

Minutes of the Montpelier City Council Meeting
October 12, 2016, 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

In attendance: Mayor John Hollar (Chair), Councilors Anne Watson, Justin Turcotte, Dona Bate, Tom Golonka and Jessica Edgerly Walsh. Councilor Jean Olson was not in attendance. City Manager William Fraser was in attendance. City Clerk John Odum served as Secretary of the meeting.

- 16-284. Without objection, the Chair declared the proposed agenda approved by unanimous consent.
- 16-285. Erica Garfin and John Snell of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee briefed the Council on their project distributing reflective/light-up armbands.
- City Manager Fraser acknowledged the recent tragic accident that caused the death of five Harwood students.
- 16-286. Councilor Watson moved approval of the Consent Agenda without the proposed minutes, which were tabled at Councilor Bate's request. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mayor Hollar congratulated Todd Provencher at becoming the new Finance Director.
- 16-287. The City Manager offered a report on Council Goal F (Vibrant Downtown). Discussion followed, with no formal action taken.
- 16-288. After a brief discussion, Councilor Bate moved the Council appoint Paul A. Audy to another 5-year term on the Montpelier Housing Authority Board. Councilor Watson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 6:47.
- 16-289. The Council considered appointments to the Energy Advisory Committee. Wavell Cowan addressed the Council on his candidacy. Councilor Watson moved the Council appoint Wavell Cowan, Karl Johnson, Jared Duval, and Paul Markowitz to the Energy Advisory Committee. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 6:49.
- 16-290. The Council discussed appointing "Complete Streets" Committee members. The discussion included a review of the previous meeting's discussion as reflected in the proposed minutes. Planning Director Mike Miller joined the discussion. Councilor Bate moved the Council appoint Jenn Gordon, Anthony Mennona, Mark Provost, Jonathan Harries, Heather Voisin, Per Tonn, Jon Budreski, Erin Aguayo, Dan Jones, Dan Costin be appointed to the Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Watson. The motion carried on a 4-1 vote, with Councilor Turcotte voting nay.
- 16-291. The Council considered appointments to the Local Development Corporation (LDC) Board. Josyn Wischek and Wavell Cowan addressed the council on their interest in serving. Discussion followed.

Councilor Watson moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the appointments. Councilor Bate seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 7:26.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council return to open session, and was seconded by Councilor Watson. The motion carried unanimously at 7:57.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh moved the Council appoint Tim Heney, Bill Kaplan, Cheryl LaFrance, Steve Ribolini, and Michael Nobles to the LDC. Councilor Turcotte seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 7:58.

16-292. Delia Clark and Tim Traber offered a power point presentation to initiate discussion of the Community Services Proposal. No formal action was taken.

16-293. At 8:41, the Stormwater Plan Public Hearing was opened. Public Works Director Tom McCardle and Planning Director Mike Miller joined Julie Moore up front for the discussion. Mary Hooper participated. The hearing was closed at 8:52. No formal action was taken.

At 8:53, the Chair called for a recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:57.

16-294./16-295 A discussion of a Water Source Protection Plan, including the implications of the Berlin Pond status change, was held with Kurt Motyka (Public Works Department), Tom McCardle, Liz Royer, Robert "Red" Defresne, Jeff Wilson (chief operator of water facility) and Steve Stitzel (city attorney). An extensive discussion followed. Page & Jed Guertin participated.

16-297. Councilor Watson reported on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns meeting, noting that source protection was discussed. She added that she was pleased at the bike path's repaving.

Councilor Bate expressed frustration that the minutes did not provide more detail. The City Clerk indicated he was following professionally identified "best practices." A brief discussion followed. Councilor Bate moved the Council approve the minutes from the prior meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Watson and passed unanimously at 10:14.

Councilor Edgerly Walsh made an agenda request for a comprehensive report on Berlin Pond strategizing to date.

Councilor Turcotte noted it was a beautiful time of year to be outside, referencing the corn maze in East Montpelier on Sibley Road. Also, he made note of the current inflation rate going into budget season.

Councilor Bate moved the Council enter executive session to discuss the Berlin Pond Issue with counsel. Councilor Edgerly Walsh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Hearing no objection, the Mayor declared the meeting returned to open session and subsequently adjourned, by unanimous consent.