

# EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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## THE VITAL THREE: LAND, HOME AND COMMUNITY

Walking up the hill to Richard Czaplinski's home, I smell borscht and homemade sour dough bread. He offered me some. It tasted as delicious as it smelled. "Living simply takes a lot of time and work," says Richard Czaplinski. When he gave up his full time job at the Agency of Natural Resources as chief water resources planner to be an environmental consultant, he became East Montpelier's sewerage officer. That was 1987.

I first met Richard when we wanted to build a house on our land. Almost nothing would perk. Thoughtfully and thoroughly, he explained. I realized how much I had to learn about all the requirements that had changed in our absence. They would be good for East Montpelier in the long run, protecting our resources and learning about the land under our feet that we take for granted.

"I learned about taking care of the land growing up on a small dairy farm in Wisconsin, growing plants and animals, working in the woods with my dad, doing things for myself so it's in my blood. Living this way is not for everyone. I would not want anyone to think that I want everyone to live this way. But I do believe that all of us, in our own way, should pay attention to how our living impacts others and the earth."

He's the only one who left. He joined the Navy where he studied nuclear engineering at an atomic power lab in Pittsburgh. Five years in the service allowed him to go to the University of Wisconsin. He earned two graduate degrees, one in water resources, another in urban and regional planning. Richard took a class in Polish to have the language skills to explore his own heritage. Years later in 1992, the Institute for Sustainable Communities sent him to Poland and Bulgaria to deliver training in environmental management. "I was too busy to look into any of my roots. My grandparents emigrated in the 1890's." The following year, the same Montpelier group sent him to Slovakia and the Czech Republic to do similar work. Another consulting job has been with Friends of the Mad River Valley, working with Warren, Waitsfield, Fayston, Moretown and Duxbury on water resources issues and testifying on Act 250 to the District Environmental Commission. He also worked on projects experimenting with methods to stabilize stream

banks with bio-engineering techniques and small streams with timber crib dams. He taught at Yestermorrow on Sustainable Design with subjects such as why compost human waste, composting toilets vs flush toilets, failing septic systems, pit privy, the use of a greenhouse to treat waste. How great to have such a resource in our own community.

The way he cares for his eleven acres on Sodom Pond Road gives a sense of this hard working man who has chosen to live "low on the hog", as he puts it. Richard planted a few apple trees right away. Then he grafted the good stock onto wild apple trees. Counting the pears and plums and others, Richard has more than fifty fruit trees. He preserves their produce by storing in his root cellar, canning or turning into jams and jellies.

Beets and carrots from his large vegetable garden last all winter, dug up and stored in pails layered with sawdust. A greenhouse extends his growing season for chard, cabbage and lettuce. Blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and elderberries were all in evidence although the elderberries had been browsed heavily by deer. "The deer have gotten smarter and adapted. They eat my pumpkins and potatoes as well. They nibble on my garden in summer. If I'm lucky, I nibble on them in the winter."

He built his own home with trees from his own land in 1978.

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## Top of the Signpost

It is like Thanksgiving and Christmas all rolled into one. On November 16 - two weeks ago as I write this - I was given two new knees. I believe that this is one of the miracles of our times, to trade in two very arthritic painful joints for new titanium and polyethylene ones. Now I am learning to walk again.

Physically this was the most strenuous thing that's happened to me in my lifetime, but mentally I have found it a very moving experience. First of all, I'm grateful for the technology and medical skill that made it possible. A mere few years ago replacement joints were often unsuccessful or wore out. Today they're

dependable. Then there are all the good things which happened to me in a week's hospital stay and since. My family has cared for me wonderfully. My church family has uplifted me with visits, calls, and chicken soup. And my East Montpelier neighbors have visited, called, brought plants and in myriad ways reminded me that our move to this town twenty-one years ago was the best choice we could have made.

Thank you all! I expect to walk into Town Meeting on my own!

Jean Cate

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Twenty years later he writes in his House Operating Manual, "This summer I milled the rest of the 1 x 6 x 5/8 siding to finish the work. I also milled enough lumber to add an eight foot section to the south and finally have a woodworking shop with a generator to run the table saw and planer and maybe other tools. Presently the cabin is a storage shed for lumber, auto parts, recycling material, and miscellaneous stuff. One must be on constant watch otherwise the law of nature that vacuums are filled, that spaces are filled, manifest, and simplicity and an uncluttered life escape."

This twenty page manual instructs people who stay in his home when he has to be away for several weeks. "The spirit of this place is embodied in the Polish word 'pokoj' which means peace or room — a place or space of one's own. This place springs from doing as much as I can for myself. This place is not convenient. Convenience always has a price in time, money or impact on nature and on others. This place takes some work in upkeep and chores of the season. It is the good work of providing shelter and food. I can live on \$5000 a year if I watch my pennies, grow my own produce and live frugally."

He cooks with wood, using only two cords in his Irish Stanley stove. A gas stove is a summer back-up for heating water for tea. "Ample hot water is supplied from the hot water jacket in the wood cook stove. Fire from cooking breakfast is enough to do dishes and have a bath every few days. After baking bread in the cook oven, there is enough hot water for a luxurious bath." Because he also has passive solar, he noted "I've opened the windows at twenty below zero when the sun is strong to cool things off." He uses active solar for electricity for his computer, printer and lights.

Community to Richard means his kids, three grandkids, and a life partner in Warren where he spends half his time. It also means his local, regional and planetary communities which for him are all interconnected like a sweater that can come unraveled by pulling a single thread.

I said good-bye and drove down Sodom Pond Road past Lucy Wheeler's, past the Adamant Coop, feeling optimistic for the planet knowing there were people like Richard who choose to live simply even though it takes a lot of work.

Joanne Chickering

*Jo Chickering lives with her husband, Arthur, on Chickering Road in North Montpelier. They are inveterate travelers.*



### East Montpelier Historical Society

Dates and programs have been set for upcoming meetings:

Jan. 6 - Remembering the Jan. 1, 1879 division of the Town of Montpelier with a look at old town records, at the Town Clerk's office, 7 p.m.

Feb. 1 - Joint meeting and pot luck supper with the Calais Historical Society, at the Adamant Church, 6 p.m. Dwight Clark will reminisce about his milk route and show slides of some of the barns at which he picked up milk.

Other dates are March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 1.

Potential programs are sugar houses in East Montpelier, preservation of family papers and photos, updating the historic sites map, and hosting the Heart of Vermont Tour. All are welcome!

For more information call Anne Ormsbee at 223-5372.

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**MILESTONES**

**Births**

- >Jackson Randall McCoy, born July 8, 1998, son of Margaret & Patrick McCoy.
- >Cilla Faesy Wanzer, born August 25, 1998, daughter of Lydia Faesy and Charles T. Wanzer.
- >Reginald Darren Webster, born September 15, 1998, son of Dana and Darren Webster.

**Deaths**

- >Veronica Marie Hayden, died October 25, 1998, spouse of Harold Hayden.

**Marriages**

- >David Arthur Kissner to Laura Medalie, July 25, 1998.
- >Erik Wade Johnson to Megan Elizabeth Reed, August 9, 1998.
- >Brian Roland Hale to Johnal Dorothy Pecor, August 15, 1998.
- >Sandy Francis Conti to Teresa Eileen Codling, August 22, 1998.
- >Thomas Edward Smith to Melissa Mae Sarazin, August 22, 1998.
- >Frederic Riad Zind to Ellen Sue Lesser, September 6, 1998.
- >Colin James McCaffrey to Laura Crosby Williams, September 6, 1998.
- >Thomas R. Osborne to Karen M. Liebermann, September 19, 1998.
- >Damien Charles Lesch-Middelton to Lisa Marie Neil, September 22, 1998.
- >Thomas M. Conneman to Debra Gale Davidson, October 25, 1998.
- >Earle John Ellingwood to Louise Marie Groleau, November 7, 1998.

**Land Transfers**

- >Bradley B. Witham to Robert & Linda Hall, 2+ acres, Bliss Rd.
- >Carroll E. & Bradley B. Witham to Helen B. Witham, 2 acres, Bliss Rd.
- >Helen B. Witham to Bradley B. Witham, 2 acres, Bliss Rd.
- >Steven & Janet Noyes to Hobart G. Guion Jr. & Abigail D. Faulkner, 11.44 acres, Kelton Rd.
- >Michael P. & Kristin A. McCarthy to Vermont Housing Finance Agency, 0.54 acres and mobile home, Quaker Rd.
- >Gerald C. Jourdan Jr. & Jill E. Jourdan to Steven & Christina Bigras, 11 acres, Clark Rd.
- >Laurent P. & Claire M. Couture to Cathy M. Blum and Elizabeth Wirth, 10.1 acres & dwelling, McKnight Rd.
- >Laurent P. & Claire M. Couture to Stuart F. & Annette Lawson, 0.45 acres, McKnight Rd.
- >Robert D. & Virginia A. Bragg to Ruth R. & Kendal Frost, 35 acres, Route 14 N.
- >Deane F. & Raylene E. Hedges to Christopher D. & Lynn E. Hedges, 1.6 acres and dwelling, Fair Rd.

- >Michael D. Wark to Linda J. Ormsbee & Margaret Jean Ormsbee, 11.51 acres & dwelling, Center Rd.
- >Brian & Lois A. Lusignan to N. James & Judith M. Clark, 2.34 acres and dwelling, Horn of the Moon Rd.
- >David A. & Frances M. Pickel to David A. Pickel Jr. and Jenette I. Pickel, 1.83 acres, Route 214.
- >Mabel C. Wright to Mabel C. Wright and Sarah W. Pinardi, 3.15 acres and dwelling, Barnes Rd.
- >Richard G. & Carole A. Casavant to Brianna L. & Jeremy C. Parry, Sr., 1.34 acres, Fair Rd.
- >Steven O., Richard S., William A., Robert D., James R., Brian B. Clark and Marcia Clark Bowles to Helen Eldred, 9 acres, Quaker Rd.
- >George B. & Susan M. Spaulding to Fredric M. Levine, 47 acres & mobile home, Kennel Rd.



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1999 TOWN MEETING COUNTDOWN

Here are some key dates to keep in mind as Town Meeting approaches:

- >Thursday, Jan. 21: last day to submit petitions signed by [at least] 5% of voters for articles to be included in Town Meeting warning.
- >Monday, Jan 25: 5 p.m. deadline for filing nomination petitions for Town Offices to be filled by Australian Ballot.
- >Wednesday, Feb. 10: Australian Ballot available for Absentee voting.
- >Saturday, Feb. 20: last day to receive applications for adding names to Town Checklist. Town Clerk's Office open 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- >Thursday, Feb. 25: Town Forum & Australian Ballot Information meeting held at East Montpelier Elementary School, 7 p.m.
- >Tuesday, Mar. 2: Town Meeting, East Montpelier Elementary School, 9 a.m.

SELECTBOARD

Tom Brazier, Chair, Edie Miller, Tim Meehan September 23, 1998

- >Town's legislative delegation present to discuss Route 14 bridge over Winooski River. Scoping study may start in Jan. or Feb., with construction in 2 or 3 years.
  - >Public hearing on readoption of town plan. Planning Commission Chair present, Commission recommends readoption.
  - >Heard requests for name changes of town roads. Will consider changes if other property owners on a road agree.
  - >Public hearing on proposed zoning change to include commercial uses in industrial zone.
  - >Voted to approve 1993 Town Plan.
  - >Briefly reviewed future options for ambulance service.
- October 7, 1998
- >Road Foreman Mike Garand presented monthly road report. Probably won't have time to get



- E-911 signs installed this fall.
- >Heard status of Tay-Con Drive and Phillips Road, in acceptance process to become town roads.
- >Voted to offer Chris Reed, Town Health Officer, \$750 yearly stipend. Increase in number of situations being asked to review.

October 21, 1998

- >Mike Chenette explained sewage easement requested by Alan Goldman for his property in North Montpelier on Butterfield Road. Board indicated conceptual approval with conditions.
- >Ed Blackwell, representative to the C.V. Regional Planning Commission reported on proposed funding for the agency. Cost to town would be greater.
- >Appointed Patrick McCoy to Board of Adjustment with term through 1999 Town Meeting.
- >Officially changed name of W. Smith Road to Taylor Farm Road as Marshfield uses.
- >Appointed Paul Erlbaum Green-Up Coordinator for 1999.

November 4, 1998

- >Heard from Ken Senecal re: Sandy Pines Mobile Home Park sewage project. Selectboard signed request for additional monies to VT Community Development Program.
- >Appointed James Hanna to Board of Auditors.
- >Voted to change name of Town Highway #60 from Doty Road to Lylehaven Lane.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN OFFICE

Phone: 223-3313 Email: EastMont@together.net

- Clerk-Treasurer - Sylvia Tosi
- Asst. Clerk-Treasurer - Pauline Coburn
- Asst. Clerk - Ginger Hopkins
- Administrative Assistant - Bill Bryant (W & Th 9-5)
- PO Box 157, E. Montpelier, VT 05651 (Office Hours: M-Th 9-5, F 9-12 noon)

PLANNING COMMISSION

Doug Johnson, Chair October 1, 1998

- >Approved application of Nathan Danforth to construct storage building on Route 2.
- >Ginger Hopkins unable to continue on as secretary. Will stay on until replacement found.

October 15, 1998

- >Approved application of Wayne Clark to subdivide 12.3 acres from his 237 acre parcel.
  - >Discussed possible changes to zoning regulations.
  - >Approved new sign at entrance of Casella landfill to be 4 foot x 5 foot. Permitted size is 16 square feet. Sign will replace smaller old sign.
- November 5, 1998
- >Approved final plan for Wayne Clark subdivision.
  - >Continued discussion of sign regulations.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Claudia Bristow, Chair November 9, 1998

- >New members, Patrick McCoy and Cliff King.
  - >John Flannery present to request dimensional variance for a garage. Hearing recessed to hold site visit November 11.
- November 18, 1998
- >Continued hearing of John Flannery for dimensional variance. Application denied because all criteria are not met.
  - >Claudia Bristow elected Chair, Jeff Cueto Vice-Chair.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Jan Aldrich, Chair, Richard Curtis,  
Cheryl Rus, Loring Starr, Nancy Thomas*

**September 3, 1998**

- >Dave Angolano presented draft of audit report for 1997-98. Board accepted draft report with recommended changes.
- >Looked at new flooring in kindergarten.
- >Voted to hire Betsy Shapiro as Library/Media assistant.

**October 1, 1998**

- >Lindy Johnson reported on Developmental Reading Assessment: Grade 2 and Carol Randall reported on New Standards Reference Exams for Language Arts for fourth grade students, both given last spring. Will be included in School Report in Jan. 1999.
- >Discussion with Lee Sease of special education needs.
- >Reviewed prioritized lists of building improvements sent by Fred McKnight of H. L. Turner Company.
- >Voted to hire an instructional assistant two hours a day in the morning to work with the Kindergarten class.
- >Reviewed time line for budget work.

**October 29, 1998**

- >Steve Towne presented the Physical Education program, Pam Dunkling the music budget, Nancy Bisson the art budget and Ellen Knoedler the library budget. Also heard presentations from primary teachers and grades four through six teachers, including math, science and social studies projects.

**November 5, 1998**

- >Sarah Kinter and Jim Shea from the PTNO requested the Board consider supporting ELF program.
- >Heard budget presentations by Linda Royce, office; Monika Reis, guidance program; Cindy Murphy, school nurse; Anne Carter, Special Education and Tracy Storey, custodian.
- >The Lathrop Company will supply wood chips this school year. We will split loads with Barre Town School.
- >Accepted bid of Hutchins Roofing Co. to repair gym roof.
- >Accepted WCSU Special Education contract.



**Note from the Listers**

The listers are starting their yearly tour of the town to update the 1999 Grand List. With over 1100 parcels, it is impossible to make appointments for visiting everyone's home, but we will leave notice that we visited the property.  
Many thanks for your cooperation.

**MOOSELIPS**

The PTNO had a very successful spaghetti dinner and game night on November 13. Thanks to all who participated.

**Town Meeting Potluck**

In what is now a tradition, we will all sit down to Potluck Lunch on March 2 at the Elementary School. We're even hoping to add a festive Sesquicentennial observance following the meal. But more on this later in the next *Signpost*. If you'd like to help please call 223-2951.



**CHURCH BELLS**



**OLD BRICK CHURCH**

*Rev. Marcheta Townsend, Pastor*  
Worship, Sunday School and Child Care  
11 a.m.

**OLD MEETING HOUSE**

*Rev. David W. Connor and Rev. Susan  
Cooke Kittredge, Co-Pastors*  
Worship, Sunday School and Child Care  
9:30 a.m.

**CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

*Rev. Bob Walton*  
Worship and Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

**U-32 JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

*(Chair, Peter Schober), Ginny Burley and  
Tony Klein, East Montpelier members*

**August 26, 1998**

- >Reviewed budget timeline. A "Troopers in Schools" program has been initiated in central Vermont, Trooper John Robison is U-32's liaison.

- >Discussion regarding the bond process.

**September 9, 1998**

- >Voted to permit middle school aged home school students who are residents of the school district access to middle school co-curricular activities.

**September 23, 1998**

- >Lori Bibeau and Dave Angolano gave draft auditor's report. Approved.
- >Approved a position titled Facilities Project Consultant.
- >Accepted Sandra Cleary's leave of absence and Eric Weiss' resignation as Technical Director.

**October 1, 1998**

- >Accepted proposal of Lyman Amsden to be consultant on upcoming bond vote and possible construction.

**October 14, 1998**

- >Heard reports of Curriculum, Personnel, Policy and Co-curricular committees.
- >Accepted Barry Mitchell's resignation.

**October 28, 1998**

- >Emily Guilmette and Laura Maker congratulated as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholar Program.
- >Policy Committee presented policies on Bidding, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products, and Unlawful Harassment in Employment for first reading.

- >Marta Cambra reported that meeting for fifth through eighth grade teachers was successful - beginning to build a plan for Middle Level education in the WCSU.

**November 11, 1998**

- > Approved policies presented at last meeting.
- >Chris Herring spoke to 7th and 8th graders. CNN filmed the 7th grade session.

**November 18, 1998**

- >Bonnie Mohlman recognized as U-32's Teacher of the Year.

## What's New in East Montpelier Recreation

We're looking forward to a long snowy winter, and, to celebrate, the Recreation Board is planning a Winter Carnival on January 30, 1999! Relay races on snowshoes and cross country skis, snow golf, snow sculptures, and lots of fun things are being planned for our day in the snow. Activities will take place both at the Recreation Field, the Four Corners School House and trails in between. This fun filled day is for people of all ages.

We are still planning events for the day, and we could use more help. Join us if you can.

If anyone has a pair of cross country skis that are no longer used, please consider donating them to the Recreation Board! We'd like as many people as possible to experience gliding across the snow through the beautiful fields and woods of East Montpelier.

The Recreation Board also wants to start cross country ski trips in and around East Montpelier. We are fortunate to have so many trails throughout our town that can accommodate a variety of abilities. Maybe you'd like to explore a trail that's new to you. We imagine trips of different lengths and degrees of difficulty depending upon the leader of each trip. Some trips will be geared to new skiers and others will be for more accomplished skiers. The Four Corners School House Association has also agreed to open the building so that we can serve hot chocolate and have a place to warm up.

The Recreation Board is looking for people willing to lead ski trips. Leaders can decide which trails they'll ski and the length and time of the trip. Please call Rachel Senechal at 223-0539 if you are interested in leading a trip or if you have ski equipment to donate.

Next Spring will bring a new face lift to the Recreation Field next to the Elementary School. We will reconstruct the parking area to include a one way entrance and a separate exit. We will rebuild the storage shed, and we will build a toddlers play area.

**We welcome new people to work with us on these and other recreation ideas. The possibilities are endless! It just takes you and me.**

Rachel Senechal



### SESQUICENTENNIAL NOTES

#### East Montpelier Plate

Remember this special year in East Montpelier's history with a limited edition plate commemorating our 150th Anniversary! It makes a unique gift. Orders will be filled within 4 weeks. Proceeds will help pay for the restoration of the Town's historic records, some of which have reached a very fragile state.

Each plate costs \$25.00 and has been specially designed and hand made in East Montpelier by local craftsperson Jennifer Boyer of Thistle Hill Pottery. The 10 1/2 inch wide plate is made of durable stoneware clay. It is decorated with the name of our town and the dates (1849-1999) in blue brushwork as well as her distinctive floral decoration. It is oven proof, dishwasher and microwave safe, as well as lead free. A plate is on display at the Town Office, where you can pick up an order form, or you can call Jennifer at 223-8926.

#### Calendars

The East Montpelier 1999 Sesquicentennial Commemorative calendar is hot off L. Brown's press. Full of pictures and text celebrating our town's history, it's available at the Town Clerk's office, Bragg Farm Sugar House, Morse's Sugar Shack, and the East Montpelier Elementary School. Cost is \$8 plus \$.40 tax. Proceeds from calendar sales will go toward conserving old town records. For more information call Anne Ormsbee (223-5372) or Paulie Coburn (Town Office, 223-3313).

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## NEW BEGINNINGS MARY ANNE CERASOLI

As a newcomer to East Montpelier, my status as "new" is obvious. But to Mary Anne Cerasoli "new beginnings" have been a common thread running through her life this past decade. Having grown up in Barre as a "Henry" and the daughter of the Endicott Johnson Shoe Store manager, little did she imagine that she'd move to the countryside of East Montpelier in 1994.

The journey here has been marked by a tragic loss and the fulfillment of several life-long dreams. One of those dreams was to start her own home business, today a successful word-processing service Mary Anne runs from her home on Route 2 across from Danforth's Sugar House. The other dream was to have her own large loving family.

Only 39 when her first husband died, Mary Anne went on the road with her job with the Farmers' Home Administration. She had worked for the federal government for 21 years handling foreclosures, bankruptcy actions, and selling repossessed properties.

Since being widowed, she had also found time to start a support group for widows and widowers called "New Beginnings". It was through this work that she rekindled a friendship with another recent widower named Joe Cerasoli. Their first spouses were "Bingo Buddies", and it wasn't long before Joe and Mary Anne decided to marry in 1994.

At the time, the federal government was offering buy-outs to reduce the workforce, and Mary Anne took advantage of the offer. She could now fulfill a life-long dream of self-employment. She also wanted to spend time with her new husband.

Mary Anne knew nothing about computers when she began her new business, but foresaw a future with great potential. She has fulfilled that promise with the upgrade of a new IBM compatible computer and a laser printer.

Her regular client base is steady and varied, built upon partially by originally volunteering her word processing services, as she did at East Montpelier's Rally Day Silent Auction. Her services were bought by Margaret Richey who edits the newsletter for the Universalist Church in Barre as well

as helps with the East Montpelier *Signpost*.

Mary Anne also handles contracts for a local roofer, the data base for a local sugaring business, the state-wide Physicians Recruitment Center in Montpelier, and academic papers as well as a number of referrals from Copy World including resumes.

Mary Anne is undaunted by new challenges and looks forward with excitement and a sense of fun to whatever comes her way. A week's job at the Vermont Recruitment Center has turned into a six month position. Her grandson's wedding invitations offered an outlet for her creative energy and interest in people. She also particularly enjoyed preparing and handling all the mailings and class news for her husband's 45th class reunion. She'd like to take on more people-oriented jobs such as these.

She'll have her hands full with her husband's family reunion of 129 at their home this summer!

When she is not working, Mary Anne enjoys "the gift" of the company of her two step-daughters, three step-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren. She is equally devoted to her four siblings and mother in Barre. Mary Anne also finds time to volunteer with Joe every Friday on Bingo Night at the Knights of Columbus.

On the afternoon I visited with Mary Anne, she was awaiting the return of her husband and a large hunting party with the pungent smell of home-cooking on the stove. She'd seen them off at 4:30 a.m. with a large breakfast that morning. I gave her some eggs from my son's chickens for her breakfasts and left feeling privileged to have heard an intimate story of inspired "new beginnings".

Sarah Kinter

*Sarah lives with her physician husband, Tom Curchin, on Snow Hill Road. Tom practices with Associates in Family Health. They have two children, William, age 9, and Alice, age 6. Both children attend EMES and Sarah is active in the PTNO.*



## COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDER

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:00	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30	Town Office
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30	Town Office
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd
U-32 School Board	1st & 3rd Tuesday	6:30	U-32 High School
Elementary School Board	1st Thursday	6:30	Elementary School
Recreation Board	3rd Monday	7:00	Town Office
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Mon-Thur: 9-5, Friday 9-12		Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1-2:30	Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assn.	3rd Wednesday	7:30	Four Corners Schoolhouse

**Meeting times are subject to change.**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

January 21	Last day to submit petitions for special warning articles	Town Clerk's Office	5 p.m.
January 25	Last day to submit candidate petitions for Australian Ballot voting for local offices	Town Clerk's Office	5 p.m.
January 30	Winter Carnival	Rec Field	All Day
February 20	Last day to obtain voter registration applications	Town Clerk's Office	10 a.m. - noon
February 25	Town Forum and Australian Ballot Information Meeting	E.M. Elementary School	7 p.m.
March 2	Town Meeting	E.M. Elementary School	9 a.m.

**Remember to order your East Montpelier calendars and sesquicentennial plates as holiday gifts!**

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