

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
April 8, 2015
City Council Chambers

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Tom Golonka, Anne Watson, Justin Turcotte and Dona Bate. Councilor Thierry Guerlain and Councilor Jessica Edgerly Walsh were absent. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:30 PM.

- 15-096. Councilor Watson moved approval of the proposed agenda. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously (4-0) at 6:30.
- 15-097. Police Chief Tony Facos briefed the Council regarding recently released sex offender Richard Laws.
- 15-098. Councilor Bate moved approval of the posted consent agenda, and Councilor Watson seconded the motion. Councilor Watson asked that the motion be amended such that item b) be tabled for discussion, and the amendment was approved by unanimous consent. The motion passed, as amended, unanimously at 6:34.
- 15-099. Applicants Jay White and Hannah Smith addressed the Council (and fielded questions from Councilors) for the purpose of being considered for appointment to the City's Design Review Committee.
- 15-100. Applicants Michael Sherman and William Schebaum addressed the Council (and fielded questions from Councilors) for the purpose of being considered for appointment to the City's Development Review Board.
- 15-101. Applicants Abby Colihan and Lynn Wild addressed the Council (and fielded questions from Councilors) for the purpose of being considered for appointment to the City's Tree Board.
- Councilor Bate moved the Council enter into Executive Session in accordance with statute to consider appointments to the Design Review Committee, the Development Review Board, and the Tree Board. Councilor Watson seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:49.
- Councilor Turcotte moved the Council return to open session, and was seconded by Councilor Bate. The motion carried unanimously at 6:55.
- 15-099. Councilor Golonka moved the Council appoint Hannah Smith to the Design Review Committee and Councilor Watson seconded. The motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Bate voting nay, Mayor Hollar voting aye).
- 15-100. Councilor Watson moved that Michael Sherman be appointed to the Development

Review Board, and that William Schebaum be appointed as an alternate to the Development Review Board. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 6:57.

- 15-101. Councilor Watson moved the Council appoint both Abby Colihan and Lynn Wild to the Tree Board. Councilor Bate seconded the motion, which carried unanimously at 6:58.
- 15-103. Agenda item 15-098 b. from the consent agenda (Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory) was taken from the table for discussion. Public Works Director Tom McArdle addressed the Council on the document. After discussion, Councilor Turcotte moved the Council approve item b from the consent agenda with the addition of the phrase “through our designated agent” after the phrase “We, the Legislative Body.” The motion was seconded by Councilor Bate and carried unanimously at 7:06.
- 15-101. Newly appointed Tree Board member Lynn Wild addressed the Council.
- 15-102. The Council held a discussion on the proposed City Council Goals for 2015-16. Planning and Development Director Michael Miller, Public Works Director Tom McArdle, and Assistant City Manager Jessie Baker offered comments.
- 15-104. Councilor Bate announced that John Snell was being honored by the Rotary Club on April 20 at noon, and invited people to participate in the event. She noted also that six seniors from Montpelier High School were participating in a High School national academic quiz tournament in Chicago, and that they need to raise \$4000.
- Councilor Turcotte acknowledged the new Times Argus Montpelier reporter before making note of the water leak on Hubbard Street. He also asked for an update on the status of the railing at the intersection of East State and Hubbard streets, and also advocated for instruction signs to guide members of the public who testify at Council meetings. Finally, he thanked Dan Bragg and Anthony Otis for their work on a historic marker.
- 15-105. The Mayor thanked Public Works Director Tom McArdle and his department for their response to concerns voiced by Lake Champlain International regarding snow cleared from roads melting into the Winooski River. He also reported on T.W. Wood Gallery activity and passed along the gallery’s invitation to councilors to serve on the board.
- Councilor Bate extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council to participate in the Walk and Roll event on May 8th.
- 15-106. The City Clerk’s reported on plans to change the way dog licenses are distributed, before making note of the recent passing of Sal Lucenti.
- 15-107. The City Manager reported on the creation of a committee to address the final status of the Challenger monument at national Life, before noting some upcoming road maintenance. Mr. Fraser also suggested the Council make a motion to excuse Councilor Edgerly Walsh for her recent injury-related absences, so as not to trigger a four-

unexcused-absences clause in the city charter.

Councilor Watson moved the Council excuse Councilor Edgerly Walsh's absence for this meeting and the previous one. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 8:15.

Councilor Watson asked about the status of the bike art near the Hunger Mountain Co-op.

Hearing no objections, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:16PM.

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