

*The following are excerpts of actions taken at meetings of our town and school governance boards. Complete minutes are available in the Town Office or online at the town and school websites. These cover the period November 2017 to January 2018.*

## **Selectboard**

### **November 20, 2017**

Public hearing on Towne Hill/Brazier/Gallison Hill intersection followed by regular meeting

Motions passed:

- \* to authorize Town Administrator Johnson to complete and sign the application to CVPC for transportation planning funding for the Towne Hill Road/US Route 2 intersection
- \*to authorize Chair, Seth Gardner to sign a request to VHCB for an extension on the Old LaPerle Farm Planning grant
- \* to grant East Montpelier Gully Jumpers permission to use designated town roads for trail crossings
- \*to authorize Town Administrator Johnson to complete the agreement with VTrans to amend the Park and Ride grant
- \* to authorize the boundary adjustment between the Park and Ride and the LaPerle Farm property
- \* to appoint Ed Deegan as EM auditor

### **December 4, 2017**

Motions passed:

- \* to adopt and sign the TA65 VTrans request for reimbursement form for the Muddy Brook Road Project
- \* to adopt the foregoing resolutions, as required, to give Treasurer Don Welch and Assistant Treasurer Denise Sparrow the necessary authorization to change the town's Northfield Savings Bank checking account to a savings account
- \* to appoint Ginny Burley as the town's health officer for a three-year term

### **December 7, 2017**

Joint meeting with the Calais Selectboard to hear and discuss a presentation of the EMFD budget

### **December 11, 2017**

Motions passed:

- \* to include an appropriation of \$266,367.33 in the general selectboard budget for the provision of ambulance and emergency services
- \* to place the following article on the 2018 East Montpelier Town Meeting Warning: Shall the Town of East Montpelier enter into a communications union district, to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the current provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82

### **December 18, 2017**

Motions passed:

\*to place on the 2018 Town Meeting Warning the Green Mountain Transit Route 2 Commuter Bus appropriation request article for \$8,333

\*to place on the 2018 Town Meeting Warning the Kellogg-Hubbard Library appropriation request article for \$42,022

\*to place on the 2018 Town Meeting Warning the Montpelier Senior Activity Center appropriation request article for \$8,000

\*to accept the Funding Request Study Committee's FY2019 funding report as presented and to place on the 2018 Town Meeting Warning both the joint social organization funding request article for \$22,691 and the Central VT Home Health & Hospice appropriation request article for \$5,500

\*to accept the Sullivan, Powers & Co. audit for FY2017

\*to accept the Sullivan, Powers & Co. proposal, with a base cost of \$14,300, for the town's FY2018 external audit

\*to adopt the FY2019 Capital Improvement Plan as presented

\*to accept the 2018 Municipal Planning Grant and authorize TA Johnson to complete & sign the grant agreement

\*to adopt and sign the *revised* TA 65 VTrans Request for Reimbursement form for the Muddy Brook Road project

### **January 8, 2018**

Motions passed:

\*to authorize Town Administrator Bruce Johnson to make the base bid on all properties scheduled for tax sale January 26, 2018

\*to authorize Town Treasurer Don Welch to renew the Carlton Smith Fund CD, using his best judgement, for a term of 12 to 18 months

## **Planning Commission**

### **November 16, 2017**

Discussed current and potential conservation projects with Britt Hazelton of the VT Land Trust

Continued review and revision of the 2018 Town Plan Update working on the following sections: East Montpelier and the Region, Hazard Mitigation & Flood Resilience, Water Supplies & Aquifers, Finance, Land Use Patterns & Zoning, Housing, Agriculture

### **December 7, 2017**

Discussion with Joseph Kiefer, Food Justice Consultant: Food Security Planning

### **December 14, 2017**

Discussion with Stephen Knowlton, East Montpelier Energy Committee

Continued work on formatted draft 2018 Town Plan sections: Front Matter, Chapters 1-5

**January 11, 2018**

Continued review and update of the 2018 town plan update

**EM Elementary School Board**

**November 20, 2017**

Motion passed to rescind EMES Policies D6: Substitute, D13 HIPPA, F19: English Language Learners, F23 Home Study, F25 Attendance, G15 Animal Dissection- these policies have been adopted by the SU as a whole

**December 6, 2017**

Motion passed to recommend that Flor Diaz-Smith, Matthew DeGroot & Scott Thompson continue to work with to finalize the Alternative Governance Structure Application

**December 18, 2017**

Motions passed:

\* to acknowledge the recommendation of the alternative governance proposal as the only viable option for the district at this time

**U-32 School Board**

**November 1, 2017**

Discussed first draft of budget proposed for FY 2019

Gave approval for the Cross Trail Association easement request which will involve trail work on U-32 property done by CTA

**November 15, 2017**

Motions passed

\* to approve a tuition waiver for a senior student to finish his senior year at U-32

\* to go into executive session to discuss superintendent evaluation; no action taken upon coming out of ES

**December 6, 2017**

Discussed latest draft of proposed budget for FY19

Motions passed:

\* to rescind U-32 Policies D6: Substitute Teacher; D13: HIPPA, F19:English Language Learners: F23: Home Study: F25 Attendance: G25 Animal Dissection - policies on these topics have been adopted for the whole SU

**December 20, 2017**

After a public hearing on the latest budget draft, the regular meeting proceeded

Motions passed:

\*to approve the Act 46 Committee Report to the VT AOE

\* to approve Winooski Valley & Statewide Choice Agreement for 2018-2019

\*to award the U-32 Special Education van lease to 802 Toyoto for 36 months

**January 3, 2018**

\* to approve the U-32 School District Budget for the 2018 - 19 School Year \$14,833,943.00

\* to approve the U-32 School District Town Meeting Warning

\*to accept the auditor's report