

### **Additions to the Agenda**

None.

### **Review Minutes:**

- Feb 23, 2025, Selectboard Meeting

### **Discuss East Montpelier Trails, Inc. (EMTI) easement & MOU with Selectboard and Town Lawyer (Executive Discussion)**

The Town Lawyer will speak with the Selectboard in executive session to finalize documents that are ready for approval by the Selectboard. As stated at the last Selectboard Meeting, the Town will have obligations if the Town is a co-holder of the recreational easement. Serving as a co-holder would carry obligations for the Town, including responding to violations or conflicts and participating in enforcement actions when necessary. Even if EMTI acts as the “primary” steward, the Town would still share legal responsibility, which could require staff time and occasional legal costs. If EMTI were to cease operations, become inactive, or decline to enforce the easement, the Town could become the sole responsible entity. This could mean addressing trail maintenance issues, encroachments, misuse, or negotiating with reluctant landowners. Co-holding could also draw the Town into disputes over permitted uses—for example, motorized versus non-motorized activities, hunting access, horses, or mountain biking.

### **Discuss Grants Working Group with Celina Barton (Possible Motion)**

East Montpelier would greatly benefit from the establishment of a dedicated grants committee to streamline and enhance our community’s ongoing efforts in securing external grants funding. This committee would provide essential structure and process by formalizing the identification, application, and support our Town Administrator in the management of grants, ensuring that all initiatives align with the town’s strategic priorities and are executed efficiently. Moreover, it would promote transparency through quarterly reporting, public meetings, and clear documentation of decision-making, fostering trust among residents and stakeholders. By creating a centralized entity, the committee would offer a clear pathway for community members, organizations, and town officials to propose and submit grant opportunities, while also implementing a prioritization framework to evaluate proposals based on criteria such as potential impact, feasibility, and alignment with municipal goals. Ultimately, this approach would demonstrate clear organization and capacity to the grantors, maximize our resources, avoid duplication of efforts, and position East Montpelier to pursue the most advantageous funding opportunities for sustainable growth and improvement.

### **Consideration of Curb Cut #26-003 Green Rd. (Possible Motion)**

### **Consideration of Curb Cut #26-005 Taylor Farm Rd. (Possible Motion)**

### **Warrants**

- Mar 2, 2025, Expense Warrant

- The warrant should be signed by all Selectboard members present. If an “in-person” quorum is lacking, the warrant should be approved by one of the in-person Selectboard members authorized to sign the warrant on behalf of the Selectboard.

**Town Administrator Report**

- **Recruitment-** The town is recruiting for several positions on our webpage located here: <https://eastmontpeliervt.org/community/east-montpelier-jobs-recruiting/>
  - 2 members are needed for DRB
  - 4 members Cemetery Committee
  - 1 Central VT Solid Waste Mgt Board Supervisors Back Up Needed
  - 1 Board Member for 4 Corners School House.

**Meeting Schedule:**

March 2, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date & Town Plan Hearing 5:00pm
March 16, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
April 6, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date & Town Plan Hearing (tbd) 5:00pm
April 20, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
May 4, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
May 18, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
June 1, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
June 15, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
July 6, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
July 20, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Aug 3, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Aug 17, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Sept 7, 2026	HOLIDAY	Labor day, 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month
Sept 14, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Special Meeting Date, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month
Sept 28, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Special Meeting Date, 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month
Oct 5, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Oct 19, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Nov 7, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Nov 16, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Dec 7, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date
Dec 21, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Monday, Regular Meeting Date