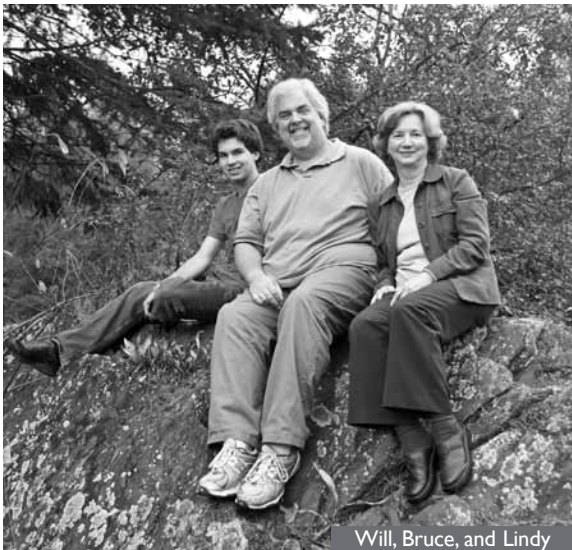


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Will, Bruce, and Lindy

TERRY J. ALLEN

Bruce and Lindy: Real Contributors

by Janet MacLeod

Meeting Lindy and Bruce Johnson at the Adamant Co-op for this interview was the ideal place since that is where I see them most and how I know them. They live a mile away on Sodom Pond Road in a house they bought in 2004. A story in itself!

Bruce has deep roots in the area since he grew up in Montpelier, and his family has been in Vermont for several generations. As Bruce was growing up his connection to East Montpelier was an old farm his

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Vermont Salumi: Blending Italy and Vermont

by Sarah Kinter

Pete Colman is a man with a plan. His passion is growing his business, Vermont Salumi, Italian for “cured meat products, primarily from pork.” His enthusiasm as well as his warmth and honest, direct manner drew me in when I visited him at Cate Farm off Coburn Road in East Montpelier. Following the signs for Vermont Salumi I pull up to the barn housing his business and home. As Pete comes out to greet me, I try to impress him with my rudimentary Italian, “Buona Sera” (Good Evening) to which he responds with the more appropriate early afternoon greeting “Buon Pomeriggio.”

Pete Roscini Colman was born in Italy 29 years ago. He has lived most of his young life here in East Montpelier with his mother, Sally Colman, and his stepfather, Richard Wiswall, who together run Cate Farm, a respected source of organic vegetables and herbs. Growing up, Pete spent his summers working on the farm. On the wall of the spare, clean barn entrance is a large mural of an Italian market, below which is a freezer filled with sausages. Pete invites me into the sparkling new meat processing room that will soon be inspected for wholesale production. Pete is excited about the prospect of selling his sausage and salumi beyond his home and farmers’ markets to stores in the Central Vermont and Burlington areas.

We head outside on this beautiful fall day to talk while Pete fixes his car, expressing his modus operandi of “I can fix this.” His story begins five years ago while Pete was on an annual trip to Perugia, capital of the central Italian region of Umbria, visiting his father and his family. The area is known as “the Green Heart of Italy,” reminiscent of the Green Mountains of Vermont, for its



Pete Colman

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Top of the Signpost

by Rachael Grossman

The weeds may have won in the garden again, but that didn't stop the plants from growing and providing a bounty of goodies to store for the winter. As we transition to cold weather, we are feeling so very lucky to have a warm home and loving community around us. We are also mindful that there are many who are vulnerable. Do you have extra frozen, canned, or stored garden produce? You may want to consider donating some veggies to the food shelf. Have you joined Washington Electric Co-op's Operation Roundup program? For a few pennies a month, you can contribute to a heating fund for folks who run short. Plummeting temperatures and snow flying signal a good time to visit your elderly neighbors and vulnerable families. Although budgets are shrinking, there are still many safety nets in place. As your Town Service Officer, I'd be happy to help you figure out the best ways to assist folks in need.

As I write this in late September, the apples are ripening on the trees but when you read this in early November, we will be ready for winter and starting to think about the holiday season. Soon after, the seed catalogs will arrive, and the next thing you know, the weeds will have taken over the garden and it will be harvest time again. And all through the seasons, we are thankful for the plenty around us and the opportunity to share our plenty.

—Rachael Grossman lives on Brazier Road with her husband, Paul Erlbaum. Sometimes her children, Leah and Ari Erlbaum live there too. As Town Service Officer, she is happy to point folks toward local agencies should they find themselves needing assistance.

East Montpelier Trails Update

by Nona Estrin and Mary Stone

Trails Donations Needed

If we can raise \$2,000 in donations for labor and materials in the next weeks, we will go full steam ahead with a long awaited trail improvement on the North side of Mallory Brook between the bridge and the end of Johnson Road. Call Nona Estrin 223-7745 or Mary Stone 223-2319 if you can help us out with a donation, large or small. Or you can send a check to EMTI c/o Richard Brock, 234 Cutler Heights Rd, Montpelier, VT 05602, with notation to Mallory Brook project. Donations will be honored at a later date or can be kept confidential, your choice.

Thanks to Patrick O'Donnell

Dodge Road Trail Steward and electronic and real world ambassador, Patrick served on the Board of East Montpelier Trails and is especially appreciated for creating our facebook page (be our friend!) and for being the Carlton Smith Fund liaison. He leaves the board to have more time for a growing family. We are very grateful for the years he gave to the board.

Trail Steward for Dodge to Center Road Needed

With Patrick retiring from his stewardship, we are looking for someone to take his place. If you regularly walk the Dodge Road trail, you may be the perfect candidate for the job. The steward's job is to walk the trail several times a year, fix what you can and report what you can't to the trail board. Contact Mary at 223-2319 or Nona at 223-7745 or any trail board member if you are interested in becoming a steward or a member of the East Montpelier Trails Board.

Saying Yes to Life

by Sue Chickering

Periodically, the Signpost features the recent work of East Montpelier authors.

Jo Chickering has lived in East Montpelier off and on since 1964. Here she raised her children, worked for Goddard College, the Community College of Vermont, Johnson State College, and Vermont College. From 1996 until her stroke in 1999, she served on local and statewide Restorative Justice Boards. After her stroke, she was a member of a Circle of Support and Accountability group for a young man coming out of prison.

Jo's optimism and indomitable spirit permeate her daily life and inspire others. This spring when I complained that the black flies had arrived, she exclaimed with delight that now the swallows would be happy having something to eat! Her book, *Saying Yes to Life*, encompasses this joy and perseverance and is threaded with enthusiasm, wit, and humor. She keeps her writing simple as she does her daily living, taking time each week to exercise, meditate, read, and write. Her writing honors the people who have been part of her early life and also those who gave her courage and strength after her stroke. Jo leads a rich and joyful life with her devoted husband Art, writing, watching tennis, reading, and listening to numerous books on tape.

Many people in East Montpelier will relate to, rejoice in, and picture in their mind's eye images from her poetry.

—Sue Chickering is an East Montpelier resident and the daughter of Jo.

Mother Nature's Winter Quilt

Images of children
frolic, jump, hide, tumble,
and dance with joy;
they pull their sleds to the top,
slide down every hill
a hundred times,
until parents call them in
for supper, bath and bed.

To buy *Saying Yes to Life*, send a \$16 check to:

Jo Chickering, 885 Chickering Rd, Plainfield, VT 05667 or go to www.createspace.com/3546249



Jo and Art Chickering

The last poem in Jo's book poignantly captures much of her passion for life and the serenity one feels living in Vermont.

Inevitable

Winter's last blasts
drown the sound
of northward honking geese.
I dawdle over poetry
no longer wishing

to rush through life.
I savor maple syrup on
my oatmeal, sip cocoa,
watch hooded mergansers dive in the pond beside quacking

mallards, competing with
incessant sounds of peepers
shouting Liar, Liar, Liar.

I too will join the cycle,
exist on air, move to an
unknown chapter, slide down and up double rainbows,
circle freely in the sky.



EMES Summer Reading Celebration

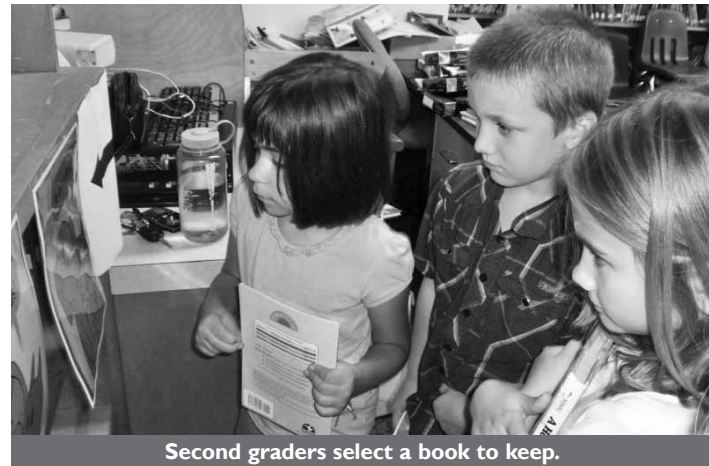


Kindergarteners on an Elephant and Piggie story walk.

Our Summer Book Bag theme of “Reading Anytime, Anywhere, with Anyone” resulted in students reading in places far from East Montpelier, such as Bolivia, Italy, and Scotland. Others stayed closer to home but read in some unusual places including on boats, in pools, and in the garden. EMES readers had no shortage of listeners, they read with dogs, with cats, uncles, parents, siblings, and a few other characters

On Sept. 22, 150 EMES students attended the Summer Book Bag Reading Celebration, chose a book to keep, went on a story walk of an Elephant and Piggie book, and enjoyed eating ice cream. Special thanks to Jane Knight and Bear Pond Books for providing us with many books. Many thanks, also, to the parent volunteers who came and helped with everything.

— Arlyn Bruccoli and Jenn Fitch



Second graders select a book to keep.

Johnsons (continued from page 1)

family owned on North Street where they spent time working in the summer and playing in the winter. He graduated from Montpelier High School in 1976 and went off to the warm weather of the University of Florida where he met Lindy, a Florida girl. Ironically, it's Lindy who loves the changing seasons of Vermont and Bruce who misses the sunny, warm climate in Florida.

Bruce grew up in the world of education with a superintendent for a father and a high school teacher for a mother. His dad's district in those days (1960-73) included the many small elementary schools in the towns of the current Washington Central Supervisory Union and those north through Cabot and Woodbury. He claims his dad was always at board meetings.

After graduating from the University of Florida Bruce went to the University of Virginia law school and ended up working in corporate law on anti-trust cases rather than in environmental law as he had expected. He soon learned that working as an attorney in a corporate firm was not the route he wanted to continue.

Lindy wasn't sure what she wanted to do when she entered college, and ended up taking a few years to decide. When she returned to the University of Florida she worked for a zoologist and spent time tagging sea turtles in Costa Rica. Eventually she became fascinated with reading and writing instruction and went the route of a reading specialist, completing her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Their first son, RB, was born in 1992 while they were still in Florida, but they soon came back to Vermont and lived in Fayston where their second son, Will, was born in 1994. Lindy was teaching and Bruce was a stay-at-home dad. He also worked for John Hansen, an environmental lawyer in Rutland, from 1988 to 2009 doing research that he clearly loves to do.

Over the years there seemed to be a lot of north-south transitions, and as we talked it got complicated. Simply said, they moved a lot and sometimes jobs didn't match living places and often where they lived was for family reasons more than jobs.

In 1996 Lindy came to work at the East Montpelier Elementary School where she worked for the next five years as a reading specialist. Later she worked for the Department of Education before moving into her current job with Washington Central. She is the literacy coordinator, working with both teachers and kids on reading and writing practices. This includes going into classrooms and holding classes for kids while teachers observe. Although she works out of the new building next to U-32, a majority of her time is spent in the schools with teachers and children.

Bruce, meanwhile, has been filling much needed roles in town government. In 2006 he became Zoning Administrator. His law and research skills and engineering training must have been quite useful on this job. After three years in that position he became a Selectboard member and is currently the chair. In addition, he is acting as Interim Town Administrator. He is always willing to explain how things work to someone who is trying to understand the ins and outs of town government.

After we had said our good-byes in front of the Co-op, I went in to get my Sunday paper and mentioned to the volunteer behind the counter that I had just been interviewing Bruce and Lindy for the *Signpost*. Her response was that we are very lucky to have Bruce working for our town. I would add that we are also lucky to have Lindy working in our school system.

— Janet MacLeod lives on Templeton Road with her husband, Spike Holden, and a Maine coon cat named Dinah. She works in Adamant above the Co-op in her art studio and downstairs as a staff person.

Salumi (continued from page 1)

rural and agricultural landscape. He likes to visit in the fall, the season for butchering pigs and harvesting olives. Having always loved prosciutto, but not able to afford it, he begins to think, “I can make this,” and asks his Italian family for guidance. A buddy of his great uncle Pepe responds, “Bring the American boy over.” Pete works the market stand with Guiseppe but is especially drawn to Guiseppe's brother Francesco's work, slaughtering pigs on local farms and curing the meat. By the time he returns to East Montpelier he is hooked, dives right in, and buys three piglets. He raises them from scratch, slaughters them, breaks them down, and makes all the tasty products he has learned about in Italy.

For five years, Pete returned to Italy on annual visits to apprentice with butchers. Back in East Montpelier, after working both day and night jobs, he raised, slaughtered, and processed two pigs a year, an experience that he called “amazing.” He soon saw a business opportunity in the Vermont market of processed meats. He had a recipe for success from both sides of the Atlantic. Combining Richard's business guidance and Sally's and Richard's strong work ethic with his apprenticeships in Italy, topped off with his “can do” attitude and love of Vermont, Pete felt ready to embark on his own business path. As a maker of sausage and salumi, he has built relationships with partners all over Vermont—to pasture raise and slaughter his pigs, grow organic garlic and herbs, make beer, wine and apple cider vinegar, all of which go into his four sausage brands. He harvests the pigs from head to toe and hopes to have dried, cured products such as prosciutto and salami available by 2012.

As I reluctantly prepare to wind up our interview, I have difficulty choosing which sausage to buy. They all reflect Pete's personality and experience. There's the Daily Grind, based on the Italian motto that good pork with garlic, salt, and pepper is all you need. Then there is the Roma, a spicy Italian sausage, with fennel, coriander, white wine, and pepper flakes. Or I could choose the Benito, a spicy Mexican chorizo, with vinegar, oregano, cayenne, and paprika. Or why not go all out with Great Expectations, an English banger—a warm sweet breakfast sausage with sage, thyme, and beer.

Pete's potential future plans include leading food tours in Italy and Nicaragua, opening a deli, and teaching experiential classes on meat production at the Farm. With his drive to create premier meat products, blending locally grown sustainable ingredients with old world artisanal flavors, Pete Colman has a rich future. For more info on Vermont Salumi, check out Pete's website at www.vermontsalumi.com or call 454-8360.

—Sarah Kinter lives on Snow Hill Road with her husband, Tom Curchin, daughter Emma, corgi Caleb, and flock of chickens, with occasional visits from her son Will and daughter Alice.

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New Minister, Old Meeting House

The Rev. Ellisa Johnk arrived at the beginning of August to serve as OMH's Senior Pastor. She brings to the church her energy and enthusiasm and new ideas for activities and enhancements to worship.

Rev. Johnk comes to the OMH from the Wellesley Village Church in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where she served as a pastoral resident. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and Harvard Divinity School. She was ordained at the church of her youth, the Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ in Iowa City, Iowa. Her studies and humanitarian interests have taken her to the Old South Church in Boston where she was a student pastor, to Georgia where she was a long-term volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and to South Korea as a Fulbright Scholar.

The Rev. David Connor continues to serve the Old Meeting House as its part-time Associate Pastor.



ALEX BROWN

Another Plug for EMSignpost.com

Important town news has been posted on www.emsignpost.com many times over the past year. Did you know that this is the only web site currently carrying East Montpelier town notices? You can be alerted to these notices by going to the website and clicking on webmaster Jennifer Boyer's email address. This summer she has kept us posted on road repairs after the floods, special meetings, Rally Day schedules, among other things. Current and past Signpost issues are posted there, as well as the “Guide to East Montpelier,” the Trail Map, and other on-going information. We hope you'll sign up to be notified each time Jennifer posts new town information.



Rally Day Flies High!

by Bill Merrylees, 2011 Chair

A vibrant Farmers' Market on the Green, scores of people leisurely walking in East Village, kids climbing all over a shiny fire truck, local teens enjoying friendly competition on the athletic field, boatloads of people in the parade, the excited faces of a family as they rise by balloon into the evening sky: These will be enduring images of this year's Rally Day. The parade this year was a bit of a nautical affair with two boats, one of them carrying our 2011 Citizens of the Year, Dave and Dee Dee Swenson.

A high point of the day, in more ways than one, was the ballooning. The inflation of the balloon was a spectacle in itself with kids and grown-ups alike listening to the roar of the twin propane burners and watching the colorful canopy take shape, dwarfing buildings and trees all around when fully inflated.



When asked about the experience of going up with his family, Tom Curchin said this was something he's always wanted to do, although he was a little apprehensive. "I really felt the lift, that sense of weightlessness, as the balloon reached the top. It was my little taste of *The Wizard of Oz*." In all, over 110 people went up in the balloon that evening, the



last group descending in the light of the nearly full moon. The Rally Day committee would like to thank the North Country Federal Credit Union for its generous underwriting of the hot air ballooning; Washington Electric Co-op for sponsoring the kick ball tournament; Bragg Farm and Morse Farm for their sweet gift of maple creamies for us all; the Vermont State Employees Credit Union for their support; Community Connections for their tent; S&H Underwriters for their space; and all of the energetic volunteers who worked hard to make Rally Day possible.

As the outgoing chair of the Rally Day Committee, I would like to salute the efforts and creativity of our three new members this year, Jean Vissering, Lisa Helme, and Becky Brown. These three, along with Fire Chief John Audy, are the seeds of a very small organizing group for next year. They will need your help and they want your opinion.

To that end, a new email address has been created for Rally Day, Emrallyday@hotmail.com. Please email the committee with your feedback about this year, your ideas about next, and your offers to take part.

—Bill Merrylees is stepping down after nine satisfying years on the Rally Day Committee



Donors and Bidders Make Signpost Silent Auction a Success

Many thanks to all the bidders who placed generous bids on *Signpost* Silent Auction items. The Rally Day auction netted \$3,572, a healthy portion of the \$6,000 needed by the *Signpost* each year to print and mail six free issues to everyone in East

Montpelier. The rest of the *Signpost* income comes from advertising and donations received throughout the year. The auction depends on the wonderful donors who provided items and services.

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- Rob & Rhoda Chickering
- Sue Clayton
- Ray & Jody Brown
- Joyce Copping
- Crossroads Auto Repair
- Delair's Carpet
- E. Montpelier Historical Society
- East Montpelier Home Center
- Nona Estrin & Charles Johnson
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- Green Heart Massage (Sarah Shapiro)
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Town Weathervane

MILESTONES

Births:

- Liam Sky Lingenfelter, son, born on Sept. 2, 2011, to Stephanie Ann Lingenfelter.

Marriages:

- Kenneth Russell Hurien and Caitlyn Marie Sikora, July 30, 2011.
- Jordan W. Kane and Ian P. Lanza, Sept. 3, 2011.
- Richard J. Harvie and Cynthia B. Smith, Sept. 10, 2011.
- Dave Allen Flood and Sue Ellen Felton, Sept. 18, 2011.

Deaths:

- Franklin C. Jillson, died Aug. 1, 2011, spouse of Evangeline Jillson.
- Robert Avila Granger, died Aug. 9, 2011, spouse of Shirley M. Granger.
- Lawrie Byron Morrison, died Aug. 9, 2011, spouse of Mary W. Morrison, father of Michael, Robert & Christopher Morrison.
- Tyler William Pryce, died Aug. 26, 2011, son of William R. & Jamie S. Pryce.
- Eleanor N. Barber, died Aug. 27, 2011, spouse of the late Philip Barber, mother of Dana Barber & Janet Barber Matzelle.
- Clifton E. Haggett, Jr., died Sept. 20, 2011, spouse of Elaine C. Haggett, father of Clifton Haggett III, Susan Sabens & David Haggett.
- David Stephens Gardner, died Sept. 26, 2011, spouse of Sherona Gardner.

Property Transfers

- Daniel Antonovich to Dianna Antonovich & William Muirhead, 1/2 interest, 2.52 acres, North St.
- Daniel Antonovich to Dianna Antonovich & William Muirhead, 1/2 interest, 19.9 acres & dwelling & farm buildings, North St.
- William C. McCreedy to William C. McCreedy & Amy L. Moore, 3.7 acres & dwelling, Farm Lane.
- Donna A. Poulin to Kurt A. Poulin, Paul Lavallee, Carol A. Lavallee & Peter P. Lavallee, .20 interest, 14 acres & camp, Chickering Rd.
- Mabel C. Wright & Sarah Wright Pindari to Sarah Wright, 3.41 acres & dwelling, Barnes Rd.
- Joanne M. Dunster & Amy L. Cooper to Brian & Wanling Jollota, mobile home, Robinson Rd., Sandy Pines Tr. Pk.
- Alec J. & Grace A. McIntosh to Yvette V. Stevens, 3 acres & dwelling, County Rd.
- Memmo Realty Trust to Loretta A. Bresette, .29 acres & dwelling, VT14S.
- F. Niles & Adrienne H. Taylor to Bruce P. Baskind & Eileen C. Gatti, 11.8 acres & dwelling, Northview Rd.
- Michael J. & Carol M. Conley to Jane E. Meiklejohn, Trustee of Jane Eaton Meiklejohn Revocable Trust, 3 acres & dwelling, Haggett Rd.
- Wayne I. & Elizabeth A. Emmons to Joel A. & Elizabeth A. Beebe, 1 acre & dwelling, US2.

- Hugh M. Hawkins, Dennis R. Hawkins & Susan W. Hawkins to David H. & Julie L. Tucker, 3.11 acres, Towne Hill Rd.
- Diane M. Paulger to Travis S. & Hilary L. Paquet, 2.31 acres & dwelling, Towne Hill Rd.
- Thomas & Shirley Westenberger to Stephen M. & Deborah B. Gilbert, 2.47 acres & mobile home, VT14N.
- US Secretary of Housing & Urban Development to Alexander J. Peplowski, .76 acre & dwelling, VT14 S.

SELECTBOARD

August 15, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to accept the tax rates as presented: 1.8839 for residents and 1.8906 for non-residents.
- to adjust the Grand List according to the listers' Errors & Omissions report.
- to authorize the Chair to sign the financial documents for the purchase of the Volvo EW160C.
- to adopt the Obligor Resolution.
- to apply to VLCT for the PACIF 2011 Equipment Grant Program regarding the posthole digger.
- to approve the application for the Municipal Park 'n Ride grant.
- to go forward with a public hearing regarding taking over Boulder Ridge Road as previously agreed to by the Selectboard.
- to hire VT Eco Floors to strip and paint the bay floors of the ESF according to the 8/4/11 estimate.
- to approve the minutes of 8/1/11 as amended.

August 29, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to accept the Listers' Errors and Omissions Report on the Les Birnbaum property and allow the Listers to adjust the Grand List.
- to proceed with the laying out process for Boulder Ridge Road and the process to re-classify to Class 3 the Class 4 portion of Sodom Pond Rd.

September 7, 2011

Motion Passed: to continue the emergency closure of the middle stretch of Coburn Road as designated by Road Foreman Mike Garand for purposes of public safety.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

August 16, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to approve the application, as amended, by EMES to construct a prefabricated shed.
- to grant a conditional use permit to Catherine Taylor to build a single family dwelling on Lot 8 of Stoney Corners Road, with the condition that no accessory structures or uses be located in the floodplain.
- to approve the Northstar Fireworks decision as written.
- to approve as amended the minutes of 7/19/11.

PLANNING COMMISSION

July 21, 2011

Topics Discussed:

- US2 reconstruction and preserving Coburn Quarry.
- The Town Plan Document:
 - needs a vision statement,
 - the Land Use Section needs to end with rather than start with the section on zoning, and zoning should be a separate section.
 - suggestions for delegating sections: Trails—Trials Committee, Gully Jumpers (Sandy Woodbeck)
- Recreation—Recreation Board
- Townspeople—Dave Coburn (history), Jean Vissering
- Business Activity—Scott Hess economic development section
- History—Anne Ormsbee, Lyn Blackwell
- Town Government—SB, Bruce Johnson
- Finance—SB, Don Welch
- Zoning—PC
- Housing—Open position
- Villages/Residential Areas—Jean Vissering
- Agriculture—Bruce Chapell, Austin Cleaves, the Halls
- Wastewater—Kim Watson, Rich Czaplinski, Carl Etnier
- Forest Resources—Forest Committee, Paul Cate
- Earth Resources/Geology—Open position
- Wetlands/Waterways/Wildlife—Rick Hopkins
- Scenic Resources—Jean Vissering
- Water Supplies —Bob Morey, Fire District, Groundwater Committee
- Education —EMES/U-32 boards, Ginny Burley
- Energy Dave Grundy, Carl Etnier, Scott Hess
- Transportation—Tom Pierce includes bikes, walking, car pool
- Social Services—Al Ploof
- Fire Protection—John Audy, Ty Rolland
- Police, Ambulance—John Audy, Ty Rolland
- Solid Waste—Kim Watson
- Motions Passed: to approve Minutes from 6/16/11 and 7/7/11 as amended.

EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD

August 15, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to approve the minutes of 6/27/11 as written.
- to accept the board orders.
- to approve the financial report.
- to approve 3/1/11 School Meeting Minutes.
- to accept the resignation of Alec Woogmaster, Assistant Cook, with regret.
- to approve the hiring of Assistant Cook, Karen Sherman Bunnewith.
- to approve a 1 year leave of absence for Spanish Teacher, Jennifer Donovan.
- to approve the hiring of Spanish Teacher (.5 FTE/1 Year Position) Bridget Suarez Kalmar.

- to approve the bus routes, given the change on the U 8 morning run, to be in the same order as the afternoon run.

U-32 SCHOOL BOARD

June 1, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to approve 5/18/11 minutes with the addition of notes taken in Executive Session.
- to adopt the policy: "Grading & Credit for Middle School Students Who Take High School Courses."
- to approve the blanket authorization for board orders.
- to accept with regret the resignations of Michael Reardon and April Vos.
- to approve the appointments of Johanna Hiller, English; Catherine van Eyck Sutton, English; Christopher Urban, World Languages Spanish; Christopher Bologna, paraeducator; Susan Mitchell, paraeducator; Jodi Slade, paraeducator; James Carrien, paraeducator.
- to approve the board orders.

June 15, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to approve the minutes of the following meetings: 5/11/11 Special Board Meeting and 6/1/11.
- to award the revenue anticipation note bid for 7/1/11-6/30/12 to Merchants Bank.
- to award the investment bid for 7/1/11-6/30/12 to Merchants Bank.
- to reserve the Federal Aid Jobs Fund Operating Fund Balance for future budgets.
- to authorize transfer of 6/30/11 Operating Fund Balance in excess of 4% of budget to capital fund.
- to close food service capital fund and transfer the balance to the food service operating fund.
- to authorize food service price increases for 2011-12 of \$.25 for student lunches and \$.50 for adult lunches.
- to accept the resignations of Laura Koritz, paraeducator, and Jeneane Lunn, art teacher, with thanks for their service.
- to approve the appointments of Janine Griggs, paraeducator and Colleen Dwter, student assistance counselor.
- to approve board orders for the General Budget, Athletic Officials, and Food Service.

July 6, 2011: Special Meeting

Motions Passed:

- to approve the administration's recommendation to restore an Educational Support Personnel staff person as a full-time custodian effective July 1, 2011.
- to approve the reduction in force of one full-time custodial position and direct the administration to identify the individual to be laid off in accordance with the terms of the Educational Support Personnel agreement.

August 17, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to approve minutes from 6/15/11, 7/15/11, as amended.
- to approve the 2011-12 Action Plan.
- to approve the 2011-12 Student/Parent Handbook.
- to approve the 2011-12 Department Heads & Equity Coordinators.
- to approve athletics coaches and volunteers.
- to approve the following appointments: Sara Wolf, administrative assistant; Laure Angel, social studies teacher; Alden Bird, English teacher; Angela Bostwick, visual arts; Katie Weir, Math teacher (middle school); Julie Feeny, Spanish teacher.
- to authorize Keith Gerritt to enroll a tuition student who is expected to be a resident of Orange as of Aug. 31.
- to approve the board orders.

September 7, 2011

Motions Passed:

- to accept the minutes from 8/17/11 as amended
- to appoint Erik Bennett as truant officer.
- to recall the 0.1 FTE RIF for Gillian Thomas.
- to approve U-32 advisors as presented.
- to approve the athletic coaches and volunteers as presented.
- to approve the resignation of Kathleen Audy, Health Office Administrative Assistant.
- to approve the appointment of Gilliam Thomas 0.1 FTE World Languages Spanish, Middle Level.
- to approve the board orders of 8/22/11 and 9/7/11.



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East Montpelier Highway Dept.

2011-12 Winter Operations Plan



Mike Garand, our road foreman, assures us the crew will do its best this winter to provide safe roads, but reminds all of us to exercise reasonable caution during winter conditions. This is also our first year dealing with the new state built sidewalks in the East Village and North Montpelier Village. The town will try to keep the sidewalks safe for pedestrians, but please remember they are on major state highways and will constantly have snow plowed on them. Please use extreme caution when using the sidewalks this winter.

- Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and bus routes first.
- The town does not have a bare road policy.
- Winter parking is banned along roadsides and places where plows or buses turn around.
- The town has a four-person crew, each plowing seven-hour routes starting around 3 a.m. with the intent to have major highways and bus routes clear by 7 a.m.; the crew does not deviate from those routes except in emergency situations.
- The town does not plow class four roads, private roads, or private driveways.
- After 16 hours on the job, the crew is required to stop operations and get a minimum of six hours of rest.
- 19 V.S.A. §1111 prohibits encroachments of the town's right of way without approval. The town assumes no responsibility for any damage to objects placed in violation of the statute.
- In certain circumstances the town will replace plow-damaged mail boxes.
- Salt will be applied to most paved roads, with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary.
- Under 19 V.S.A. §1111(b) and 23 V.S.A. §1126(a) plowing, blowing or shoveling of snow across or onto a town or state highway is prohibited.
- Sand will be applied to the gravel roads. Avoid following any winter maintenance vehicles too closely. The town will not pay for replacement or repair of windshields.
- In most cases, there will be no road maintenance between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.
- As with roads, the town does not have a bare sidewalk policy.

East Montpelier Fire District #1

It has been nearly two years since a volunteer group of Crystal Springs Water Company customers formed a fire district and have been working on the possibility of purchasing a privately owned water system in the village. At a public meeting, held on September 14, 2011, fire district members who were present unanimously approved moving forward with an engineering feasibility study.

Through a Request for Proposal (RFP), the fire district prudential committee selected the firm of Aldrich & Elliot to conduct the study. Prior to purchase, the feasibility study, an appraisal and budgetary consideration, will determine the ultimate price that can be sustained by the fire district.

For more info, please visit our website (www.emfiredist.org), or stop by one of our regular monthly meetings, held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Emergency Services Facility in the village.

—Steve Gilman, Chair Prudential Committee E. Montpelier Fire District #1

East Montpelier Village Signs

A subcommittee of the East Montpelier Village Committee has begun the process of costing out suitable designs and identifying potential locations for "East Montpelier Village" signs. When the locations are chosen, landowners will be contacted in order to hear concerns and get the necessary permissions.

Our goal is to have the signs installed in the spring of 2012. We anticipate a budget of about \$5,000 for all of the signs including installation. In some towns, the town has paid for one sign and the rest were paid for through fundraising.

Do you have any sign design ideas? Would you be willing to donate any money to help with the fabrication and installation of these village signs? To make a donation, make your check payable to the Town of East Montpelier and put "village signage" in the memo area of the check. Design ideas and donations may be mailed or delivered to: E. Montpelier Municipal Building, PO Box 157, E. Montpelier, VT 05651.

—Rick Hopkins, Susan Stephen, Rubin Bennett

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CALENDAR & NOTICES

Nov. 6, 2 p.m., Four Corners Schoolhouse: Did you miss the walking tour back through the history of E. Montpelier Village on Rally Day? Or would you like to go again, this time without the walk? Take a virtual history walk through Daggett's Mills with Dave Coburn.

Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m. Old Meeting House: A concert by Patti Casey, Colin McCaffrey, and Bob Amos as well as Jesse Forest and Kaoru Azuma. Tickets \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance at Bear Pond Books.

- Town Office closed:** Veterans Day, Nov. 11
 • Thanksgiving Holiday, Nov. 24 & 25
 • Mon., Dec. 25, Christmas Day
 • Mon., Jan. 1, New Years Day

Property tax installment due: Tues., Nov. 15
 (due by 5:00 to avoid 1% interest)

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	Planning Commission (PC)	1st & 3rd Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Town Office Building
	Development Review Board (DRB)	1st & 3rd Tues	7:00 p.m.	Town Office Building
	U-32 School Board	1st & 3rd Wed	6:00 p.m.	U-32 School
	Elementary School Board (EMES)	3rd Mon	6:30 p.m.	Elementary School
	East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD)	Every Tues	7:00 p.m.	EMFD Community Room
	East Montpelier Fire District #1	2nd Wed	7:00 p.m.	EMFD Community Room
	Recreation Board	2nd Mon	7:15 p.m.	Elementary School
	Conservation Fund Advisory Committee	as needed	7:30 p.m.	Town Office Building
	East Montpelier Historical Society	3rd Mon	7:00 p.m.	Town Office/East Calais
	Four Corners Schoolhouse Association	2nd Wed	7:00 p.m.	Four Corners School
	EMES Parent Teacher Neighbor Org. (PTNO)	1st Wed	6:30 p.m.	Elementary School