

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
6/1	ADA Committee Meeting	10:00 AM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/1	Police Review Committee	4:30 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/1	Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	6:00 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/3	Public Art Commission	5:00 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link
6/3	Energy Efficiency Working Group	2:00 PM	Zoom	Agenda and Zoom Link



Public Health and Safety

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

This Friday, the State updated us on how many Vermonters have been vaccinated. Currently, more than 77% of the eligible population have started the vaccination process. The State did not have specific percentage numbers, as the State is still working out discrepancies with the CDC to make sure the number is accurate. Regarding our case counts, the Governor warned that there may be elevated (and incorrect) numbers on the CDC website over the weekend. The state will offer a case count update on Tuesday, after the Memorial Day long weekend.

As a reminder, even though there have been changes to the mask-mandate from the State, Dr. Levine reminded us this week that we should all be keeping our masks on us and handy- as individual stores and situations may still necessitate a mask- even if you are vaccinated!

UPDATE: Current Status of the Vermont Forward Plan

The Governor announced a guideline change regarding bars and restaurants:

- At this time, over 50% of those age 18-29 have now gotten at least 1 shot, and therefore **the State is lifting the 10pm curfew on bars**. Tomorrow (May 29th) bars and restaurants will be able to be open their normal hours, later than 10pm if they wish.

UPDATE: Montpelier Mask Order Update

At their May 26th meeting, the Montpelier City Council voted to rescind their [COVID-19 Council Emergency Order: Wearing Face Coverings Required](#) on June 15th 2021 or until the State's State of Emergency ends, whichever is first. Remember that after June 15th or after the State of Emergency is lifted, individual businesses can make and enforce their own masking requirements.

Overall State Updates:

○ Vaccine Updates

- 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
- Reminder: Vaccination registration is open to Vermonters ages 12 to 15

○ Vaccine Clinic Information

- Walk-in Clinics are now more widely available for vaccinations- no appointments needed! Find a location [here](#). Here is a short list of some close clinics:

DATE	SITE	TIME	TOWN	VACCINE TYPE
05/28	National Life 1 National Life Dr.	9 am - 3 pm	Montpelier	Pfizer (dose one)
05/29	Waterbury Ambulance 1311 Barre Montpelier Rd. (Behind Burger King)	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Berlin	Johnson & Johnson (single dose)
05/30	Waterbury Ambulance 1311 Barre Montpelier Rd. (Behind Burger King)	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Berlin	Johnson & Johnson (single dose)

- Education Update
 - Education Secretary French stated that there will be two (2) new documents to help guide schools on how to proceed with the rest of the school year if the Governor rescinds the emergency order before the end of the school year.
 - They will also be releasing guidance for schools for the start of the school year in the fall. Education Secretary French says there will most likely be no distancing measures needed, and few mitigation measures.
 - Education Secretary French said the State is still working on the question of whether masks will be advised.
 - Schools should plan on fully in-person learning, 5 days a week, basically normal operations.
 - The Summer Matters Program has released their Round 1 Grant Award recipients [here](#). They will be announcing Round 2, which will be an additional 60 recipients, next week. The City of Montpelier has applied for this funding and are waiting to see if we will be included in Round 2 funding.
- 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 May 25th 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 – May 26th, 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>
 - Montpelier Testing Days/Times:
 - [134 State St. \(parking lot\)/ Every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.](#)

City Updates:

- The City's reopening plan has been adopted by City Council, and the summary of the plan is that a majority of all City Facilities will be fully open to the public July 6th, 2021. Mask wearing is still be required inside City Facilities at this time.
- At their May 26th meeting, the Montpelier City Council voted to rescind their [COVID-19 Council Emergency Order: Wearing Face Coverings Required](#) on June 15th 2021 or until the State's State of Emergency ends, whichever is first. After June 15th or after the State of Emergency is lifted, individual businesses can still make and enforce their own masking requirements.

Resources:

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 Support VT](#).
- 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

Volunteer with Montpelier Parks!

Do you have a hankering to get outside and do something positive to help the community? We have a volunteer project for you! We usually host at least 1 community volunteer day every week to do something different around our parks. It might be trail work, planting trees, pulling invasive plants, working at the FEAST Farm, or something else, but you'll get to do meaningful work with our great crew and other volunteers. To sign up for our listserv email JHuettenmoser@Montpelier-vt.org.

City of Montpelier awarded Federal Funds for Hubbard Park Expansion

The City of Montpelier was awarded \$258,000 from the United States Forest Service's (USFS) Community Forest Program as matching funds to expand Hubbard Park. The funds will be used as a 50% match to acquire additional acreage for Montpelier's beloved park behind the State House. This additional land will conserve important natural resources such as wetlands and rare natural communities, as well as provide permanent public access for outdoor recreation. This project is part of a larger effort to ensure more community members have access to the health and wellness benefits parks and trails provide, and to work towards making Montpelier a destination for outdoor recreation. The Montpelier Parks Commission, along with partners such as the Trust for Public Land, are working toward a goal for all residents to be able to access greenspace within a 10-minute walk from home.



Responsive and Responsible Government

FEDERAL FUNDING - Updated

Based on the Council discussion this week, City staff is using a working outline for the incoming \$2.158M in federal funds. Reminder that we will receive \$1.079M this year and another \$1.079M next year.

- 1) **Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic.** Revenue replacement funds will be used for Projects and equipment which were deferred as a result of the FY20 and FY21 budget mitigation plans. This is about \$1.5 Million.
- 2) The remaining \$600,000 can be used for:
 - Support of public health expenditures, by funding COVID 19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
 - Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
 - Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors;
 - Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and expand access to Broad Band Internet
- 3) Monitor for State Funding and/or additional Federal Infrastructure funding for water/sewer/stormwater infrastructure. Potentially assign a portion of the remaining \$600,000 for water/sewer projects unless other funds are available.
- 4) Conduct a public process, possibly including city committees, for suggestions for uses of funds consistent with the guidelines listed above.

Pending Questions:

- 1) Should high priority projects, particularly public bathrooms, substitute for previously approved projects?
- 2) How should the two types of funding be divided over the two years?
- 3) Which projects should be approved quickly in order to be completed this year?

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING - Updated

We are now in active negotiations with all four unions.



More Housing

Possible Projects updated

The housing initiative on Northfield Street received very positive feedback from neighbors. As a result, the developers are considering possible expansion of the project. The City continues to work on another potentially large housing project which could include TIF.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

Montpelier Recreation has several needs to get the Pool safely re-opened to the public, including lifeguard positions open!

- **PAID lifeguard, seasonal maintenance and other positions** are available – preferred deadline for applications is ASAP to help us prepare for our early July opening. Learn more at the Rec website employment page: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment>
- **VOLUNTEERS** are wanted to help with some scraping and painting at the Poolhouse as well, and possibly with other projects. Contact Rec Director, Arne McMullen, directly at amcmullen@montpelier-vt.org.

Summer Camp registration is underway, Pool passes are coming in June!

Rec summer camp and after-school childcare registration are underway! Visit the Spring Program Guide for details on these and dozens of other youth and adult opportunities with our Parks, Recreation and Senior Activity Center, and our Community Services Summer Guide will be out around June 4. <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/5506/Community-Services-Spring-2021-Program-Guide>

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

Zoom Trainings for Video and Phone, Open to All Ages, with Montpelier Senior Activity Center

- **Video and Phone Basics, Zoom 101:** Tuesday, June 8 | 10:00—11:30 am
- **Phone Basics, Zoom 102:** Thursday, June 17 | 2:00—3:00 pm

Have you heard about Zoom but want to try it out, learn more and practice? Join MSAC's AmeriCorps member Andrew Gribbin to receive patient assistance. If group times aren't convenient, he can help one on one. Contact Andrew at 262-6287 or email msac-ameriacorps@montpelier-vt.org to sign up.

Senior Center Re-starts formal membership for July's FY22 year start

- Throughout the pandemic, MSAC has served as a vital resource for our community. Whether through the thousands of hours of online remote classes and groups, curbside and home delivered meals, the countless community partners and resources with whom we have connected community members, or through the phone calls to just check in, MSAC has provided many opportunities to reduce loneliness and isolation, and to continue enhancing community and individual physical and mental health.
- MSAC waived membership dues for the July 2020 to June 2021 year, representing lost budgeted revenue of over \$32K. Fortunately we're weathering the pandemic. We look forward to re-starting many paused services and enhancing programs and membership this year!
- More re-opening and summer class details are coming soon in our newsletters and e-letters!

- Please join us in membership at MSAC for the July 2021-June 2022 membership year by completing our [Membership Form \(PDF\)](#), and tell your friends and family about the value MSAC provides!

Did you know? MSAC Membership benefits include:

- *Best access to high-demand classes*
- *Lower class fees on programs open to the public*
- *Financial aid for annual dues and program fees*
- *Discounts at many area fitness, dance studios*
- *MSAC's monthly newsletter, Active Times, by USPS or email*
- *MSAC's computer lab and member printer*
- *Savoy DVD archive collection housed at MSAC*
- *Use of MSAC's office Xerox for copying*
- **NEW: Technology device lending library!**
 - *Starts Fall 2021 and FREE to members: More details coming this summer!*
 - *Training and ongoing support included*

Available to members & non-members of MSAC:

- * Dozens of weekly [classes](#), [special events](#) and [drop-in groups](#)
- * [FEAST](#) Senior Meals
- * Health clinics and educational presentations
- * MSAC's weekly e-letter and monthly newsletter by email, including links to area resources and community partner services (email msac@montpelier-vt.org to subscribe)
- * MSAC's facility, lounge, resource library, bookshelves and kitchenette/coffee/tea area
- * New [MSAC at Home](#) services like technology training and chore assistance
- * Participation in a diverse, welcoming community of over 1500 fellow seniors

MSAC Membership Dues and Financial Aid:

- For the membership year about to start July 1, 2021, dues are just \$25 per year for Montpelier residents, \$40 for residents of supporting towns (Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Moretown, Worcester), or \$60 for all others. More on fee policies for various towns' residents can be read [here](#). Our membership year runs from July 1-June 30.
- Residents of Montpelier and MSAC's six supporting towns are eligible to request financial aid to help cover annual membership dues. Members of all towns are eligible to request financial aid for class and trip fees.

FEAST Senior Meals Program of MSAC

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 or email us at: feast@montpelier-vt.org.

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 [here](#). Suggested donations are \$7-\$10. Please call to make your reservation: 262-6288 or email us at: feast@montpelier-vt.org.



Bike Path Closed

The Recreation Path, from the North Branch Bridge to Main Street is scheduled to be repaved next week. This will require the path to be closed in this area from Wednesday (6/2) through Friday (6/4). Paving of the path will result in a 10' wide surface as oppose to the 5' wide surface that currently exists. The paving of the access road and parking lot located at #10 Main Street will take place next week. This will require the parking lot at #10 Main Street to be closed from Thursday (6/3) through Friday (6/4).

Department of Public Works General Questions:

Who is in charge of DPW? Donna Barlow-Casey is the Public Works Director

Who is in charge of the Street Division? Dan Perry is the Supervisor of the Street Division

Who is in charge of the Water Division? Sid Cushing is the Supervisor of the Water/Sewer Division.

What is the mailing address to DPW? 39 Main Street Montpelier, VT 05602

What are the phone numbers for DPW's Divisions?

- Office (802) 223-9508
- City Garage (802) 223-9510
- Waste Water Recovery Facility (WRRF) (802) 223-9511
- Berlin Water Treatment Plant (WTP) (802) 229-1401

Who do I call/contact if there is a DPW-related issue in my neighborhood and/or to provide feedback (example: pothole that needs to be filled, feedback about new winter parking initiative, or water main break)? During business hours Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, contact Jasmine Benson at 802-223-9508. If it is after hours, contact Montpelier Police Dispatch at 802-223-3445.

Does DPW have a road work/project schedule for 2021/2022? No, we do not have a schedule yet for projects. The following information is what DPW knows so far: (this is subject to change)

- **Cummings Street Reconstruction & Main Street Water Line Replacement-** DPW received the preliminary engineering design from the consultant. Staff is reviewing the design/permitting documents to submit to the State of Vermont for approval. Currently anticipating construction starting in June/July. Permit was submitted to the State of VT.
- **State Street Sewer and Drainage Project-** Staff has received the preliminary engineering design for this project. City staff is working with the engineering consultant to perform smoke testing this week and help finalize the design plans. Once this project has completed final design, we will be advertising for bids. The responsible employer ordinance will be incorporated within this project. Currently review design plans.
- **Crack Sealing:** Bids were opened for City crack sealing with Indus being the low bidder. This project is on the consent agenda for Council approval on 4/14. Start date is unknown at this time. Will start after July 1
- **Pavement Markings:** Bids were opened for City wide pavement markings with Fresh Coat being the low bidder. This work is anticipated to occur in May and be completed by mid-June. Began line striping last week.

- **Street Paving:** Bid documents have not yet been prepared. Streets will include Barre Street, Hubbard Street, and likely Pleasant view Street.
- **Hubbard Park Stormwater Project:** Working to complete the necessary permits. Project will be constructed once permits are received likely late fall.
- **Main Street Water line:** Permit was submitted to the State to replace the water line on Main Street from Liberty to Jay. Hopeful construction schedule will be between end of June and August 13th.
- **Granite Street Sidewalk Project:** Still waiting on review comments from the State. Project will be bid in the next few weeks with construction tentatively scheduled for late summer/ fall.
- **Grout Road Grant:** Applied for a grant to replace Grout Road Bridge. Waiting to hear back
- **Main Street Class II paving:** Applied for a grant to re-pave Main Street from the roundabout to Towne Hill waiting to hear back.
- **Wheel rut patching on Memorial Drive:** In-house work to be completed by DPW prior to July 1. Work will consist of patching the rut from Granite Street to Dunkin Donuts on the lane coming into town.

Permits:

Who do I talk to about **building** permits? Building permits are handled by Planning. You can contact Audra at 802-223-9506. Building permit information can also be found on the cities website at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/779/Permits>

Who do I talk to about **DPW** permits? Jasmine Benson within DPW handles permits, she can be reached by phone at 802-223-9508 or email jbenson@montpelier-vt.org. DPW permits can be found on the cities website at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/575/Public-Works-Permits>. (This includes all permits)

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!



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

12-16 Main Street Long Term Use

We have recently received a couple of inquiries about the area facing Main Street for possible private development. This raises the question of the future use of the property. Some of you may recall that a prior Council had expressed a preference for green or open space there but deferred a decision until after completion of the downtown Master Plan. That plan indicated that private development was well suited for that location. This item will be on a future agenda.

Parklets

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

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



Employment and Personnel Announcements

Municipal Job Openings:

- **Staff Accountant** The professional in this position will be responsible for accounts payable and receivable functions, construction project accounting, grant management as well as submission of state and federal fund reimbursement requests for more information click [here](#).
- **Emergency Services Dispatcher/Clerk:** This full-time career position involves the appropriate call handling of both emergency and non-emergency requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services, and determining the nature and urgency of those calls. For more information click [here](#).
- **Seasonal Park/Recreation Maintenance Staff.** Mowing, driving tractors, maintaining sports fields, keeping parks and facilities clean. This is a busy, hands-on physical job that requires some heavy lifting and being on your feet for long periods of time. Visit <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment> for more information about the positions available and how to apply. Or call 225-8699, 9am-4pm to inquire.
- **PAID lifeguard, seasonal maintenance and other positions** are available – preferred deadline for applications is ASAP to help us prepare for our early July opening. Learn more at the Rec website employment page: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/869/Employment>



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 | • Shop towels | • Latex gloves |
| • Baby wipes | • Condoms | • Hypodermic needles |
| • Moist towelettes | • Tampons and pads | • Facial tissues |
| • Cosmetics and cosmetic wipes | • Diapers | • Fats, oils or grease |
| • Cloth or paper napkins | • Cat litter | • Clothing or rags |
| | • Cigarette butts | • Medications (pills) |
| | • Dental floss | |

- or liquid)
- Bandages
- Cotton balls
- Food scrapes
- Swiffer pads
- Plastic of any kind

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.

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	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**) Schedule *Reflects Revised Meeting Dates approved by the City Council on May 12th.*

6/9	Water/Sewer Rates Stormwater Utility Water/Sewer Master Plan Stormwater Master Plan update LHMP Approval Public Bathrooms	6/16	Fund Reserves Economic Development? 12-16 Main Street?
TBD	Special call in meeting to set tax rate	7/7	Cancelled
7/21	4 th Quarter Financials 4 th Quarter Strategic Plan Social Economic Justice Committee Report? 4 th Quarter Strategic Plan Police Committee Report?	8/18	VEIC Net Zero Report – possible joint meeting with School Bd. District Heat Rates Conduit Policy
8/25	FY23 Budget Process	9/8	Strategic Planning Legislative Priorities

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

PENDING ITEMS

- CVPSA Report
- Park Land Purchase
- MAPA for zoning

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>H.48</u></p>	<p>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 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</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>S.9</u></p>	<p>An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19</p>

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

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
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<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)