

Town of East Montpelier Selectboard  
Monday March 2, 2026

**Present:** Seth Gardner, Scott Hess, Tom Brazier, Carl Etnier, Joe Brooks

**Present via Zoom:** N/A

**Also Present via Zoom:** James Barlow, town attorney.

**Also Present:** Celina Moore, Tom Moore, Bill Heigis, Ben McCall

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Gardner.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

**Motion: To approve the minutes of February 23, 2026, as amended.** Motion: Mr. Hess.

Second: Mr. Etnier. Results: 5-0. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Tommy Moore, a senior at Brown University majoring in Design Engineering, would like his senior Capstone project to include work with the town's plan, vision for the town, and its assets. The Selectboard offered resources and made suggestions for getting the word out about the survey he proposed.

**Discuss East Montpelier Trails, Inc Easement & MOU with Selectboard and Town**

**Attorney:** Mr. Heigis is in favor of the idea of the town being a successor holder of an easement EMTI. This eliminates the need for the MOU and puts the onus on EMTI regarding insurance. East Montpelier can become the successor if EMTI ceases and at that time, determine any liability. Mr. Etnier asked if this should be memorialized in writing for a future selectboard. The Easement Deed language will be revised and a Resolution will be adopted by the Selectboard. Mr. Heigis will let Mr. Barlow know when the documents can be finalized.

**Discuss Grants Working Group with Becca Schrader & Celina Barton:** Ms. Schrader was unable to attend. Ms. Barton stated that the thinking behind the Grants committee is to develop processes, filter grant opportunities, generate a calendar, increase capacity, and to give assistance to the Town Administrator. Richard Brock and Emily Lavin have offered to become part of a newly established committee. They would also like to invite Ben McCall and others. Mr. Etnier suggested the Selectboard use the Resolution as a starting point. The Selectboard would like time to review and provide input. This topic will be placed on a future agenda.

**Consideration of Curb Cut #26-003 Green Rd:** Motion: To approve curb cut #26-003.

Made: Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Hess. Results: 5-0. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of Curb Cut #26-005 Taylor Farm Rd:** To approve curb cut #26-005. Made:

Mr. Etnier. Second: Mr. Brazier. Results: 5-0. The motion passed unanimously.

Warrants dated March 2, 2026, were signed by those present.

**Town Administrator Report:**

- Ms. Devine gave a recruitment update.
- New PCs have been delivered and are being deployed at the town office.
- We have posted the RFP for the Dream Grant.

**Other Business:** Concerns have been brought to individual Selectboard members that resolutions that are state or nationally politically motivated make people uncomfortable about attending Town Meeting. There was discussion regarding Resolutions and whether they are appropriate to occur at town meeting if it's not necessarily town business. It was noted that the Moderator controls the agenda. Mr. Etnier suggested that the forum of Town Meeting fosters a culture of civil discussion for these issues.

**Motion: To adjourn.** Made: Mr. Hess. Second: Mr. Brooks. Results: 5-0. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre, Board Recorder