

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
5/3	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/3	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/3	Police Review Committee	4:30 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
5/5	Complete Streets Committee	5:30 PM	67 Bliss Road Montpelier VT 05602	Agenda



Public Health and Safety

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates**

This week, the State announced that we have hit the vaccination goal for May 1st to continue moving through the [Vermont Forward Plan](#). They also confirmed that the State will be resuming distributing the Johnson & Johnson vaccine after it was cleared by the FDA.

The most recent press conference from Governor Scott focused on Unemployment Insurance program and how there will be incoming changes. During the pandemic, Vermont had suspended the requirement that folks receiving Unemployment had to be actively looking for work. Beginning May 9th, the State is reinstating the work-search requirement. This means after May 9th, folks receiving Unemployment will need to actively apply for or make inquires about 3 different jobs a week. There will be limited COVID-qualifying exemptions to this requirement, more information can be found at <https://labor.vermont.gov/>

Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD, acknowledged Tuesday new guidance issued from the CDC regarding wearing masks outdoors for fully vaccinated people. “The new mask guidance is a common-sense public health step,” said Dr. Levine. “The CDC, like the State of Vermont, is taking well-modulated, science-based steps in developing its recommendations. It strikes the right balance for this point in the nation’s pandemic response – allowing greater flexibility connected with vaccination status.” Dr. Levine said the Governor and the state’s Restart team have already been considering changes to Vermont’s guidance, and will review the CDC’s recommendations in the context of the

Vermont Forward Plan, the pace of vaccination, and progress being made managing the COVID-19 pandemic in Vermont. [More information can be found on the CDC's website here.](#)

Overall State Updates:

As a reminder, the Governor has announced he has extended the VT State of Emergency for another month- [it is now in place through May 15th.](#)

- Vaccine Updates
 - On April 29th vaccine registration will open to out-of-state college students and part time residents.
 - COVID-19 vaccine registration is available through both the website and the phone number:
 - Sign up for COVID-19 vaccine appointments at HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine or by calling (855) 722-7878
 - Appointments are needed, no walk-ins will be accepted.
 - If you're home bound you can call 833-722-0860 M-F from 8:30-4:30 to make an appointment.
 - Vaccination updates can be found via the [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#)
 - Please check the [Public Health Vermont website](#) for any questions about getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- Education Update
 - In-person graduation and end-of-year celebrations, such as proms, will be permitted this spring, and the Agency of Education has put out [further guidance available here.](#)
 - The State has also released guidance for summer camps, [available here.](#)
- Travel and Quarantine Guideline Updates
 - As part of Vermont's phased reopening plan, there is new travel guidance, effective April 9, 2021: except for international travel, travel no longer requires quarantine. [More information here.](#)
- Regional Health Update & VT Case Modeling Response Updates:
 - Case count and outbreak information can be found on the [VT Health Department dashboard.](#)
 - Vermont Modeling Updates: [The April 27th presentation can be found here.](#)
 - The weekly summary report on cases can be found [here](#), which this week

it discusses cases between March 5, 2020 – April 21, 2021 and spotlights 'Facilities Experiencing More Than One Outbreak'

- Reminder: Federal Financial Assistance Program for Families who have Lost a Family Member to COVID-19:
 - Beginning April 12th, as part of the federal emergency relief package, financial assistance will be available for families who have lost a family member due to COVID-19. Call the Federal emergency hotline to sign up: 844-684-6333
- Financial Assistance for Small Businesses
 - Vermont businesses continue to be encouraged to take advantage of the federal and sector-specific financial assistance programs currently available including:
 - [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#): The deadline has been extended until May 31st. The Vermont District Office of the SBA continues to offer [two weekly webinars](#) on First and Second Draw PPP loans and PPP loan forgiveness.
 - Vermont Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding: A second round of [sole proprietor grants](#), ranging from \$1,500 and \$10,000, are now open to qualifying sole proprietors on a first come, first served basis. Technical assistance resources are available at the [grant program website](#). The application closes May 26, 2021.

COVID Testing Availability:

- **Testing dates/locations and preregistration found here or call 2-1-1 for registration assistance:** <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested>
 - Upcoming Montpelier Testing Dates:
 - 04/29 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 134 State St. (parking lot)
 - 05/06 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 134 State St. (parking lot)

COVID-19 Reminders:

- Reminder: Mental Health Support & Food Access
 - The State shared some resources to assist folks in seeking help for any mental distress, or in need of mental health care. Resources can be accessed through calling 2-1-1 or via the [State's website for COVID-19 support](#).

- If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs emotional support, help is available 24/7:
 - Call your [local mental health crisis line](#).
 - Text VT to 741741 to talk with someone at the [Crisis Text Line](#).
 - Call the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) at 1-800-273-8255. For more info, visit healthvermont.gov/suicide.
 - Get connected to Alcohol and Drug Support Services at [VT Helplink](#).
 - Get self-help tips and connect to mental health services at [COVID SupportVT](#).
- If you need help accessing food, there are also many resources on the State and Local level. Please call 2-1-1 or access [WIC](#), [Hunger Free Vermont](#), [3SquaresVT](#), or other resources outlined via Hunger Free Vermont [COVID-19 response](#).
 - There are also local agencies hosting food access programs such as: the [Vermont Foodbank](#), [Everyone Eats](#), and the [Montpelier Food Pantry](#).



Environmental Stewardship

Tree Work on Statehouse Trail to Hubbard Park:

Work will begin in the next few weeks on removing some of the dead and hazardous trees—mostly Red Pine—along the Statehouse Trail that leads to the Hubbard Park tower. Buildings and General Services (BGS) is in charge of the project which will be completed by a contractor they are selecting. The Tree Board, Parks and Trees and the Vermont Forests and Recreation Agency have worked closely with BGS to develop the project over the past two years. We expect the work may take place over several weeks during which time access to the trail will be monitored and, as needed, controlled by flaggers. All cut material will remain on the forest floor. We will be making a more widely dispersed public announcement shortly when we have final details but I wanted the Council to know this is coming soon.



Responsive and Responsible Government

FEDERAL FUNDING

Summer Matters Funding

In the pool opening conversation at the April 14th Council Meeting, the Summer Matters grant program was discussed as a funding opportunity for the pool. To make sure there is clarity on the amount of funding that the City's summer programs can receive, note that the State is directing around \$1.5 million of the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to

support programs that are not directly connected with a local school or school districts to increase program capacity in Summer 2021. The City will be participating in a seminar to learn more about this funding opportunity on April 20th.

More information can be found here: <https://www.vermontafterschool.org/summermatters/>

MORE FEDERAL FUNDING

We will schedule a discussion of federal funds use for the May 12th agenda. Hopefully we will have received guidelines from the Treasury Dept by then,

Reminder that direct applications for earmarked funds were made for the following:

1. East State St.: preliminary and final design
2. State St. Sewer & CSO Construction
3. WRRF Phase 2 Construction
4. Rec Center Renovations
5. Confluence Park
6. Public Access Restrooms
7. Cemetery Chapel Building Repairs

As noted at the Council meeting, none of these were recommended for funding by Congressman Welch's office. We have since received another solicitation from Senator Sanders and will resubmit these projects through his office.

City staff is creating a summary of potential uses for the incoming \$2.158M in federal funds. Items fall into certain categories:

- Projects and equipment which were deferred as a result of the FY20 and FY21 budget mitigation plans to address the sudden revenue losses.
- Projects and equipment which were not funding in the FY22 budget due to projected revenue shortfalls.
- Major projects in development which exceed the annual capital plan and would normally require bonding and/or multiple funding sources.
- Current projects facing budget constraints.
- New projects and economic initiatives which have been proposed in the last year or less.

As may be expected, our current project list far exceeds the amount of new funding.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

After delaying negotiations with two unions for a year due to COVID, we will be undertaking bargaining with all four units (Fire/EMS, DPW, Police Patrol/Dispatch, Police Supervisors) this spring with the goal of having agreements ready for July 1. I'll brief the Council as we go along. I am checking into the impact of the one sentence that was questioned this past week,



More Housing

April 2021 Is Fair Housing Month

City of Montpelier to proclaim the month of April 2021 to be Fair Housing Month in Montpelier, and the City Council urges all individuals, agencies, and institutions—public and private—to contribute to the

observance by continuing our efforts to eliminate housing discrimination in our community and to increase housing opportunities for all.

The City Manager's office and Planning & Development Department continue to work regularly on two potential private housing projects in Montpelier. One may require use of TIF for infrastructure.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Summer Famer's Market

The first of the Summer Farmers Market will be held this Saturday at 133 State Street from 9-1 with over 40 vendors. We were delighted with the support folks gave the winter market—in all kinds of weather—and look forward to that same support every week this summer season.

Community Services Department, City Memo 4-29-21

MSAC's May *Active Times* Newsletter Hot off the Press!



We've got drop-in groups resuming in-person meetings outside, MSAC Advisory Council candidate bios and ballot, SO many events (both online and in-person), a tentative Re-opening plan for MSAC, community announcements, weekly calendar and so much more! To read in full, [click here](#).

Anonymous gift to fund MSAC technology upgrades and device-lending library

We are thrilled to announce that due to the tremendous generosity of an anonymous donor this spring, we are in the process of planning significant technology upgrades to improve the experience, access and equity of senior center services. Though details are still being worked out, the two main areas the donor's funding will support are (1) establishing a lending library of technology devices (and training) for members and (2) purchasing, upgrading and installing audio-visual and related equipment in MSAC classrooms to enhance both on-site and remote programs. We look forward to sharing updates as we make progress!

MSAC at Home is Here to Help with Spring Cleanup!

With spring in the air, many of us are facing a long to-do list of outdoor chores. If you find yourself in this position and could use a hand, let MSAC know! We are happy to assist with outdoor chores such as raking, light garden work, outdoor furniture moving, and general yard cleanup of things like fallen branches and sticks. We are offering these services free of charge as part of our newly named MSAC at Home service offerings. During this initial pilot phase, these home-based offerings are limited to residents of Montpelier, but we very much hope to expand to other towns in the future. Contact AmeriCorps member Andrew Gribbin at 262- 6287 or msac-ameri-corps@montpelier-vt.org with any questions or to learn more.

Homeshare Vermont Information Session, Q&A

Wednesday, May 5 | 2:00—3:00 pm | Free| online | registration required

HomeShare Vermont is a non-profit organization with nearly 40 years of experience finding compatible housemates for people with an extra room to share in their homes. Find out how homesharing can benefit you or a friend. Our services are open to people of all ages and incomes. www.HomeShareVermont.org. To register, contact MSAC's office at msac@montpeliervt.org or call

223-2518.

Many MSAC drop-in groups to resume in person meetings in May!

- **Walks with Joan**

Mondays at 9:15 am | Starts May 3

(email barrettsvt@gmail.com to get on the list for notification of meetup location each week).

- **Trash Tramps** with Anne and Nancy,

Tuesdays at 2 pm | Starts May 4

(email saddleshoes2@gmail.com to get on the notification list).

- **Photography Club** with Linda

Wednesdays at 9 am | Starts May 5

(email paragraphics@pshift.com to get on the notification list).

- **Montpelier Ukulele Players**

timing TBD, meet at Elm Street Pool Pavilion

email barrettsvt@gmail.com to get on the notification list.

- **Elders Together**

occasional varying dates starting Thursday, May 13, meeting at State House Lawn. Contact the front office (msac@montpelier-vt.org/223-2518) for more info.

FEAST Senior Meals

Meals on Wheels (formerly known as FEAST at Home) is available to Montpelier and Berlin residents over 60 who need it. Our fabulous volunteers deliver a bulk pack of locally prepared frozen meals once a week, and we work to offer pandemic-safe social engagement and nutrition education too. There is no charge for meals, but donations are gladly accepted. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving our delicious & nutritious meals on wheels, just call us at the FEAST office: 262-6288.

Curbside Pickup meals (formerly known as FEAST To-Go) are offered to seniors 60+ from anywhere (not just Montpelier residents) twice weekly. Call to register and simply drive up to the side door of MSAC on Tuesdays and Fridays between 12-12:30pm to receive a delicious, hot takeout meal. If you are new to the program, you will be asked to fill out a short nutritional survey. You can see our monthly menu on our website. Donations are \$7-\$10. Please call to make your reservation: 262-6288. **To view the FEAST Curbside Meals April Menu, [click here](#).**

Volunteer for FEAST

FEAST has begun the planning process for re-opening in July to have meals together again and go back to daily hot meal delivery. As we ramp back up to serving meals inside and delivering daily hot meals, we are going to need a lot more help again. If you or someone you know is interested in helping us bring nutritious, delicious meals to seniors who need them, please let us know by calling or emailing us: 802-262-6288, feast@montpelier-vt.org.

We are seeking the following:

Meals on Wheels Drivers

FEAST Together Volunteers in the kitchen and as servers

FEAST Special Events Volunteers



Murray Hill Water Connection:

The newly installed water system passed the pressure test this week. The hydrant was straightened out and the only remaining work is to pave edge of N. College St. and to finish restoring the ground surface.

Sewer Pump Stations:

This week crews replaced the impellers on (2) of the below ground pump stations.

Hydrant Flushing and Repairs:

Hydrant flushing and maintenance continued this week and should be wrapping up by the end of next week.

Water Meter MXU Replacements:

This week crews replaced MXU units on residential water meters to facilitate.

Catch Basin Cleaning and Sewer Line Cleaning:

The street and water/sewer divisions, radio readings have been working collectively on performing catch basin and sewer main line cleaning.

Ditching:

This week the street division spent time performing ditching and other work related to our Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP).

Street Sweeping:

Street sweeping continued over the past week and will continue for the foreseeable future.

On tap for next week:

Crews will continue with the following work: Hydrant flushing and maintenance, cleaning of City storm & sewer lines, picking up bags from Greenup day, pavement patching and street sweeping.

Pavement Markings:

The City's pavement marking contractor, Fresh Coat, will start working on painting long lines and crosswalk beginning on 5/3/2021. All work is weather dependent.

WRRF gets National Recognition:

Our *Water Resource Recovery Facility Aging Infrastructure / Organics to Energy* project was awarded Public Works project of the year for small cities through the American Public Works Association.

This is a nationally competitive program and a great recognition for the City of Montpelier.

Congratulations to the DPW and ESG teams!

STUMP DUMP:

Need to get rid of lawn debris, stumps and branches? City of Montpelier Stump Dump is open!!

Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call the City Garage at 802-223-9510 before going to dump to approve of your items!



Parklets

You can find the parklet application on the city’s website [here](#).

Permits have been granted to Three Penny Taproom, Positive Pie, Julio’s, Oaks & Evelyn and J. Morgan’s.



Employment and Personnel Announcements

Dispatch Supervisor

We’re happy to announce that Dispatcher Carrie McCool has been promoted to Dispatch Supervisor effective immediately. Congratulations to Carrie, she’ll be a great asset to the MPD leadership team. The search for a replacement dispatcher will begin.

Municipal Job Openings:

- Afterschool Age Childcare Director. More information can be [here](#).
- Water/Sewer Mechanic Truck Driver, Level 1. More information can be [here](#).



Reminders

DON’T FLUSH THAT

The Department of Public Works would like to remind everyone what should NOT be flushed. Flushing items listed below could cause sewer blockages, in which could cause plugged and overflowing toilets, poorly draining sinks and showers, raw sewage backing up through floor drains, manholes overflowing onto the ground or into nearby surface waters, health hazards and nuisance odors, increases in the City’s maintenance costs and costly maintenance and repair bills for YOU.

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| • Paper towels | • Diapers | • Medications (pills or liquid) |
| • Baby wipes | • Cat litter | • Bandages |
| • Moist towelettes | • Cigarette butts | • Cotton balls |
| • Cosmetics and cosmetic wipes | • Dental floss | • Food scrapes |
| • Cloth or paper napkins | • Latex gloves | • Swiffer pads |
| • Shop towels | • Hypodermic needles | • Plastic of any kind |
| • Condoms | • Facial tissues | |
| • Tampons and pads | • Fats, oils or grease | |
| | • Clothing or rags | |

Montpelier, Vermont, Partners with ParkMobile to Offer Contactless Parking Payments

Residents and visitors can now easily pay for parking from their mobile device through ParkMobile! ParkMobile is the #1 parking app in the U.S., and has a new partnership going live with our City, enabling residents and visitors to pay for parking on their mobile device. The ParkMobile app is now available at more than 600 on and off-

street spaces throughout the city.

ParkMobile is available for both iPhone and Android devices. To pay for parking with the ParkMobile app, a user enters the zone number posted on the stickers and signs around the meters. The user then selects the amount of time needed and touches the "Start Parking" button to begin the session. The user can then extend the time of the parking session right from the app without having to go back to the meter. We are excited to add this to our parking options! Other payment options, such as coins and credit cards, will still be accepted.

Social Worker Available to Residents

The Montpelier Police Department, the Barre City Police Department and Washington County Mental Health have partnered in providing an onsite social worker to help residents in crisis or needing an extra hand during the pandemic. Susan Lemere has been a friendly and effective presence in town for the last several month, but COVID has slowed our outreach efforts down. If you would like to speak to Susan please contact her through email at: susan.lemere@wcmhs.org or contact MPD and we can assist with connecting you to Susan.

City Hall Outdoor Wi-Fi Hotspot

The City of Montpelier, through the Department of Public Service (PSD) Wi-Fi Hot Spot Program has installed a public Wi-Fi outside the City Hall Building (39 Main Street Montpelier). This PSD sponsored project is in response to the widespread closure of facilities due to the COVID-19 outbreak, which has significantly limited folks' ability to access free and reliable internet. The need for access to a reliable internet connections for healthcare, education, and government services has grown exponentially while existing public access points have become suddenly unavailable due to social distancing requirements. Vermont PSD has assisted the City in addressing this emergency gap in available public Wi-Fi by contracting for the rapid installation of a commercial-grade outdoor Wireless Access Point. They have installed 190 hotspots throughout the State as part of this program. Montpelier is pleased to have been included. The City Hall Wi-Fi site is accessible at all hours from a parked vehicle on the road or in-person in the courtyard in front of City Hall and the parking lot to the immediate right of the building. As a COVID-19 safety precaution, the City discourages users from congregating outside. The Wi-Fi name is "**Montpelier Hotspot**" and you should be able to connect without a password. You can track all the State Vermont Public Wi-Fi sites here: [Wi-Fi Hotspot Map](#)

Leadership Team Agenda:

The City's Leadership Team, which consists of Department Heads and some other key staff, conduct a monthly meeting to address issues or topics which are too complex to be handled in regular staff meetings. This past week the team selected the topics for this coming year, I thought you might be interested in knowing what the group has chosen.

2021	May	Outdoor Recreation as an Economic Destination
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	June	Outdoor Activity
	July	20-21 Strategic Plan Updates
	August	Leadership Philosophy
	September	Equity Plan from Creative Discourse & Work
	October	2022-2023 Strategic Planning
	November	Budget Congress
	December	COOP Plans/Hazardous Mitigation Planning
2022	January	Strategic Plan & Budget Updates
	February	Aging-friendly Communities
	March	Choosing Leadership Meeting Topics

ORCA MEDIA

ORCA Media supports the City of Montpelier by live streaming videos to local TV and on YouTube. Recently, Comcast changed the government channel to 1085.

- Click here to access City Council Meetings: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/montpelier-city-council>
- Click here for Live Stream Events: <https://www.orcamedia.net/series/live-stream-events>

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*)

5/12	FY23 Budget Process Federal Funds Plan Home Energy Labeling 3 rd Reading Conservation Fund Award Collective Bargaining – Exec Session	5/26	Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan approval MEAC Energy Use update Housing Task Force Economic Development?
6/9	Utility Rates Stormwater Utility	6/23*	Tax Rate Fund Reserves

	Water/Sewer Master Plan District Heat Rates Stormwater Master Plan update?		MEAC/VEIC Net Zero Plan update
7/14*	Police Committee Report?	7/28*	Social Economic Justice Committee Report?
8/11*		8/25*	

? = Date is tentative, may shift to a different date

*= Summer meeting dates not set

PENDING ITEMS

CVPSA Report

2021 CITY OF MONTPELIER LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

On the whole, the City of Montpelier requests that policymakers:

- Support legislation that grants cities and towns greater flexibility.
- Support legislation that provides funding to cities and towns.
- Oppose legislation that removes authority from cities and towns.
- Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates or directly or indirectly shifts costs to cities and towns.

In order to help fulfill its commitments to its residents, the City of Montpelier calls on the legislative delegation to support the following policies:

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- ☐ Advocate for the safe return to work of State employees in local office buildings
- ☐ Advocate and support direct municipal funding that protects Cities and Towns from financial disaster during the COVID crisis
- ☐ Allow a delay in reappraisal requirements or a return to the 80% threshold

<u>H.48</u>	The General Assembly finds that the continued spread of COVID-19 in the State of Vermont has the potential to jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of Vermonters voting in
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	their 2021 annual municipal meetings. These meetings include annual town meetings, which are required by general law to be held on the first Tuesday of March; annual school district meetings, which are generally required to be held between the months of February and June; and other municipal annual meetings with meeting dates controlled by charter
<u>S.9</u>	An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19

COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

- ☐ Support the general statutory authority to adopt local option taxes
- ☐ Support programs and initiatives that spur locally driven, right-sized economic growth, especially programs like TIF, that provide infrastructure improvements to support that growth

<u>H.152</u>	Would establish an education property tax yield for homesteads and the non-homestead property tax rate
<u>H.159</u>	Would create a Better Places Program to support projects that create, activate, or revitalize communities and public spaces.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- ☐ Continue funding Microtransit opportunities
- ☐ Advocate for global warming solutions and for any opportunities that support ecological protection, the reduction of PFAS, net zero goals, and conservation of our natural resources
- ☐ Support expanding the Net Metering limit for municipalities or Montpelier specifically

<u>H.100</u>	An act relating to electric bicycles
<u>H.123</u>	Would create a vehicle miles traveled tax applicable plug-in electric Vehicles
<u>H.144</u>	An Act relating to requiring inspection of wastewater systems
<u>H.94</u>	An act relating to transportation initiatives to reduce carbon emissions

<u>S.44</u>	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a Vermont Green New Deal to invest in actions that curb climate change. The Vermont Climate Council would implement and oversee the Vermont Green New Deal to fund energy conservation programs, prioritizing weatherization, renewable energy, regenerative agriculture, and the use of electric vehicles. This bill would also create a new income tax surcharge on high incomes that would be deposited into a Vermont Green New Deal Fund to be administered by the State Treasurer
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INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, & WELCOMING CITY

- ☐ Advocate for any opportunity for additional Human Services funding for supporting those experiencing homelessness
- ☐ Support funding for public restrooms to serve all people using State and City facilities

<u>H.134</u>	An act relating to paid family and medical leave insurance
<u>H.139</u>	Would include employer contributions to health insurance in the amount of wages used to determine an injured worker's weekly benefit and to prohibit an employer from terminating an employee because the employee is absent from work while the employee is receiving temporary total disability benefits
<u>S.55</u>	An Act relating to paid vacation leave
<u>H.93</u>	An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against people without homes

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

- ☐ Continue funding for a Social Worker to support Barre City and Montpelier's Police Departments
- ☐ Focus on moving towards a regional public safety model and look critically at public safety cellular provider coverage

<u>H.1</u>	An act relating to mental health insurance benefits
<u>H. 109</u>	An act relating to parking ticket enforcement
<u>H.126</u>	Would establish a pedestrian safety pilot program, allow municipalities to seasonally install pedestrian crossing signs in crosswalks, allow municipalities to lower certain speed limits on state highways, and express the intent that the Traffic Committee should not increase the speed limit on a state highway in response to a municipality's request that it be lowered
<u>H.145</u>	Would amend the standards for law enforcement use of force to make clarifying changes and prevent the use of hindsight in evaluating law enforcement conduct and narrow the definition of prohibited restraints
<u>S.19</u>	An act relating to a climate change response plan and regional planning commission involvement in identifying health care-related needs
<u>S.30</u>	An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms at childcare facilities, hospitals, and certain public buildings
<u>S.40</u>	An act relating to the use of colored signal lamps on fire department and emergency medical service vehicles
<u>EO-01-21</u>	<p>This Executive Order creates the Agency of Public Safety, effective April 15, 2021. The executive order cites the Department of Public Safety's ten-point strategy, which includes accelerating the organization of state law enforcement operations, modernizing data collection, expanding crisis response, enhancing the development of model policies and community oversight models, and addressing issues in training and dispatch. The new agency, headed by a secretary and deputy secretary, would include a Department of Fire Safety and Emergency Management, a Department of Law Enforcement, and a Division of Support Services. The Criminal Justice Council, Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, and the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board would be added to the agency in July.</p> <p>VLCT fully supports EO-01-21, an order that will affect local governments and law enforcement agencies. Last November, the VLCT Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the proposal to move the Vermont Police Academy to the Department of Public Safety.</p>

RESPONSIVE & RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

- ☐ Support decision-making at the local level that recognizes the capacity of local officials and voters to govern themselves on issues of local import, including streamlined adoption and full implementation of municipal charters
- ☐ Approve any pending and future recommended charter changes
- ☐ Support legislation allowing removal of “red line” deed restrictions
- ☐ Support legislation consistent with the City’s Adopted Strategic Plan
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/7156/2020-2021-Strategic-Plan-Brochure-with-full-Work-Plans?bidId=>

<u>H.82</u>	An act relating to allowing municipal and cooperative utilities to offer innovative rates and services
<u>H.154</u>	Would deem a municipal office vacant whenever a municipal officer fails to take a required oath of office within one week of election or appointment.
<u>H.164</u>	Would require a town to vote to allow the operation of any type of licensed cannabis establishment prior to such an establishment operating within the town.
<u>S.14</u>	An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density
<u>S.15</u>	An act relating to correcting defective ballots
<u>S.25</u>	An act relating to miscellaneous cannabis regulation procedures
<u>S.50</u>	An act relating to ranked choice voting

STAFF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Police Department:

- ☐ Monitor the implementation of S. 124 and S. 119 to ensure any mandates are implemented in ways that do not adversely affect MPD policies. MPD policies based on National, evidence-based best practices, and 21st Century Policing recommendations.
- ☐ Monitor amendments made to H.133 An act relating to emergency relief from abuse orders and relinquishment of 11 firearms
- ☐ Work with the Vermont Police Association and Vermont Chiefs of Police to represent

the Montpelier Police Department interests. These interests include advocating for policies that reflect community partnerships, accountability and transparency, officer safety and wellness. It also includes expressing concern for policies and procedures that may compromise officer safety.

Montpelier Senior Activity Center:

- ☐ Support legislation promoting investment in technology and broadband equity and access for all Vermonters, especially Older Vermonters, during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, with the goal of encouraging Telehealth and Social Connection.
- ☐ Support legislation consistent with priorities and principles of the Older Vermonters Act: Act 156 (passed in 2020)
- ☐ Support legislation that provides direct and robust funding to senior centers and senior meal sites as they fulfill important state and federal priorities and goals for increasing socialization, reducing isolation, providing evidence-based exercise and Fall Prevention programs, and more.
- ☐ Support legislation that allocates part of VT's federal Older Americans Act funding (especially Title 3B funds) directly to senior centers and community organizations who provide services such as wellness programs, exercise classes, tax clinics, foot care clinics and more.
- ☐ Support legislation for Long Term Care Medicaid Waiver coverage for meals on wheels funding
- ☐ Support legislation advancing affordable housing for older adults and people with disabilities
- ☐ Support legislation protecting and promoting renters' rights
- ☐ Attend the Older Vermonters Caucus when scheduled again
- ☐ Enhance communication with advocates representing organizations that support older adults, including VT Association for Senior Centers and Meal Providers, Community of VT Elders, and VT Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Planning & Development:

- ☐ Track Act 250 exemptions for designated areas and tracking any proposed housing bills.

Community Justice Center:

- ☐ The Justice Reinvestment II (S.338, Act 148) may result in increased referrals without increased funding.
- ☐ Update statutory language so it reflects the reality of the programs and services CJs provide.

Clerk: Continue to participate in the process of developing and supporting a broad election

procedures bill (no bill number yet available)