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The Sullivans: New and Involved

by Renee Kievit-Kylar

Zach and Helen Sullivan became part of the East Montpelier community in 2014 when they moved into their tidy, pale yellow home on Boulder Ridge Road.

They offered to host a Brazier Road neighborhood dinner and became part of our close neighborhood group, which includes families both on Brazier Road and in the surrounding area.

Zach is a New Englander by birth, having grown up in southern New Hampshire. He was elected to the East Montpelier Planning Commission this March after being a member of the LaPerle Farm Committee. He is able to use his skills as a “policy nerd,” and we are fortunate to have him while the commission is working on updating the town zoning regulations to support the new town plan. Zach got his graduate degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government and then came to Vermont for a summer internship with the Green Mountain Care Board. The internship became a full-time job, and he worked there for a couple of years. Now he is a Senior Planning Analyst at the UVM Health Network and, basically, describes his job as helping UVM to get all the parts of its system to work as a network.

Zach is something of a volunteer *extraordinaire*. Besides the Planning Commission, he has volunteered as a “second respondent on p. 6



Jack, Eric, Vera, and Helen

Terry J. Allen

802 Coffee: A New Chapter

by Hilari Farrington

It’s easy enough to drive past the unmarked white clapboard house on Route 2 near Dudley’s Store, without having any idea that it happens to be the home of 802 Coffee, a renowned Vermont company specializing in the kind of organic and fair trade coffee that true coffee lovers want to drink.

Bob Watson, the company owner, is a native Vermonter and East Montpelier resident, who can trace his family back several hundred years in the state. Growing up in Montpelier, he worked in the restaurant industry for years. With the help and encouragement of his ex-wife Kim, Bob made the decision to start his own business. Roasting coffee began in 1998 as a way for Bob and his late business partner, Bob Plante, to set their Montpelier business, Capitol Grounds, apart from the ordinary.

While the quality of the locally roasted coffee helped to make the café a success, Watson encountered a major challenge when the café was forced to move out of the old Chittenden Bank *continued on p. 6*



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As we look forward to the beginning of the 30th year of the publication of the *Signpost* starting with the next issue, it's a good time to reflect upon where we've been, where we are, and where we want to go. How has our community changed over time? We are inviting you all to ponder both the differences and the similarities of the various aspects of our community over the course of the last thirty years. We invite you to answer the question: *How has the town changed over the past 30 years and what is your vision for the town for the next 30 years?*

The nature of our community and comparisons over time have been much on my mind lately. More than 35 years ago my husband, Marty, and I, along with our children, faced the illness and eventual death of our son, Jonathan. We found ourselves enveloped in community support as we faced this crisis and attempted, eventually, to resume a new normal pattern of school, work, and social life. That support took many forms: frequent communications and an outpouring of good wishes from school and community friends provided nourishment of the soul, while months of magically appearing food nourished us physically at a time when it was difficult to think about a next meal. Friends and neighbors ran errands, visited, amused us—even changed sheets. Anything we needed was offered and provided. Our friends and family from away were both amazed and heartened to know that we had so much love and support around us.

In the past few months, Marty has been hospitalized and in rehab, recovering from a stroke. Once again, we have had the tangible and practical help as well as the very important intangible support of so many. So I can say, without reservation, that East Montpelier, as a caring, supportive community remains just that. And the wonderful, encouraging fact is that it's not just the older folks who carry on these traditions but also the younger people, those who have grown up here and also those who have chosen to move here—due, most likely, to the nature of our community. Marty has always said that reputation is what people think of you; character is what you are. The character of this community is to be treasured and nurtured.

—Eddie Miller is a long-time *Signpost* volunteer



U-32 graduates, class of 2019

Terry J. Allen

Thank you Green Up Volunteers!

by Chris Racanelli, Green Up Coordinator



Many thanks to volunteers—including Steve Campbell, Ginny Burley, and Paul Erlbaum—who helped sort trash from recyclables.



Former coordinators Bill Merrylees and Paul Erlbaum with current coordinator, Chris Racanelli.



Denise Roy and Rachel Grossman set up the Green Up Lunch at the school cafeteria.



Saturday, May 4, was overcast and cloudy, a perfect day to green up our town. More than 120 of you, including Cub Scout Pack 742 and students from East Montpelier Elementary and Orchard Valley Waldorf schools, collected 2,400 pounds of trash. And this doesn't count the 2,800 pounds picked up separately by the road crew led by Guthrie Perry.

We had major help from Bob Onne, who carried truckloads of tires and garbage to the elementary school loading site. Long-time coordinators Bill Merrylees and Paul Erlbaum were on site, helping recycle, organize, and separate trash from bottles and cans, and placing tires into two big red trucks. Volunteers helping me through the day were Dave and Ginny Burley, Steve Campbell, Eric Esselstyn, Ed Johnson, Doug Kievit-Kylar, and Laura Medalie. A special thanks to all.

After volunteers disposed of their trash, around 60 of them stopped by for lunch, partaking of sandwiches, vegetables, fruits, coffee, and apple juice arranged by Denise Roy and Rachael Grossman. Helping out were Sandal and Paul Cate, Emily Goyette, Katie McLinn, Peter Gill, Sue Stephen, Diana Fielder, Bev Lavin, Teresa Doyle, Braden Abrahamson, Mary Redmond, Carolyn Pastore, Ilene Levitt, and Aaron

Abrahamson. Contributions to the menu came from Seth Gardner (ham), Paul and Sandal Cate (eggs), Hunger Mountain Co-op, Shaw's Montpelier, Manghi's Bread, and Vermont Coffee Company. We are grateful to everyone for their generous contributions of food and beverages, as well as their time and effort in preparing lunch.

Thanks to Bragg Farm, Dudley's Store, East Montpelier Elementary School, East Montpelier Home Center, East Montpelier Post Office, Four Corners Schoolhouse, KC's Performance Auto Care, Morse Farm, North Country Credit Union, Orchard Valley Waldorf School, Plainfield Hardware, Route 2 Auto, and the Town Office for distributing Green Up bags and hanging posters.

Finally, much appreciation goes to East Montpelier Elementary School for hosting Green Up Day and permitting the use of the school cafeteria for lunch. Special thanks to Robin Gannon, Karin Martin, Todd Hill, Anne Finegan, Jen Wiater, and Principal Alicia Lyford.

Next year, Green Up Day celebrates its 50th anniversary and, if you would like to co-coordinate this event, please email me, racanellis@comcast.net or call 793-6687.

Call for Contributions

As the *Signpost* prepares for its 30th year in print, we want to hear from the community. Send us your thoughts on how the town has changed over the past 30 years and what your vision is for the town for the next three decades. Send your thoughts to profstanton@aol.com to be included in our next issue of the *Signpost*.

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Antarctic Adventures

In Spring 2018 a couple of my neighbors asked me if I'd be willing to write a little piece on my adventures in Antarctica for the *Signpost*. I agreed, and then I procrastinated for a full year, feeling slightly guilty. To assuage my feelings of guilt, I'm going to try again, so here goes.

The summer before last, I signed on as a deckhand to the Dutch sailing ship *Bark Europa*. Since then, I've been working more or less three months on, three months off. It's a summer job, in that it's literally always summer on the ship, because she heads south in September to South America and Antarctica, crosses over to South Africa in March, and returns to Europe (or North America, depending on the year) in May. The Antarctica season is the ship's bread and butter—the four or five trips per year are fully booked within minutes (seven minutes for this year's four trips, I'm told) when booking opens a year in advance. The crew changes halfway through the season, and this year I'm on for the second half. I signed off in Montevideo in November and rejoined in January in Ushuaia, a small city on Argentina's southern tip, at the bottom of Tierra del Fuego.

What a place! I remember trying to picture Tierra del Fuego before coming here, and imagining a barren, windswept, and desolate place. Do people even live down there, or do all the houses just get swept off the rocks? I remember meeting someone for the first time who had sailed there. She told me she was furling a skysail one foggy morning when she looked up and there was Cape Horn. Another time I asked my chief mate, a Tassie with skin like leather and a gold earring, if he'd ever been around the Horn. He said he prefers to avoid those latitudes altogether. I wasn't sure what to expect, but in my experience, it's not so bad. The *Europa* sails across the Drake Passage at least half a dozen times a year, passing Cape Horn in fog, snow, or sun. With the benefits of modern marine weather forecasting, satellite communication, and auxiliary engines, the captain plans a route to maximize our chances of fair winds. It doesn't always work. It gets bumpy. The puke buckets see a lot of hard use. Especially right after a changeover when many of us have been on land for awhile, the crew gets pretty seasick. We climb aloft in squalls and pause while furling sail to throw up from the yards. Of our 50 passengers, many wish they'd stayed at home, or chosen a bigger ship, or (if we're motoring into head-seas) never been born. Often it's beautiful sailing. A square-rigger like ours can't point very high, but we fly on a reach.



Five hundred miles and a handful of days later, we raise Desolation Island in the South Shetlands. The beaches are opaque with penguins. The volcanic rock formations are hectic. There are seals and icebergs. A few days later we are cruising the Antarctic Peninsula. I won't try to describe the landscape, but picture huge, craggy mountains rising straight out of the water, skirted by 100-foot ice shelves, and infinite variations of sculpted ice. The wildlife is just like in the cartoons. Penguins are a caricature of themselves. Seals on the beach. Seals in the water. Seals lying on the icebergs. If you stand on deck for five minutes you will see a whale, probably several. A group of humpbacks will feed right next to the ship. There are a million kinds of albatross. Petrels. Terns. Some of

the terns migrate to the Arctic Circle. Individual albatross have been tracked by satellite over tens of thousands of miles in a year, and they live forever. The weather—sometimes it's balaclavas and four layers of pants, sometimes it's lunch on deck in the sun in T-shirts. On a sunny day in a sheltered anchorage, we do a polar plunge and then stand around half naked on deck, drinking coffee. That evening it will blow 50 knots and we'll have to rotate the lookout every 15 minutes, despite the wool and Gore-Tex.

One of the guides on board this trip is Matthew Lynch. He is 23, and he's been sailing to Antarctica with *Europa* since he was 14. He grew up on an old family farm on the north shore of the Beagle Channel. We sail past it on our way in and out of port, and if we make the Beagle in time on our way back up, we anchor there, right outside his house. Hours after passing Cape Horn, his mother is coming aboard with freshly baked cinnamon buns, or rhubarb cake. When we came in a few days ago, after two weeks in Antarctica and four days of rough weather on the Drake Passage, it was in the 70s there and flat calm. We lay in the grass and drank beer on the beach. The transition was surreal.

Tonight, new passengers arrive for the 54-day Cape to Cape voyage ending in Cape Town. We've just spent two days cleaning cabins and stowing provisions. The food on board is Dutch. It's good, but when I leave I'll be happy if I never see a potato again.

—Adam Rikken grew up on Murray Road and graduated from U-32 in 2011. He started sailing in 2015 and since then has spent most of his time on square-rigged sailing ships.



Eating in Style Under the Apple Trees

For the second year, Templeton Farm is holding a monthly Burger Night in the apple orchard that adjoins the sugar shack. Come anytime from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on one Wednesday night each month, when the grills will fire up to serve veggie burgers or 6-oz burgers made from Templeton Farm's grass-fed Angus beef, with all-local fixins: potato salad from Blackwell Farm potatoes; salad ingredients and in-season veggies from Valentine Farm, Ananda Gardens, and Cate Farm; cheese from Cabot; and bread from Bare Roots Farm. To complement the meal, there are maple-sweetened beverages and ice cream topped with Templeton's maple syrup. Only the condiments are "from away."

Bruce Chapell started Burger Nights as a way to build community and also feature local agriculture. Having partaken, I can guarantee that it is a wonderful event: delicious food, gorgeous setting, little children running around happily, and lots of chatting with neighbors, accompanied by great music. This year Natalie and Seth Chapell are in charge, with help from family and friends to do the grilling and serving. Limited seating is available, so feel free to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. And don't worry about the weather: The back-up hay barn is cozy with plenty of room in case of rain. Reservations are recommended (at a reduced price!), since food supplies are limited. You can phone 223-0169 or go online to the website www.templetonfarm.com to make reservations. Maybe, if you are lucky, you can drop in and be served, but I wouldn't count on luck alone, as the word will quickly spread.

Dates and musicians for this season are: June 19 (Katie Trautz and Chaque Fois), July 24 (Chad Hollister), August 21 (Patti Casey), and Sept. 18 (Dave Keller).

Paulie's Recipe

- Frozen Cookies
- 1 c. white sugar
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 lb. margarine or butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 tea. soda
- 1 tea. cinnamon
- 6 c. flour
- 1 lb. almonds (blanched)

Add half of flour, then almonds, then the rest of the flour. Roll like a jelly role or loaf of bread and place in refrigerator over night. Soda may be dissolved in a little water. Slice and bake.

—Mrs. Harvey Warren

Paulie's Comments: The above spellings and wording are as they appeared in the Community Cookbook of the Family Circle of North Montpelier. I made half the above recipe. I used almonds sliced but not blanched. Cream the sugar, butter, and eggs and add the remaining ingredients. Roll it into a log and refrigerated it. I sliced it thinly, a quarter to a half inch slices, and baked them at 350 for about 12 minutes. This makes a large batch of cookies so be prepared to feed a lot of people. Perhaps using almond extract instead of cinnamon would be a good variation.

Twin Valley Partners with EMSLI

Twin Valley Senior Center is partnering with the East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative (EMSLI) to provide more space for TVSC activities, as well as possible additional apartments for the elderly at its present Blueberry Commons location on US Route 2. We welcome additional partners to join us for this adventure. Knowledge, guidance, and advice are most welcome to help us as we move forward. We encourage the public to attend our meetings and to consider more active involvement as a member on our board of directors. If you would like more information regarding this project, please feel free to contact Rita Copeland at 802-223-3322 or email Twinvalleyseniors@myfairpoint.net or contact Renee Carpenter of EMSLI at 802-454-7303 or email renehc6@myfairpoint.net.



Jim Willis addresses U-32 2019 graduating class.

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er” for the Red Cross. This means that when there is a house fire, he is called to provide support to the residents including hotel stays, providing clothing, etc. Additionally, after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, he went to Mississippi for five months, living in a tent and offering hands-on disaster relief assistance.

Although Helen grew up in Virginia, she loves Vermont winters. She received her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth with a double major in art and history, followed by a graduate degree from UVM in history. She has been a social studies teacher at St. Johnsbury Academy for 11 years and has taught everything from ancient, modern, U.S., and world history to psychology and contemporary issues. Her shelves of “light” reading include titles such as *The Blood of Our Sons*, *Bewitching of Ann Gunther*, and *The War to End All Wars*, which reflect her deep interest and background in world and American history. Someday I will have her explain it all to me!

Between undergrad and graduate schools, Helen managed the Mousilauke Ravine Lodge in the White Mountains from May to October, so having big crowds for dinner doesn’t faze her at all. Helen is very “artsy and craftsy,” as she puts it, and has been making pottery and origami ornaments since she was a kid. She began to sew her own clothes in ninth grade, which led to making her own beautiful wedding dress. And since she wasn’t busy enough planning and organizing the wedding, she created 30 pottery vases for flowers at their wedding, which they then gave away as gifts. She used to sell her wares at the Peacham Corner Arts Guild and hopes to do so again when her life is a bit less hectic.

Helen and Zach have been married for four years. Their Vermont romance began when a friend introduced them the summer that Zach was in Vermont doing his summer internship and Helen was a dorm parent at St. Johnsbury Academy.



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They went to Yosemite for their honeymoon, which is indicative of their love of the outdoors. They are avid walkers, hikers, and skiers, often making use of the old logging roads behind their property.

Their family has grown to four with the addition of Eric, two years old, and Vera, three months old. Eric is known for his love of picking and eating blueberries and for his friendly nature and winning smile. Vera is known for snuggling, being a good sleeper, and being

totally adorable. Aster, the dog, keeps guard over everyone and everything.

Zach and Helen moved to East Montpelier to be part of the U-32 district and to have land. They plant a large, healthy garden every year. I was amazed this year to see that Helen had started her own seedlings just a few weeks after having Vera. Both are excellent cooks and bakers, which I can attest to from the tasty offerings when they host a Brazier Road neighborhood dinner. They use local vegetables and meat and their own garden produce whenever possible. They somehow find time to make jams and pickles and keep a full freezer, mainly for the Strategic Blueberry Reserve for two-year-old Eric.

Since Zach’s parents live on Cape Cod and Helen’s in Virginia, the neighborhood grandmas and grandpas have been happy to take on that role locally, especially Rhoda and Rob Chickering. They live a few houses up the road with Sophie, the dog, an enticement for Eric to walk up the big hill. We have so enjoyed the addition of this wonderful young family to our neighborhood and look forward to watching the children grow up!

—Renee Kievit-Kylar has lived with her husband, Doug, on Brazier Road for almost 35 years. Her son, Brent, attended U-32 and now lives in Somerville, MA. She loves being a grandma to her two grandsons.

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building to a new location on State Street. The business desperately needed to find space in which to roast its coffee—hence the move of the roasting operation to East Montpelier in 2009. The extra space in the current location allowed them not only to enlarge their roasting operation, but also to expand the distribution of their coffee to retailers throughout the state.

Inside the immaculate Route 2 roastery, perfumed by a gentle coffee aroma, there are neatly stacked bags of freshly-roasted coffee beans ready for delivery, burlap bags of green coffee, and a gleaming Diedrich roaster, where you can see how the magic happens. The infrared gas roaster, designed by jet engine engineer Stephen Diedrich, deserves mention. After buying the used

roaster directly from the company, Bob spoke with Mr. Diedrich himself to get advice on the craft of roasting coffee.

Watson, a musician in his spare time, plays with the Vincent Flats Blues Band, a fine troupe of local musicians whose name comes from East Montpelier’s own Vincent Flats Road. As someone who enjoys good food, good coffee, good music, and good wine, he strives for the highest quality product he can make, along with the best service he can provide. Rather than using a distributor, for example, 802 Coffee manages its own distribution, personally delivering coffees to retailers. “It sends a message that we care,” notes Bob. The company’s connections are also global;

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"We have an exclusive relationship with a farmer in Costa Rica. The places that grow coffee are so beautiful."

Bob had been thinking about the need to bring new energy and new ideas to Capitol Grounds when his daughter, Julia, decided to move home from Montana to join the family business in Vermont. With experience in both bookkeeping and marketing at Montana's Lewis & Clark Brewery, Julia will be a great fit for the business. Bob is convinced that with Julia's energy and fresh ideas, they will begin a new chapter in the company's growth. To start, they are considering moving the company's office from Montpelier to East Montpelier and concentrating on expanding their wholesale roasting operation.

802 Coffee has already come up with some great local blends, much in demand, including Bernie's Beans, 20 percent of whose sales are donated to the Vermont Veterans' Fund. The popularity of this blend, with Bernie Sanders' smiling face on the bag, has netted a considerable donation to support Vermont veterans.

Recently, the company created the Ceres Blend, with beans sourced from women farmers. 802 Coffee is donating 20 percent of the proceeds to Food4Farmers, an organization that addresses food insecurity in coffee-growing countries. Finally, there is the Woodchuck Blend, Bob Watson's favorite. This was created for Woodchuck Day, an event organized by WDEV in a tongue-in-cheek answer to Groundhog Day. In each case, you can see that for Watson, business is also about community and living one's values.

Speaking of community, Bob acknowledged that there is strong interest in East Montpelier in having a local café open up—a place where people can get together over a good cup of coffee. With a new family member joining the business, that is very much something on the list of things to be discussed. He considers cafés to be important to the social fabric of any community.

When asked what he likes most about his work, Bob immediately expresses his pride in the quality of the product they sell and in the service they provide. He is determined that 802 Coffee will be among the best. There are also challenges in owning a business. Bob talks about the need for more opportunities that will draw younger people to the state. Right now, it is an enormous challenge to find workers who can fill needed positions.

As far as advice for people wanting to start a new business venture, Bob suggests that they first have a plan and that they consider whom they will be selling to. But most importantly, he stresses, good service must be at the top of the list, especially here in Vermont. As technology often substitutes for face-to-face communication these days, social skills come less naturally than they once did; he considers them vital to any service industry. If he were to consider a good business to get into these days, he thinks that craft brewing is where it's at. "Coffee is a harder business!" he laughs.

If you want to know more about 802 Coffee, check out the website at www.802coffee.com.

—Hilari Farrington, formerly director of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, now teaches Irish music with her husband at the Vermont School of Irish Traditional Music in Waterbury.

Poem from the Past

The previous issue of the *Signpost* (May/June 2019) included an article about the Driftwind Press, run by Walter Coates in North Montpelier from 1923 to 1941. One person who benefited from the existence of the Driftwind Press was Adelaide (Butterfield) Rowland, grandmother of Andy Christiansen. The poem featured below originally appeared in the March 1932 issue of *Driftwind*.

The Paradox of Love

One asked of love,
"What is it?" and I said:

Love is a sacrament,
Our daily bread,
A wind of joy
A cup of bitterness,
And sometimes greed and lust
In saintly dress.

Love is a song
That sings within the heart,
A wounding arrow
And a poisoned dart,
A lasting hurt,
A warm and tender hand . . .

Love can be all of these,
How to understand
This paradox called love?
And who can tell
If love be joy or sorrow,
Heaven or hell.

—by Adelaide Rowland

Andy Christiansen writes: My grandmother was Mary Adelaide Butterfield (born 11/4/1883). She married Fred Rowland in 1907 and died on September 14, 1983. She was not only a farm wife, but having attended Goddard Seminary, also taught school and was a librarian over in East Corinth, Vermont. In the 1940s, she and her husband moved to the Christiansen farm in East Montpelier. The impetus for writing was her doctor telling her she had tuberculosis and had less than a year to live. She stayed out of the sanatorium and spent most of her time in the woods and sun bathing. Writing poetry was a part of her cure. She also published in *The Vermonter Magazine*, but she spoke highly of Mr. Coates and subscribed to *Driftwind*. She outlived her doctors and died just short of 100 at the Christiansen home in 1983.

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DEATHS

- Albert "Al" Jerome, husband of Betty, died in April 2019
- Jewel Beeber Mandelbaum Love, died in April 2019
- Robert Barney, brother of Gladys Johnson, died in May 2019
- Bruce Richardson, husband of Joan Richardson, died in May 2019
- Ruth Watson, mother of Laurie Justis, died in May 2019

BIRTHS

- Vera Marie Sullivan, a daughter, born in February 2019 to Helen & Zachary Sullivan
- Kellen Jean Martin, a daughter, born in March 2019, to Anne & Bruce Martin
- Hana Rose Yahm-Laird, a daughter, born in April 2019 to Sarah Yahm and Stephen Laird
- Maddox Oliver Miles, a son, born in May 2019 to Bonnie Watson and Timothy Miles, Jr.

LAND TRANSFERS

Transfers created for estate planning purposes are not included in this listing.

- Shayd Pecor to Wilmington Savings Funds Society FSB, 3 acres & dwelling on Coburn Rd
- Bobic Vanderpyl to Erin Clark, 11.1 acres & dwelling on County Rd
- Northern Traditions Property Ventures to Dillon Cabe, , 0.3 acres & dwelling on Center Rd
- John & Sharon Astle to Jacob & Heather Warran, 3.4 acres & dwelling on Boulder Ridge Rd
- Faye Taylor to Raymond Taylor, a mobile home on Robinson Rd
- Donald & Barbara Cote to DASS Enterprises, LLC, 10.23 acres (commercial) in multiple parcels
- Barbara Cote to DASS Enterprises, LLC, 1.72 acres on US2
- Anne Unangst to Veronica Eldred, 15 acres & dwelling on County Rd
- Sharon Morris to Beth & Charles Hertz, 7.58 acres & dwelling on Jacobs Rd
- Gregory Allard & Amanda Black to Thomas & Amber Neddo, .91 acres & dwelling on US2
- Fecteau Residential Inc., to Michael Hill, a mobile home located on Snow Hill Rd
- Richard & Nancy Rowell to Jason & Jennifer Rowell, 1.10 acres & multi-family dwelling on US2
- Dennis Hawkins to Nicholis Hawkins, 4.30 acres & dwelling on Old Farm Rd

- Mary Tousignant to Mary Searles, a mobile home on Robinson Rd
- Mary Searles to John & Elizabeth Messier & Sherry Miller, a mobile home on Robinson Rd
- Jon Hansen to Amy LePage, 41.10 acres & dwelling on White Rock Dr
- Crispen & Heather Michaud to David Contrada, 7 acres & dwelling on Bliss Rd

SELECTBOARD

Following are selected excerpts from minutes of E. Montpelier's governing boards. Complete minutes are available on the town and school websites.

March 18, 2019

Discussion items:

- East Montpelier Hazard Mitigation Plan development
- Reconfiguration of Revolving Loan Advisory Committee and consideration of Revolving Loan Fund Policies and Procedures
- Development of social media policy
- 2019 Town Meeting review
- Consideration of draft 2019 Town Meeting minutes
- Concept of youth member for Recreation Board (RB)

Motions Passed:

- to appoint Siu Tip Lam to fill Ray Stout's position on the Planning Commission (ending at town meeting 2020), per the Planning Commission recommendation
- to create a 5-member cemetery committee and to appoint Jon Boucher, Emily Goyette, Tim Lamson, Mark Lane, and Elliott Morse as members of the committee
- to appoint Elliott Morse as sexton
- to accept rbTechnologies' quote of \$32,421 for new computer hardware and software plus installation and to authorize the town administrator to complete the agreement
- to elect Seth Gardner as chair of the SB and Gene Troia as vice-chair of the SB
- to approve 2019 Selectboard Rules of Transaction
- to appoint Owen Myka-Smith to a one-year term to the RB (by consensus)

April 1, 2019

Discussion items:

- Conversation with Recreation Board regarding youth board membership
- Update on Village Sidewalk Project
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Development

- Update on Smith lawsuit against town: portion against the town and Town Administrator Johnson has been dismissed.

Motions Passed:

- to accept the NEMRC annual disaster recovery contract
- to approve the job descriptions for cemetery sexton and crew
- to approve compensation of \$20/hour for sexton and assistant sexton and \$17/hour for cemetery crew
- to authorize the paving of Carleton Boulevard and Paul Square
- to authorize the Town Administrator and Road Foreman to sign the application for the VLCT PACIF equipment grant, with the town match of \$5,000 or less
- to find that for the County Road culvert structure grant application, incorporating complete streets principles is outside the scope of the project because of its very nature (19 VSA §309d(3))
- to find that for the County Road paving grant application, the SB has considered Complete Streets for this area and the cost of incorporating CS principles is disproportionate to probable use, due to natural resource constraints imposed by long stretches of ledge near the road (19 VSA §309d(2))
- to submit to the Agency of Transportation a Municipal Highway Grant Application for a culvert on County Road, for \$123,200
- to submit to the Agency of Transportation a Municipal Highway Grant Application for paving on County Road, in the amount of \$379,447.50
- to adopt the FY'20 Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways
- to adopt the Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory
- to authorize the town treasurer to sign the Master Subscription Agreement with NICS for payment processing services
- to appoint Tom McMurdo as alternative representative to the board of CVFiber
- to appoint Steve Justis to the Development Review Board (DRB)

April 22, 2019

Discussion items:

- East Montpelier Hazard Mitigation Plan Development
- Presentation of the town's Stormwater Master Plan

- Conversation with Phillip Heinz regarding Recreation Board appointment
- Recreation Board proposal for youth member
- Consideration of Connor dog complaint
- Black Rock Quarry update
- April 11 EMFD Budget presentation meeting

Motions Passed:

- to adopt Local Emergency Management Plan
- to approve compensation of at least \$15/hour for cemetery crew
- to approve compensation of \$17/hour for Nick Lamson on the cemetery crew
- to authorize the town administrator to sign the letter saying no town permits are needed for Cross Vermont Trail
- to authorize the town administrator to sign a letter supporting the Cross Vermont Trail projects in the Act 250 process
- to authorize the town administrator to sign a letter of support for the local Cross Vermont Trail project for grant applications
- to approve the Canon five-year copier lease
- Whereas all four candidates for the Washington Electric Co-op board appear eminently qualified, and whereas four (4) candidates are vying for three (3) positions; be it therefore resolved that the Selectboard authorizes the town administrator to vote for Steven Farnham, Glenn Goodrich, and Anne Reed
- to authorize town administrator to sign the Emerald Ash Borer Program Grant

May 6, 2019

Vicious Dog Hearing

The board entered deliberative session at 6:40 and exited deliberative session at 6:50.

- The SB found Ellie, a dog owned by Brooke MacDonald and Andy Morse, to be a nuisance, running at large in the town, and a potentially vicious dog. The order will mandate that Ellie be permanently removed from town within 14 days, with conditions on how she is kept until then.

Discussion Items:

- Conversation with Planning Commission on zoning update
- East Montpelier Hazard Mitigation Plan development
- Letter of concern about the Town Constable

Motions Passed:

- to appoint Glenn Weyant and Clarice Cutler to the Development Review Board
- to authorize the town administrator to sign the Park and Ride Project Closeout agreement



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- to approve access permits 19-003, 19-004, and 19-005 for three curb cuts for Abrams Subdivision at 935 Center Road
- to approve access permit 19-015 to Rose London/John Walstrom lot on Factory Street
- to approve access permit 19-021 to improve drainage around garage at 925 Snow Hill Road

May 13, 2019

Black Rock Quarry Site Visit/Special Joint Meeting with Calais SB

Discussion item:

- EMFD budget and staffing concerns
- The board entered executive session at 6:08 and exited executive session at 7:03. No action was taken.*

May 20, 2019 (Unapproved)

Discussion items:

- Hazard Mitigation Plan development
- Conversation with Town Constable Sandy Conti, resulting in Mr. Conti's resignation
- PC's Zoning Update Project
- Town employee Northeast Delta Dental plan
- Town office maintenance and potential upgrades
- Black Rock Quarry proposal
- Consideration of special event liquor permit for Twin Valley Seniors

Motions Passed:

- to authorize the town administrator to execute the contract with Brandy Saxton/PlaceSense for additional consulting services on the zoning rewrite project funded by municipal planning grant
- to adopt the delinquent tax collection policy as presented
- to authorize and direct the town administrator to execute and deliver to the administrator of the plan one or more counterparts of the HRA plan effective January 1, 2019

PLANNING COMMISSION

March 21, 2019

Discussion items:

- Continued discussion of draft zoning with Brandy Saxton, PlaceSense
- Planning Commission Rules of Procedure and Ethics
- Recommendation of PC member to fill DRB vacancy

April 4, 2019

Discussion item:

- Continued discussion of draft zoning with Brandy Saxton, PlaceSense

Motions Passed:

- to re-adopt the Planning Commission Rules of Procedures and Ethics as presented
- to elect Julie Potter PC chair, Kim Watson PC vice chair, Sui Tip Lam corresponding secretary

April 18, 2019

Discussion item:

- Continued discussion of draft zoning with Brandy Saxton from PlaceSense

May 2, 2019

- Public Forum on Draft Zoning Districts

May 16, 2019 (Unapproved)

Discussion items:

- May 2 Public Forum feedback
- Update on discussion with SB
- June 6 public event

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

April 9, 2019

Discussion items:

- Review sketch plan for property at 440 East Hill Road, submitted by Norman and Carla Messier
- Review conceptual plan for subdivision of 4243 US2 property, submitted by Kevin Bailey

Motions Passed:

- to approve Application #19-009 as presented for property located at 139 Daggett Road, submitted by Pauline Coburn
- to approve Application #19-011 for property at 15 Mays Way, with the condition that the Mylar not be filed until the structures that would be non-conforming are moved or removed, submitted by Jeffrey Laquerre
- to authorize Cross VT Trails to continue the project as presented without requiring any town permits

May 7, 2019 (Unapproved)

Discussion

- Review for reconfiguration of a 3-lot subdivision of property located at 440 East Hill Road

Motions Passed:

- to elect Steve Kappel Chair of the DRB following resignation of Chris Curtis
- to elect Jeff Cueto Vice Chair
- to approve Application #19-001 as presented, for a 4-lot reconfiguration of subdivision of property located at 925 Center Road, submitted by James and Christine Abrams
- to approve Application #19-014 as presented, for a change of use from a single-family residence to a duplex, submitted by Ken Bailey.

U-32

March 27 Special School Board Meeting

Discussion item:

- Negotiated Agreement for Teachers
- The board entered executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a student matter. The board exited executive session at 7:55 p.m.*

Motions Passed:

- to accept administration's recommendation regarding the student issue
- to approve the teacher contract for the academic year 2019-2020 as negotiated by the Negotiations Committee

April 3, 2019

Discussion items:

- Receive questions regarding budget vote
- Board was informed of Bill Dunn's retirement, and acknowledged his service to U-32

Motions Passed:

- to adopt the U-32 Board Norms as presented, as edited
- to accept resignation of Kendra Christiana
- to accept retirement of Denise Delmass

May 1, 2019 (Unapproved)

Discussion items:

- Budget process
- White Table position
- Proficiency-based graduation requirements

EMES

March 27, 2019, Special School Board Meeting

Motions Passed:

- to ratify the teacher contract for 2019-2020 as negotiated
- April 9, 2019 Special School District Meeting

Motions Passed:

- C. Bruce Johnson was elected Moderator

- to approve the report of the Town School Directors as presented
- to authorize Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2019 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school
- to authorize Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2019-2020 school year

April 22, 2019

Motions Passed:

- to approve expending \$13,000 from capital for paving
- to approve ESP Contract for Academic Year 2019-2020 as negotiated by the Negotiations Committee.

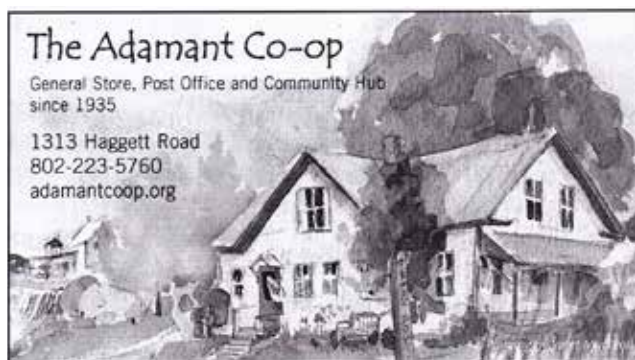
May 20, 2019 (Unapproved)

Discussion items:

- Annual Financial Management Questionnaire
- WCUUSD Update
- Interim Superintendent Update
- Transition Communication to WCUUSD Board

Motion Passed:

- to approve the non-bargaining contracts at an increase of 3.1% for the non-bargaining administrators and all those who are non-bargaining non-administrators at increase of 3.5% for the school year 2019
- to approve the ESP Contract for Academic Year 2019-2020 as negotiated by the Negotiations Committee
- to approve non-bargaining contracts as presented
- to approve the hires of Brennan Lynch and Mark Brown
- to approve bid from Alliance, in amount of \$93,982, for the kitchen hood project
- to accept the resignation of David Davis



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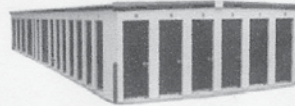
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Wed. July 17, 5:30 p.m. (note change of day and time) Potluck sponsored by the Historical Society. Bring a dish and place setting to the Adamant Community Center. Program 6:15 p.m. History of the Adamant Music School by Andy Christiansen, followed by a concert (optional) at the Adamant Music School. Admission \$10 or \$6 for seniors.

Wed. July 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Templeton Farm Burger Night featuring Chad Hollister. Call 223-0169 or go online to the website www.templetonfarm.com for reservations.

Mon. Aug. 19, 5:00 p.m. Brown bag supper at the Four Corners Schoolhouse. Program 6:00 p.m. Tales of East Montpelier with Paul Gallerani and Moe Brown. Sponsored by the Historical Society.

Wed. Aug 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Templeton Farm Burger Night featuring Patti Casey. Call 223-0169 or go online to the website www.templetonfarm.com for reservations.

Wed. Sept. 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Templeton Farm Burger Night featuring Dave Keller. Call 223-0169 or go online to the website www.templetonfarm.com for reservations.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs. Fri. July 4-5, Fourth of July, Town Office closed

Mon. Sept. 2, Labor Day, Town Office closed

Look for your tax bills, which will be mailed mid-August.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Conservation Fund Advisory Committee
Development Review Board (DRB)
East Montpelier Elementary School (EMES) Board
East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD)
East Montpelier Historical Society
East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative
Four Corners Schoolhouse Association
EMES Parent Teacher Neighbor Org. (PTNO)
Planning Commission (PC)
Recreation Board
Selectboard
U-32 School Board

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2nd Wed. 6:30 p.m.
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