

**East Montpelier Selectboard Meeting**

**Monday April 21, 2025**

**Present:** Seth Gardner, Tom Brazier, Carl Etnier

**Present via Zoom:** Scott Hess

**Also Present:** Jen Devine, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Mr. Gardner.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Fox Market Liquor Licenses; Review Hudson House offers (possible executive session); Vote the Washington Electric Corporation ballot

**Review of Minutes: Motion to approve April 7, 2025, SB Meeting as amended: Made:** Mr. Hess. Second. Mr. Brazier. Results: 4-0. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Better Roads & MRGP Letter of Intent: Motion: Authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign letters of intent for both the Better Roads and Municipal Roads Grant Program (MRGP).** Made: Mr. Etnier. Second Mr. Brazier. Results: 4-0. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Regarding Town Garage**

- **Motion to Initiate Process to Discontinue Old Templeton Rd Right of Way:** Made: Mr. Brazier. Second: Mr. Etnier. Results: 4-0. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. The abutting landowners will be notified.
- **Deconstruction Bidding:** Materials that can be reused are being put out to bid. The notice has been put on Front Porch Forum. The deadline for bidding is April 25.

**Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and Outdoor Consumption Liquor Licenses for Fox Market:** Motion: Authorize the clerk to process the 1<sup>st</sup> Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and Outdoor Consumption licenses for Fox Market. Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Brazier. Results: 4-0. The motion passed unanimously.

Apex Sketching Software: Motion: Approve the \$655 for the Listers Apex Sketching Software: Made. Mr. Hess. Second Mr. Brazier.

Warrants dated April 21, 2025, were reviewed and signed.

Washington Electric Candidates: There are five people running for three positions. Past practice has been to vote for those candidates who live in East Montpelier and those who are personally known to the Selectboard who don't live in town. The group discussed **Motion: To vote the ballot from Washington Electric Cooperative for Ian Buchanon, Susan Alexander, and Bill Powell.** Made: Mr. Brazier. Second: Mr. Etnier. Results: 4-0. The motion passed unanimously.

**Town Administrator Report:** The Town Administrator reviewed her written report.

**Motion: To appoint Seth Gardner as Deputy Health Office.** Made. Mr. Hess. Second: Mr. Brazier. Results: 3-1 with Mr. Gardner abstaining. The motion passed.

The Town Clerk updated the board regarding the abandoned vehicle at the Park 'N Ride.

**Review Hudson House Offer: Motion: Motion: The Selectboard finds premature general public knowledge of the contracts to be discussed would clearly place the Selectboard or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage.** Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Brazier. 4-0. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion: To enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a contract, pursuant to 1 VSA §313 (a)(1).** Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Brazier Results: 4-0. The motion passed unanimously, and the board went into Executive Session at 7:09 PM.

The board left Executive Session at 7:22 PM.

**Motion: To Adjourn.** Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Brazier. Results 4-0. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre, Board Recorder