

Mon., Oct. 7	Homelessness Task Force	4:30 PM	MSAC Community Room
	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall
Tues., Oct. 8	Conservation Commission	6:30 PM	City Managers Conference Rm.
	Historic Preservation Commission	6:30 PM	Memorial Room, City Hall
Weds., Oct. 9	City Council	6:30 PM	Council Chambers, City Hall



Community Prosperity

Budget

Next week's agenda will include our first overview conversation about the FY21 budget and process. We will be starting out from a difficult position based on recent news that our health insurance premiums may be rising by as much as 25%. This would have a \$300,000 initial impact on the budget. We are looking at alternatives but, with renewal coming on January 1st, there are very few options.



Responsive and Responsible Government

Town Fair

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns Annual Meeting and Training conference – known as VLCT Town Fair – was held on Wednesday and Thursday in Killington. Several Montpelier officials attended.

Council Meetings

Reminder that we moved the second October meeting from the 23rd to the 30th.

New Staff

Assistant City Manager Cameron Niedermayer starts working with us on Monday the 7th. She'll be at the Council meeting on the 9th. We're looking forward to her coming on board and welcome her to Montpelier and our city government.

DPW Street & Water / Sewer divisions:

This week our Street Division worked on a variety of different projects, beginning with leaf sweeping/raking daily in different areas of the city. On Hillside, Richardson, Coarse and Cliff all the leaves were hand raked due to the steep areas.

On Deerfield and Greenfield Drives our crews pulled and plated the manholes, as well as stoned a ditch line on Main

Street Hill.

The Street division also helped the other divisions, completing quarterly meter readings and repairs. Our crew also completed numerous other work orders such as:

- Repairing receivers on Mechanic Street and Dairy Lane
- Assisting our mechanic division with painting plows
- Continuing to haul stock materials to the stump dump
- Prepping and paving the water leak area on Coarse Street
- Hot mixed potholes throughout the City
- Repaired drainage as requested by public
- Completing Nelson Street in a manner that assures Mail, Trash Trucks or Service Vehicles are able to pass 'till the completion of paving from water leak can be accomplished.

Next week our street division will continue sweeping and bagging leaves in the needed areas; pushing under guard rail on lower State Street to get rid of the berm so water will run off; removing and replacing sidewalk slabs on East State Street and Barre Street; and, also assisting contractors such as Dubois Construction with paving projects (from previous water leaks).



Environmental Stewardship

Net Zero Plan

The Department of Planning & Community Development submitted a Municipal Planning Grant application on Tuesday to develop a strategic plan to implement the City's Net Zero 2030 goals. This project, if funded, will hire a consultant to work with MEAC to develop specific recommendations with estimated costs to show how the city government operations will become net zero before 2030. A number of studies have been done in the past including getting energy audits on a number of buildings but compiling these reports and identifying other costs, such as how much a bio-diesel snow plow or electric police car will cost, still needs to be discussed. It is hoped that a plan could be complete by the fall of 2020 so that recommendations can be built into the 2021 budget developed in the fall of 2020. Grant awards will be announced in December.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment



Sustainable Infrastructure

1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path:

Punch list items are being addressed on floors 4, 3, and 2 and the siding is being installed on the exterior of the building. The parking lot has been paved and light poles for the parking lot and the bike path have been installed. The bike path from the pedestrian bridge to Taylor Street will be paved next week. Landscaping will also occur next week. The ribbon cutting which was scheduled for October 9th has been rescheduled for the 25th due to a conflicting holiday.

Elm Street Sidewalk Extension The sidewalk on Elm Street will be extended from the City Pool to #659 Elm St. The contractor completed the excavation for the new sidewalk and placed the subbase material. Concrete placement for the sidewalk has started and is almost complete - the remainder of the sidewalk will be poured next week. Asphalt patching, landscaping, signage, and pavement markings will be taking place over the next couple of weeks.

Clarendon Ave Reconstruction:

This past week the contractor worked on installing the 8” water main starting at the corner of Clarendon and Bailey Ave. This new water installation is running up the center line of the road. A connection line was left at the bottom of Dwinell Street. In addition the contractor is working with EJP to perform a new tap on Dewey Street for the Redstone connection. The City had the contractor clean out all of the storm water catch basin bags after the heavy rains in the beginning of the week.

WRRF:

Demolition of the equipment on clarifier #2 was completed this week and disposal of the material occurred. Forms for the concrete sludge storage tank were stripped. Demolition of the equipment in the boiler room was completed, as well. Next week work will continue on the underground piping and work will start on the pump replacement in the basement of the blower building.

Shared Use Path Project: (Granite St. – Gallison Hill Road):

Good progress continues on this project with additional areas substantially completed or nearing completion. Top soil and seeding of the path side slopes and shoulders is underway along sections which were paved last week. Wall staining and the application of an anti-graffiti protective coating should be wrapped up next week now that the last of retaining walls has been finished. Gravel subbase and fine grading of the path along Barre Street to Granite Street will proceed next week. Paving the remainder of the path as well as the finish course of Barre Street is projected to take place the week of October 14th. The paving is being coordinated with other street paving the contractor is doing for the City under separate contract. The storm water bio-retention pond was completed at the Trackside property on Barre Street as seen in the picture below. Another notable accomplishment was the demolition of the old Quonset hut at the Trackside property fulfilling a City agreement for the new rail grade crossing on Gin Lane.



Nelson Street:

The City has made arrangements with J. Hutchins Inc. to pave Nelson St. in conjunction with the paving contract they were awarded this summer. This work is tentatively scheduled for the middle of October. DPW is soliciting prices to

replace the section of water main along Ridge St. that caused the washout of Nelson St. in an effort to complete the work prior to paving.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Enchanted Forest is Saturday, October 12, 3-8pm at Hubbard Park:

Volunteers Needed (especially Guides!), Pumpkins/Carving Tools Requested, & Tickets on Sale

Explore the mystery of nature with theater, storytelling, wagon rides, candlelit trails and more on a magical walk through Hubbard Park's Enchanted Forest! Bake Sale and PinBox3000 at the entrance! **Tickets** sell out soon, so get yours in our 58 Barre Street office soon. If interested in **helping out**, please contact Parks at 223-7335 or email Alec: aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org. If you volunteer as a **guide**, you'll need to attend a training at the New Shelter, Friday at 5:30pm or Saturday at 1pm (or other time upon request), and you'll get a free family pass and free dinner! If you can donate **Pumpkins** or lend Pumpkin-carving tools, please drop-off at the Hubbard Park office before Friday, October 11. [Click here](#) for the flyer with more info including ticket prices, and understand you'll need to select your group's actual entrance time upon ticket purchase!

Montpelier Walks on Fall Weekends

2nd & 4th Saturdays—Oct-Nov | 9:00 - 10:30 am

Almost all walks will involve time walking on paths in the woods, although most walking will be on streets and sidewalks. Walkers may at times have some input into what route they walk.

October 12th: Upper Berlin Street - gather on corner of Hebert Rd. and Berlin St.

October 26th: Lower and mid-College St. - gather at entrance to College Hall.

Please RSVP by the preceding Friday at noon by calling MSAC office at 223-2518.

Square Dance Interactive Workshop with Live Fiddle Music

Sunday, October 20 | 6:30 - 9:00 pm | MSAC Community Room at 58 Barre Street | \$10 advance, \$15 at the door | Ages 13+

Come to a community square dance with local caller and musician Robin Russell and live fiddle music by Susan Reid! You don't need a partner or experience. Robin will guide the group through classic moves and you'll be flowing with others through the dances from the start. Please pre-register at 58 Barre Street, call 223-2518 or www.montpelier-vt.org/msac

Ski & Skate Sale Coming Saturday, October 19

- The annual Montpelier Recreation Department Ski & Skate Sale is being held at Montpelier High School Saturday, October 19th, from 9am-2pm.
- **If you have items you wish to sell**, please bring them to the High School on Friday October 18th between 9am-6pm. Items sold are at a 80/20 split, meaning 20% of the sold item goes to the Recreation Department and 80% to the seller. All unsold items must be picked up Saturday, October 19th between 5pm-7pm. After that they become property of the Recreation Department. Please do not arrive for pick up before 5pm as we need time to sort and inventory items.
- **We are also seeking volunteers** for both Friday (morning or afternoon) and Saturday during clean-up starting at 2pm. Volunteers get to shop Friday night. You can sign up for 3 hour shifts. Please call 802-225-8699 if you are interested in volunteering.

CONTINUE ON FOR TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS, REPORTS AND BUDGET ITEMS



William Fraser
City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

10/9	Responsible Employer Ordinance Complete Streets Committee update Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 3 rd PH ATCM Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Tax Stabilization Policy CM Preliminary budget discussion	10/30	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Housing Authority Appt. ATCM Personnel Plan, 1 st PH CM/HR? Event Fees Home Farm Way CSO Financials DPW/Finance
11/13	Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan, 2 nd PH CM/HR IRC Codes Planning Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Recreation Building ACM Student committee appointments ATCM	11/20	Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM WiFi feasibility Finance/Tech Strategic Plan update CM Economic Development Strategic Plan P&CD Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM
12/11	Budget Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM MTIC Appts. ATCM Complete Streets Appts. ATCM	12/18	Sabin's Pasture CM Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM
1/8	Hazard Mitigation Plan update Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1 st PH ATCM	1/22	Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2 nd PH ATCM

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

Oct.	Police Department Social Worker	Nov.	WiFi feasibility
Jan.	Rental properties survey	?	Downtown Master Plan Process for adding new projects/funding

Budget

ADA projects
Combined Sewer Overflow projects
Equity consultant
Downtown Master Plan Implementation
Emergency Management Operations
Fuel
Parking Garage Operations
Housing Trust Fund
Infrastructure
Downtown LED light conversion
Personnel Plan matters
Police Dept. Social Worker
Recreation Center
Confluence Park/Riverfront efforts
Sabin's Pasture (purchase?)
WiFi