

**Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting**  
**May 11, 2022, 6:30pm**  
**City Council Chambers**

In attendance: Mayor Anne Watson (Chair), Councilors Dona Bate, Lauren Hierl, Cary Brown (remote), Jennifer Morton, and Jack McCullough. City Clerk John Odum acted as secretary.

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- 2022-135. Meeting Logistics were reviewed.
- 2022-136. Without objection, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2022-137. Zach Hughes thanked the police for their presence at the Guertin structure removal and reported on the meeting of the Homelessness Task Force. Stephen Whitaker spoke on the moving of the Guertin structure, requested further physical materials, objected to the condition of the sidewalks, the two-minute comment time limit, public bathrooms, particularly those at the Transit Center and planter boxes falling into the River. He also noted overflowing trash bins on the bike path and the need for public bathrooms. Linda Berger requested that the update/report on the wastewater facility and process be placed on an agenda.
- 2022-138. Consent Agenda. Councilor McCullough moved approval and was seconded by Councilor Morton. Motion carried unanimously.
- a. Local Emergency Management Plan
  - b. Internal Financial Controls
  - c. Phelps Street Stormwater Replacement
  - d. April Budget to Actual
  - e. Street Closure
- 2022-139. Appointment to Wrightsville Dam Board. Dan Currier introduced himself. Councilor Bate moved Dan Currier be appointed to the Wrightsville Dam Board. Councilor Morton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 2022-140. Meeting Standards Policy. Comments offered by Stephen Whitaker, Zach Hughes, Peter Kelman, and Linda Berger. Councilor Bate moved to pass the rules of conduct with the amendments as given to us. Councilor Morton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Mayor noted that her interpretation was that the policy was active.
- 2022-141. Council discussed the policy for energy in municipal buildings and available help from the state. Comments offered from Peter Kelman. No formal action taken.
- 2022-142. Confluence Park discussion. Ricarda Ericson presented. Alec Ellsworth participated. Comments were offered from Peter Kelman. David Delcore asked a clarifying question. No formal action taken.
- 2022-143. SEJAC Stipend Policy discussion Shaina Kasper. Councilor Hierl moved to adopt the FY 22 FY 23 pilot stipend program policy with the amendments of: under eligibility of stipends 2(c) to add the phrase “regularly scheduled full committee meetings” and also to add

Mayor to the list in 2(b) (Mayor, city of Montpelier council members). Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2022-144. Housing Task Force. Polly Nicol. Peter Kelman. Councilor McCullough moved to create a Montpelier Housing Committee composed of between 9 and 11 members to be appointed by the city council, the purposes of the committee as set forth in the memo, and that we start to recruit members. Councilor Bate seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:18 a recess was called. At 8:28 the meeting reconvened.

2022-145. Community Survey discussion. No formal action.

2022-146. Appointment of Council Rep to Montpelier Alive Board. No action taken.

2022-147. Summer Schedule discussion. Councilor Hierl moved to approve proposed meeting dates. Councilor McCullough seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2022-149. City Council Reports. Councilor Bate reported on the stormwater, restorative justice, and complete streets committees. She also promoted a park survey, and on ideas shared with the Homelessness Task Force.

Councilor Brown noted an informational meeting for a proposed development in the district.

Councilor Morton encouraged folks to pick up trash and clean up after themselves when outdoors as the season changes.

Councilor McCullough relayed information about the Vermont Urban and Community Forest program noting the award given to John Akielaszek.

Councilor Hierl asked for an update from the state on the leachate problem.

2022-150. The Mayor reported on the Vermont Municipal Equipment Show and informed the council she was running for state senate.

2022-151. The clerk noted the coming tax deadline.

2022-152. The City Manager reported on the Elks Club Project, discussed the envisioned energy position, anticipated state funding for dispatch upgrades, and adjusted TIFF language in statute.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:53.