

# Weekly Report September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
9/19/2022	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	City Hall City Council Chamber and Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom Link
9/19/2022	Development Review Board	7:00 PM	City Hall City Council Chamber and Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom Link
9/20/2022	Montpelier Energy Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	City Hall Memorial Room and Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom link
9/20/2022	Montpelier Transportation Infrastructure Committee	7:00 PM	Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom link
9/21/2022	Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:00 AM	Remote via Zoom	Agenda & Zoom Link

## **Improve Public Health and Safety**

#### **COVID-19 Updates:**

**NEW:** Omicron-specific COVID-19 boosters are now available in Vermont. The updated booster is for people 12 and older who have completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series and received their last booster or additional dose at least two months ago. Look for Pfizer Bivalent Booster 12+ and Moderna Bivalent Booster 18+ in the <u>list of walk-in clinics</u>. Bivalent boosters are also available at some pharmacies across the state beginning this week. Contact pharmacies directly for details on available products and scheduling. Boosters will be arriving in doctors' offices in the coming weeks. <u>Learn more about these boosters</u>

**Surveillance Report:** The State is using the COVID-19 Surveillance Report as their key public facing COVID data document. Here is the most recent <u>Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report from September 14<sup>th</sup> 2022.</u>

In their report State of Vermont says that statewide community levels are **Low.**The rate of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Vermonters is below 200. New COVID-19 admissions are below 10 per 100,000 Vermonters per day, and the percent of staffed hospital beds occupied

by COVID-19 is below 10%.

- New COVID-19 cases, last 7 days: 71.32 per 100k
  - Weekly case count: 445 (decrease from last week)
- New hospital admissions of patients with COVID-19, last 7 days: 5.93 per 100K
  - 37 total new admissions with COVID-19 (increase by 2 admissions from previous week)

The <u>CDC's COVID-19 County-level report also has Washington County Vermont</u> as a 'low' community spread level area.

Vermont Department of Health recommendations: <a href="Protect Yourself & Others">Protect Yourself & Others</a> CDC recommendations: <a href="COVID-19">COVID-19</a> by County | CDC

#### COVID-19 Reminders:

- It is now recommended that all children, ages 6 months through 5 years, get the COVID-19 Vaccination. Find vaccination clinics here, or call your preferred pharmacy.
- **Keep up to date with CDC Recommendations!** You can find the CDC's updates regarding COVID-19 on their website <a href="here">here</a>. They have released an updated chart regarding their quarantine and isolation guidelines <a href="here">here</a>.
- Remember: The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has changed to the National Suicide
  and Crisis Lifeline. Anyone is able to call this free hotline by dialing "988". This is in
  addition to "211" for referrals for services and supports in the area. The Pathways
  Vermont (which addresses homelessness) Support Line also is available at 833-888-2557.
  Residents can also go to <a href="https://www.mentalhealth.vermont.gov">www.mentalhealth.vermont.gov</a> for a list of available resources.

## **Practice Good Environmental Stewardship**

## **Provide Responsible and Engaged Government**

#### **Polco Community Survey**

We'll send out the report as soon as it's received (estimated arrival is Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>) and will schedule a review on the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting prior to strategic planning.

#### From the Assessor's Office:

The official 2022 Montpelier Grand List has been lodged and can be viewed at the City Clerk's Office or online. New England Municipal Consultants (NEMC) representatives continue to visit residential properties. We appreciate the cooperation of all residents and if anyone should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 802-223-9505.

#### **Pending Legal**

- Appeal of Zoning Permit. Neighbors have appealed DRB approval of a permit to move a barn structure. City is represented by Attorney David Rugh. We are monitoring the case. Recent filings by appellants have challenged the validity of sections of the city's zoning ordinance.
- Abdo Banfield v. City of Montpelier. Appeal of DRB determination upholding decision of

the Zoning Administrator. City is represented by Attorney David Rugh.

• Ferry et al v. City of Montpelier. The Superior Court dismissed the suit challenging the legality of the city's non-citizen voting provision but upheld the plaintiff's standing to raise the issue. The plaintiffs have now appealed this decision to the Supreme Court. The City is likely to file a cross appeal challenging the standing decision.

## **Create More Housing**

## **Improve Community Prosperity**

#### Office Notice for Community Services Department

Phone calls have been hard to answer and return due to a shortage of staff. Please try emailing for quicker response: <a href="mailto:nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org">nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org</a>

#### Recreation

- NO REGISTRATIONS OVER THE PHONE! Registrations can be done by mailing or dropping of forms and payment to 58 Barre Street. Registration forms and a locked drop box are located in the side entrance of 58 Barre Street (The MSAC Building).
- At this time, we are not able to take credit card payments in the office. Please email <u>nmaurice@montpelier-vt.org</u> to get set you up with online payment through the city website.

#### Office Hours:

- Mondays 9am-3pm (Closed 1-2pm)
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9am 3pm
- *Thursdays* 9am-12:30pm (Closed 12:30-3pm)
- Fridays Closed for customer service.

#### **Community Services Department**

- Montpelier PLACE (Join us this Saturday 9/17 from 12-2pm at the Elm St. Recreation Field)
  - This fall, the University of Vermont Extension, North Branch Nature Center, and the Montpelier Community Services Department will be presenting the Montpelier PLACE (or *Place-based Landscape Analysis & Community Engagement*) Event Series. This is a series of community events celebrating the sites and stories in Montpelier's unique heritage and ecology. Join us this fall on a citywide exploration to discover what makes our Capital City so special! These events will be held from September 17<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The schedule of events include:
    - 9/17: Ecology of North Branch River Park (12 2 PM @ Elm St Recreation Field)
    - 9/25: Bees Knees Brunch and Sip (11 AM 2 PM @ Barr Hill Distillery, Montpelier)

- 10/5: Harvest Meal at FEAST Farm (4 6:30 PM @ FEAST Farm)
- 10/22: History on the Land: Hubbard Park (9 11 AM @ Hubbard Park)
- 10/29: Ecology of Hubbard Park (10 AM 1 PM @ Hubbard Park)
- **11/18 & 11/19: Montpelier Underfoot** (7 8:30 PM on 11/18 | 9 AM 12 PM on 11/19 @ North Branch Nature Center)
- **12/2: River Art Walk** (4 8 PM @ TBD)

#### **Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)**

- Fall 2022 Class Registration: Fall class registration at MSAC begins next Tuesday, September 6th. Registration will remain open until Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Preview all the classes and register on our website: <a href="https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes">https://www.montpelier-vt.org/751/Classes</a>
  - We have nearly 50 classes available this semester including: Drawing Nature, Intro to English Country Dancing, Bone Builders, Music Appreciation: Beethoven, Neurodiversity & The Aging Brain, Cooking Demos with Lisa Masé, and much more.
- Thank You for your Support at Taste of Montpelier: MSAC wants to thank all its volunteers and patrons who came to support the FEAST Senior Meals Program at the Taste of Montpelier Festival this past Saturday. We had a great afternoon selling baked goods and informing the public of our program. We also want to shout out Ghazi's Goodies who won first place in the Taste of Montpelier voting contest. Congrats!
- The FEAST Farm Stand ends for the Season: MSAC and the FEAST Farm announce that the FEAST Farm Stand is officially done for the 2022 season. Being our first season, there was a lot of trial and error over this past summer. We've learned a lot, and we are looking forward to next year to improve upon the great support we've received from the public so far.
  - We provided hundreds of pounds of fresh, locally-grown produce to primarily older adults in the Barre Street community at an extremely reduced price. Most produce at the farm stand cost less than \$2 per unit. We averaged at least 20 customers per farm stand with some weeks reaching 40 customers. And finally, across the fourteen farm stands, we hosted over two dozen live events, which included live music, cooking demos, lectures, and yoga and/or tai chi classes, among many others.
  - We would like to thank AARP Vermont for their sponsorship of the farm stand. We want to thank all of our event hosts for their support of the farm stand and providing educational and entertaining happenings for our patrons. We thank Sarah, Norma, Jac and the MYCC crew for their assistance in getting things done each week. And last, we want to thank our volunteers Pat, Susan, and Matt for stewarding the farm stand each week rain or shine.
- Osher Lectures to Return to MSAC: Osher will be offering their Lifelong Learning Institute lectures at MSAC again this fall from September to November with an incredible line-up of presentations. Join us on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the MSAC Community Room for a discussion on the US Senate with former US Senate aide Diane Derby.

Barre Street Potluck | Wednesday, September 21st @ 5:30 PM | MSAC Playground: The
Barre Street Potluck returns once again for September. Join us on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>
at 5:30 PM for fun events, meeting new friends, and a potluck meal. There's no need to bring
a dish... just come and join us, and tell us about how you interact with our Barre Street
community.

#### MSAC to Collaborate with the Montpelier High School:

- MSAC members will be gathering with the tenth-grade students to share stories from their own lives about how the places they have lived or visited have impacted them. The students will be participating in a unit of study entitled "Harvesting Stories," which is intended to help students investigate the way people shape and are shaped by our environment. Students will have the opportunity to read a variety of "place-based" writing, including essays, non-fiction stories, and fictional tales that in some way connect to ideas of place, identity, society, and nature.
- Guest speakers will also be joining the class to share and discuss place-based stories and include MSAC members including Maxine Leary, Linda Quinlan, Rob Mermin, Mary Alice Bisbee and David Lipton. By the end of the unit, students will have had the chance to observe and creatively write about their environment and how this shapes their identities, as well as to interpret the stories of others. The goal of the unit is to have students deepen their understanding of how we can develop relationships with other people and with the earth that can help us imagine and create a more sustainable and hopeful future.

#### FEAST Farm Stand

- We held our fourteenth and final FEAST Farm Stand of 2022 this past Wednesday.
   Produce for sale this week included: Potatoes, Corn, Dill, Tomatoes, Onions, Eggplant, Chard, Zucchini, Squash, Cucumbers, and Shallots.
- The farm stand will return in 2023. Stay tuned into the MSAC social media pages and FEAST website for more details for when we start next summer. And please support FEAST Senior Meals, so we can continue to offer this community benefit to our older adults and the public: <a href="https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1226/Make-a-donation-to-support-FEAST">https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1226/Make-a-donation-to-support-FEAST</a>
- Check out some of the highlights from our last week:



Sarah Lipton and Jolynda Burton sang folk songs to our audience including this cute pup.



Yoga and Tai Chi instructor

Ellie Hayes presented a

class in honor of Falls

Prevention week for older

adults.

#### **Montpelier Recreation**

#### 2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball

- Are you ready to shoot some hoops? Register now for 2022 Fall/Winter Noontime Basketball in the Recreation Department gym at 55 Barre Street. Basketball is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:45am – 1:15pm starting September 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing through the end of the year.
- o Program fee is \$90 for residents and \$135 for non-residents. The walk-in fee is \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Register at the Recreation office.

#### General Updates

- The Capital Kids Afterschool Program is entering its fifth week. There are still openings in the program and details can be found on our website: https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1186/After-School-Childcare
- Afternoon and evening Open Gym for basketball will begin at the Recreation Department gym in early October. The schedule will be announced soon and will include time scheduled specifically for players in middle school and younger grades, as well as time for high school players. Admission fees will be collected at the door.
- There are still spots open in our Tae Kwon Do program in both sessions, Ages 6-8 and Ages 9 and Older. Classes meet on Monday and Thursday evenings.
- o Registration details for our Youth Basketball program will be announced soon.

## **Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure**

#### The Parks Department is working on the following projects:

#### **Hubbard Park Universally Accessible Trail Construction underway:**

We have begun construction on a universally accessible interpretive trail in Hubbard Park. This is a project we've been planning since 2020, and we're really excited to see it finally coming to fruition. The contractor, Timber & Stone LLC, is beginning on the tower path just below the tower. Park visitors can expect some small detours and a lot of trail construction activity in that area for the next several weeks.

#### **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update:**

This Summer, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been detected in many locations throughout Montpelier. The Montpelier Tree Board and Parks & Trees Dept. is launching a new campaign to continue slowing the spread of this invasive pest, we need your help! Here's what you can do:

- Plan ahead! Use the <u>homeowner's guide to EAB</u> to identify Ash on your property and determine your best option.
- Contact the Tree Warden Alec Ellsworth at <u>aellsworth@montpelier-vt.org</u> if you see signs of infection. Our EAB response team can look at your trees and help you make a plan.

\*\*The Department of Public Works has a new weekly newsletter. It can be found at the end of this report, beginning after strategic plan items.\*\*

## **Employment and Personnel Announcements**

#### **Building Inspector**

The City is proud to announce the hiring of Michelle Lambert to the position of Building Inspector to replace Chris Lumbra who is now the City's Facilities and Sustainability Coordinator. Ms. Lambert holds a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and has decades of experience in residential and commercial building. She spent many years applying for building permits from the state and will now get certified on issuing those same permits. The City was impressed by her customer service background and believe this experience will benefit the public as they look for assistance with their project applications. She most recently worked for Malone Properties as a Project Manager and will start for the City on October 3rd.

#### **Public Works Director**

DPW Director Donna Barlow Casey announced her retirement last week. She has begun transitioning out and will be available as needed through October 24<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate her on a great career, thank her for her many contributions to the city, and wish her the best for her next phase of life.

### **Municipal Job Openings**

Visit the City website for more information: https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx

<u>FT Police Department- Patrol Officers</u> For applications and more information, click <u>here</u> or email recruiting@montpelier-vt.org. We have one four open officer positions.

**FT Emergency Services Dispatcher/Clerk:** The Montpelier Police Department is seeking applications for the position of Emergency 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.

**FT Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1:** The person filling this position will work with a streets crew performing skilled work in winter operations, construction, maintenance and repair of streets, drainage culverts, sidewalks, signage, and other appurtenances in the City Right of Way.

<u>FT Water/Sewer Truck Driver Level 1</u>: The person filling this position will work with a water and sewer crew performing skilled work in the construction, maintenance and repair of water distribution, raw water distribution, wastewater collection and wastewater transmission systems.

<u>MSAC Seeks AmeriCorps member for September 2022:</u> Calling all gap year students, recent college grads, and young professionals! MSAC is looking for a new Aging in Place Coordinator to serve MSAC's mission of being a gathering place of healthy aging, lifelong learning and delicious meals for older adults. This is a dynamic role where the member will be working to create a

vibrant intergenerational community that offers a little help to the older adults who need and deserve it. Prospective candidates can apply through the AmeriCorps portal: https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-americorps/positions

#### **DPW Staffing**

The Department of Public Works currently has 5 vacancies within the department. There are 2 open positions within the streets division, 2 within the water/sewer division, and 1 split position between the streets and mechanic divisions. DPW is actively seeking new employees for the open positions. For more information visit the City's website at: <a href="Jobs • Montpelier">Jobs • Montpelier</a>, VT • CivicEngage (montpelier-vt.org)

#### MSAC seeks a Part-Time Temporary Kitchen Assistant

MSAC needs more helpful hands in its FEAST Kitchen. We're seeking an individual who is ready to assist in processing produce and other tasks in the kitchen as needed. This is a great career building opportunity, and while prior kitchen experience is preferred, we will train you. Contact Sarah Lipton if interested: <a href="mailto:slipton@montpelier-vt.org">slipton@montpelier-vt.org</a>.

#### Parks Seeks a Community Conservation Steward

The Montpelier Parks Department seeks an environmental leader who will serve alongside their team in continuing their efforts to plan conservation projects and perform physical service activities for the City's natural areas. **Our VHCB AmeriCorps position begins on a rolling basis and ends August 11**<sup>th</sup>, **2023.** Prospective candidates can apply through the AmeriCorps portal: <a href="https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-americorps/positions">https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-americorps/positions</a>

## Reminders

#### **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 see City Council Meetings: <a href="https://www.orcamedia.net/series/montpelier-city-council">https://www.orcamedia.net/series/montpelier-city-council</a>
- Click here for Live Stream: <a href="https://www.orcamedia.net/series/live-stream-events">https://www.orcamedia.net/series/live-stream-events</a>

Thank you,

William Fraser, City Manager

Council Meeting Agenda Schedule and Strategic Planning Items on following pages:

	Upcoming Agenda I	tems	(TENTATIVE)
9/28	<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Parklet ordinance</li> <li>Review Community Survey results</li> <li>Begin Strategic Planning Process</li> </ul>	10/12	Strategic Planning     Mutual Aid Update/Report
10/26	<ul> <li>Winter Schedule</li> <li>Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development</li> <li>Stormwater Utility update</li> <li>WRRF Update</li> <li>TIF/Tax Stabilization</li> <li>City Building Energy Policy?</li> <li>Community Energy Fund?</li> <li>Communications update – strategy, website, CAN Preliminary Budget Discussion</li> </ul>	11/9	<ul> <li>PFAS/Leachate</li> <li>ADA Update</li> <li>PRC – Internal Affairs</li> <li>Homelessness Plan?</li> <li>Barriers to Housing?</li> <li>FEAST Update</li> <li>Fireworks?</li> <li>Potential Ordinance re: building violations and zoning permits?</li> </ul>
11/16	<ul> <li>Legislative Agenda</li> <li>PRC – Public Drinking</li> <li>PRC – Fair &amp; Impartial Policing</li> </ul>	12/14	<ul><li>Budget/Charter Changes</li><li>PRC – Progress Update</li></ul>
12/21	• Budget		

<sup>? =</sup> Date is tentative, may shift to a different date

### **Pending Items:**

- Potential nuisance violation hearing
- Emerald Ash Borer update
- City Plan spring 2023

## **CURRENT PENDING STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS**

### **Topics from the FY22-23 City Council Strategic Plan for Future Council Agendas:**

Month	Tentative Topic(s)			
September	Strat Planning/ Workforce Development program, Stormwater Utility Updates			
October	Strat Planning, (Fall/Winter 2022)/Mutual Aid Issues with Middlesex and Berlin, Homelessness Plan, Barriers to Housing, Parks Commission Survey/Review Community Survey results, Accomplishments and Future Plans for Outdoor Recreation and Economic Development			
November	ADA Transition Projects/ Net Zero Projects Update/ FEAST Program Updates/ **BUDGET**/ PFAS Updates			
December	**BUDGET**			
<ul> <li>May be removed from list or moved to a later agenda date</li> <li>City Master Plan (spring 2023)</li> </ul>				



#### Road Work

#### Main Street Repaying

Rainy weather this week delayed the adjustment of structures along Main St. Beginning the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>, crews will be onsite adjusting structures to the final grade in preparation for paving on Saturday, October 1st.

You may notice some minor raveling (pothole formation) in locations where a manhole structure exists below grade. This is due to the steel plate flexing as vehicles pass over it. DPW will be placing cold patch as an interim measure as needed until the final structure adjustments are finished. DPW is working with Pike Industries on a solution to repair the entry and exits approaches of the roundabout back to where the project started.

Travelers in this area should plan to expect some traffic delays and allow for extra travel time. DPW will be sharing updates throughout the construction process on the City's Facebook page and Front Porch Forum.

DPW Engineer Zach Blodgett is the primary contact for this project at the Department of Public Works and can be reached by email at zblodgett@montpelier-vt.org. We thank you for your patience while we complete this necessary paving project.

#### Main & Barre Street Intersection

In March 2022, Montpelier residents approved the funds for the Main and Barre Street intersection project in which the planning phase is underway. DPW is continuing through the design process as if this were a standalone project to be constructed in 2023. Ideally, this project, the Barre Street path extension, and the Main Street Railroad crossing project would be constructed together.

Due to incompatible project schedules, merging the projects is not feasible. The railroad project is a State project and has been scheduled for construction in 2024. The bike path project is being delayed due to additional federal and state permitting, funding and review processes and the estimated construction schedule is not known at this time. The City will need to coordinate with the State on the required rail improvements before advancing the traffic signal project.

At the September 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Council will be voting on a consent agenda item to award Stantec the engineering contract for the Barre Street Recreation Path Project.

#### Paving Projects

DPW has several paving projects planned to start in early October with final paving slated for mid-October. The following streets are to be repaved:

- Roberts Street
- Pleasant View Street DPW connected two drainage pipes into the City's storm system which will prevent icing
- Wheelock Street
- Valerie Avenue
- Blodgett Avenue
- Phelps Street

#### Fog Seal Treatments

Fog seal has been completed on:

- College Street
- Barre Street between Granite Street and Pioneer Bridge
- National Life Drive

During fog seal application, road markings are temporarily covered up. DPW has repainted all road markings except for center lines in some areas.

Fog sealing on Liberty Street will be postponed until the summer of 2023 to reduce the disturbance in the neighborhood already impacted by the Main St. repaying project.

#### East State Street

Contract #1 of the East Street project includes the disconnection of the existing storm sewer system from the existing sanitary sewer system, also known as a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) connection. The design includes a new outfall constructed through the Rialto bridge abutment.

This concept and other construction details are currently being reviewed by the State of Vermont, Water Investment Division. The City has received confirmation from the State that the project will be funded using Clean Water State ARPA dollars. This project is anticipated to begin spring of 2023.



#### Route 2 Montpelier NH 6400 (45)

Next week they will continue to work on the new railroad crossing and will be installing the forms and foundations for the new overhead structures. Use caution as traffic is being shifted away from the work area to allow the contractor to work on the new crossing half at a time. The work will result in some alternating one-way traffic on Route 2 using flaggers.

#### Pioneer St. Montpelier STP 6400 (30)

The project is substantially complete. No further updates will be needed.

#### Route 2 Montpelier-Berlin NH Deck (48)

Next week the contractor will be milling and paving the approaches to the bridge. This work will result in alternating one-way traffic using flaggers.

### **Other DPW Projects**

#### Storm Water Utility

DPW is actively working with the consultant on budgetary assessment and data analysis as this project gets into full swing.

A stormwater utility is a dedicated funding mechanism to pay for a community's stormwater management program. The revenue generated for the utility's fee supports stormwaterrelated services and improvements. City Council identified this in the FY23 strategic plan. The City Council approved awarding the contract to Brown and Caldwell who will develop the Montpelier Storm Water Utility.

The State of Vermont has approved the contract agreement and a kickoff meeting with the committee and project team is scheduled for October 7th. The City's goal is to complete the project by July 1 of 2023. There will be opportunities for staff to report back to the City Council on the status as well as for the public to be involved.



#### State Street Combined Sewer Overflow

At the City Council meeting on 8/24, staff held a public meeting on the Finding of No Significant Impact on the project. Bids for this project will open in early October of this year. Once bidding closes, the City Council will vote to approve a contractor who will have the option to start construction this fall. DPW anticipates this project will be completed by July 1, 2023.

DPW conducted a pre-bid meeting on 9/15 which allowed contractors to ask and answer questions before the bidding process begins. This is a common process in large-scale projects.

#### Vactor Dump Station

This project is nearing completion. DPW is continuing the final paving around the structure. The new station will be a cleaner and more efficient way to catch and filter wastewater collected from sewer cleaning as well as debris from street sweeping.

#### Brick Arch Replacement at The Gary Home

DPW's portion of this project is complete. Private work will continue at the Gary Home site (outside of the brick arch replacement portion) which may cause some short-term pedestrian detours.

#### Main Street Water Main Replacement

The DPW addendum to this project was issued yesterday and bids will open next week.

DPW will be replacing a 450 ft. section of water main beginning at the intersection of Towne Hill Road and Main Street and ending at the intersection of Towne Hill Road and Easy Street. The water main will be upsized from the current 6-in diameter pipe to the required 12-in diameter pipe. Water main pipes and appurtenances for this project have been ordered, resolving previous supply chain concerns. An existing failing culvert crossing Towne Hill Road, adjacent to Easy Street will also be replaced. DPW anticipates construction on this project will begin in September of this year.

#### Grout Road Bridge

The timeline for this project has been pushed back slightly. DPW is hoping to bid the project out by November 1st of this year and is anticipating starting construction by the spring of 2023. This project is being funded through ARPA grants and a Class 2 Highway Structure grant.



### **FAQs**

#### Heard on the Street

#### **DPW Director Donna Barlow Casey Retiring**

City Manager William Fraser announced the retirement of DPW Director Donna Barlow Casey in a press release on Thursday, 9/15. Fraser said, "We really appreciate Donna's creativity and innovative thinking. She brought many new ideas to the city. We will miss her and wish her the very best in her retirement."

Effective immediately, DPW Deputy Director Kurt Motyka will serve as interim director until the position is filled. Motyka joined DPW in 2007 and has served as Assistant Director which evolved into Deputy Director in 2019.

Fraser will initiate a hiring process and fill the Director position as soon as possible.

#### Confluence Park Clean-up

DPW, in tandem with other City staff, will work on clean-up around the proposed Confluence Park. Clean-up will focus on the nearby area where the Winooski River and North Brach meet.

#### Careers

Full job descriptions and requirements are posted on the City's website: Montpelier-vt.org/jobs The City of Montpelier, Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications from women, individuals with disabilities, and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged.

- Mechanic I
- Streets Maintenance Worker Truck Driver, Level 1
- Water/Sewer Truck Driver, Level 1

#### How to Apply:

Submit a letter of interest along with a completed job application. Pick up a job application:



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- In-person at 783 Dog River Road Montpelier VT 05602
- By email Jasmine Benson at jbenson@montpelier-vt.org
- Online: <a href="https://www.montpelier-vt.org/.../DPW-Application-Revised...">https://www.montpelier-vt.org/.../DPW-Application-Revised...</a>

#### **Contact Information**

#### Got Questions or Comments?

Got Questions or Comments?
Contact the **Montpelier Department of Public Works:** 

**Phone:** (802) 262-6276

Email: jbenson@montpelier-vt.org

Website: <a href="https://www.montpelier-vt.org/167/Public-Works">https://www.montpelier-vt.org/167/Public-Works</a>

**Facebook:** Department of Public Works – City of Montpelier

**Emergency Dispatch:** (802) 223-3445