

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
ARTICLES OF WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of East Montpelier, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the East Montpelier Elementary School located at 665 Vincent Flats Road in said Town, on **Tuesday**, the **third (3rd)** day of **March, 2026** 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: To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$2,896,001** as proposed by the Selectboard, for laying out and repairing highways and for other necessary Town expenses for fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027). **(To be voted by Australian Ballot)**

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town authorize all property taxes for the fiscal year 2027 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 Monday, November 16, 2025 and the second installment will be due and postmarked on or before Monday, May 17, 2027.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2), provide notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days before the annual meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report, with copies to be published on the Town website and mailed from the Town Office upon request? **To be voted by Australian Ballot)**

- ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$56,195** for Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. **(To be voted by Australian Ballot)**
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$3,700** for the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association for operating expenses during fiscal year 2026.
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$9,000** 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 2026.
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,000** for East Montpelier Trails, Inc. for the enhancement, development, administration and maintenance of the trail network in East Montpelier during fiscal year 2026.
- ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$9,700** for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center for operating expenses during fiscal year 2026.
- ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$8,000** for Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. for operating expenses during fiscal year 2026.
- ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of **\$6,500** for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for operating expenses during fiscal year 2026.
- ARTICLE 13: 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, 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 sum of **\$1,499** as its Green Mountain Transit portion of the fiscal year 2026 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 15: 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 2026.

Capstone Community Action	500
Central Vermont Adult Education	750
Vermont Council on Aging	1,875
Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (CVDART)	200
Central Vermont Economic Development	450
Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity	350
Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center	1,000
Community Connections	2,500
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	750
Downstreet Housing & Community Development	150
Elevate Youth Services	500
Family Center of Washington County	500
Friends of the Winooski River	300
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	400
Good Samaritan Haven	3,500
Green Mountain Transit (GMT)	1500
Green Up Vermont	150
Homeshare Vermont	800
North Branch Nature Center	1,000
Onion River Food Shelf	1,000
OUR House of Central Vermont	400
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	1,000
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	600
T W Wood Gallery	750
Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	150
Vermont Center for Independent Living	400
Vermont Family Network	200
Washington County Diversion Program	350
Youth First Mentoring	1,000

TOTAL

\$23,175

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

WHEREAS, 2026 is the 250th anniversary of our country's Declaration of Independence from a tyrannical king which led to the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Constitution in 1791; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has repeatedly violated his Oath of Office by attacking the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Separation of Powers, the Emoluments Clause, the War Powers Act, and International Treaties; and

WHEREAS, Members of Congress have violated their oaths of office by supporting measures that destroy the Constitution and the United States Supreme Court has used the Unitary Executive theory and the Shadow Docket to gut the Constitution and eliminate guardrails of democracy; and

WHEREAS, the President has established ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) as his own Gestapo with illegal, race-based kidnappings and deportations of not only aliens but American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the present administration has worked to accelerate climate change and cut USAID, which is projected to kill millions of people; and

WHEREAS, the President has illegally withheld Congressionally allocated federal funds from Vermont as well as other Blue States, thus putting financial pressure on our local and state governments and endangering public safety, environmental protection, transportation, and assistance to those in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we ask that our Governor and state and local officials refuse to provide any personal information about Vermont citizens, (such as SNAP recipients) to the federal government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our federal representatives in Congress vote NO on any FY2026 bill that increases funding for ICE or Border Patrol (including detention funding); and

- End dragnet arrest operations targeting people based on race, language/accents, workplace, or location;
- End military deployment to our cities;
- Block the Department of Homeland Security from shifting money to expand or build new detention centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of East Montpelier and the State of Vermont should refuse to comply with any Presidential Executive Orders that violate the U.S Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of the people of East Montpelier this resolution be sent to our Congressional Delegation; to the Vermont Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN FORUM
Monday, February 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM PM
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 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

A. CALL TO ORDER

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

B. REVIEW OF & DISCUSSION ON 2025 TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

[Public comment permitted on all Articles]

- **Article 2:** Town Officer Reports
- **Article 3:** FY2026 Budget
- **Article 4:** Property Tax Protocol
- **Article 5:** Annual Report Question
- **Article 6:** Kellogg-Hubbard Library Appropriation
- **Article 7:** Four Corners Schoolhouse Association Appropriation
- **Article 8:** East Montpelier Signpost Appropriation
- **Article 9:** East Montpelier Trails, Inc. Appropriation
- **Article 10:** Montpelier Senior Activity Center Appropriation
- **Article 11:** Twin Valley Seniors, Inc. Appropriation
- **Article 12:** Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice Appropriation
- **Article 13:** Rural Community Transportation, Inc. Appropriation
- **Article 14:** Green Mountain Transit Appropriation
- **Article 15:** Funding Request Study Committee Recommendation for Appropriations to Organizations
- **Article 16:** Other Business

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. ADJOURN

To Attend the Public Hearing and Informational Meeting Remotely:

To join by web browser:

If you have difficulty accessing the forum, please call or email Town Administrator Jen Devine: (802) 223-3313 x 204 or manager@eastmontpeliervt.org

Dated at East Montpelier, Vermont, this ____ day of January, 2026.

East Montpelier Selectboard:

Seth Gardner

Thomas Brazier

Carl Etnier

Scott Hess

Selectboard Member

On the ____ day of January A.D. 2026 at ____ PM, the East Montpelier Town Clerk's Office received the foregoing East Montpelier Annual Town Meeting Warning for posting as required by law.

Attest: Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk