

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**November 1, 2017, 5:30 PM**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Dona Bate, Justin Turcotte, Anne Watson, Ashley Hill, Jean Olson, Rosie Krueger. City Manager Bill Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary of the meeting.

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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

17-319. Councilor Olson asked that the City Manager “check in” be postponed to a future meeting. The City manager asked that a review of a letter from the city attorney regarding Berlin Pond be added to the agenda. Without objection, the proposed agenda was approved as amended, by unanimous consent.

17-321. Councilor Turcotte moved approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 5:35.

17-322. After discussion, Councilor Watson moved to authorize the city staff to assign the term periods for the Montpelier Housing authority (*for the recently appointed members*) based on lottery, unless one does express interest in a particular term. Councilor Bate seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 5:37.

17-323. Candidates for appointments to the Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee Amber Collett, Anna Milkowski and Celia Riechel all addressed the Council. After discussion, Councilor Watson moved that Amber Collett and Celia Riechel be appointed to the Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee. Councilor Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 5:49.

17-324. The Council discussed the proposed Central Vermont Public Safety Authority Resolution and letter. After discussion Councilor Turcotte moved that the Council remove the words “for another year,” from the second paragraph of the resolution. Councilor Hill seconded. Further discussion followed.

Councilor Watson moved to amend the motion to include taking out the last sentence of the letter. Councilor Bate seconded. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

The underlying motion was then approved unanimously and without modification at 6:03.

Councilor Watson moved approval of the letter with the removal of the last sentence of the first paragraph. Councilor Turcotte seconded. After discussion, the motion carried 4-2 (Councilors Bate and Hill voting nay).

Councilor Turcotte moved the Council approve the proposed resolution as amended. Councilor Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 6:06.

- 17-325. After discussion, Councilor Krueger moved that Councilors Bate and Hill, and Mayor Hollar be appointed to a new "Committee on Committees." Councilor Turcotte seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 6:08.
- 17-326. Planning Director Mike Miller came forward to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance. Alan Goldman offered comments. Jay Ancel & Tom Green (President of the Vermont College of Fine Arts) as well as Doug Zorzi came forward for discussion at the Mayor's request. Further comments were offered by Phil Dodd.
- The Mayor called for a recess at 6:59. The meeting reconvened at 7:15. Further discussion followed. At 8:56, the Mayor called for a recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:02.
- 17-327. The Council discussed River Hazard Area regulations.
- 17-326. The Council returned to the discussion of the zoning ordinance. After discussion, Councilor Bate moved the Council accept all the changes to draft that appear on the matrix and the final punch list as changed tonight, and to set a date for public hearings on the amended Unified Development Regulations for December 13th and 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Turcotte seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 17-327. Councilor Krueger moved the Council accept all the changes to draft in the final punch list as discussed tonight and to set a date for public hearings on the amended River Hazard Area Regulations for December 13th and 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Turcotte seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 17-329. Councilor Krueger recognized the work of the Planning Commission and the Planning Director, and thanked the Mayor for his service (in light of his recent announcement that he would not seek re-election). Councilors Watson and Hill also thanked the Mayor for his service. Councilor Bate offered praise for the downtown merchants as well as Lost Nation Theater. Councilor Olson thanked the Mayor for his service. Councilor Turcotte thanked the Mayor for his service before indicating that there may be a forthcoming update on the paving progress.
- 17-330. The Mayor recognized the councilors, adding that he will miss the group.
- 17-331. The City Clerk thanked the Mayor for his service.
- 17-332. The City Manager thanked the Mayor for his service before starting a brief discussion of the timing for a coming eminent domain hearing. He then offered a status update on the Mowatt transaction.

Councilor Bate moved the Council enter executive session for the purpose of reviewing the letter from the City Attorney concerning legal options in regards to Berlin Pond. Councilor Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:54.

Without objection, the Mayor declared the meeting returned to open session and subsequently adjourned by unanimous consent.