Study Committee Recommendation for Appropriations to Organizations
- Article 15: Other Business

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. ADJOURN

To Attend the Public Hearing and Informational Meeting Remotely:

To join by web browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86885375972>

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

Meeting ID: 868 8537 5972

Meeting documents and complete participation options can be seen here:

<https://eastmontpeliervt.org/march-4-2024-town-forum-selectboard-meeting/>

If you have difficulty accessing the forum, please call or email Town Administrator Gina Jenkins:

(802) 223-3313 x 204 or manager@eastmontpeliervt.org

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

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of January, 2024.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

Seth Gardner

Carl Etnier

Scott Hess

Jon Jewett

Zoe Christansen

East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office, ____ day of January A.D. 2024 at ____M received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk