

## Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 29	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 31	Barre & Main Street Corridors Info. Session	6:00 PM	Kellogg Hubbard Library



## Community Prosperity

### Property Tax Bills

The 2019-2020 property tax bills have mailed. First quarter payments are due on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to enroll in automatic payments, submit a completed enrollment form which [you can access by clicking this link](#). Reasons to consider enrolling in automatic payments:

- Payments are automatically withdrawn from the account you designate on the actual due date, no need to pay days in advance or risk a payment being late or lost in the mail.
- Electronic payments are more secure. Checks contain your financial institution's routing number and your account number, information that is susceptible to fraudulent transactions and misuse.
- Electronic payments significantly reduce processing time. Checks and cash must be manually processed by staff and take a considerable amount of time to enter, especially during high volume payment periods.



## Responsive and Responsible Government

### Vacant Positions

Today is the deadline for applications for both the Assistant City Manager and DPW Director positions. A few more may trickle in before midnight, however, here is the current status:

ACM – 65 applicants from 25 different states, 25 from Vermont and 10 from Montpelier. 33 of them have some sort of direct municipal government experience. As of the time that this report has been published, we have narrowed it down to 9 finalists. We gave all Montpelier resident candidates a second review before making a final decision on their status. All applicants will be notified of their status by tonight. We will set up preliminary conversations with the goal of reaching a group of 5 or less for complete interviews with our team and others who I will ask to participate. I will give you an update at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

DPW – 11 applicants from 5 different states. 5 from Vermont, none from Montpelier. 6 of them have some direct public works experience. Given the smaller pool, this process may move much faster than the ACM process.

Interim – With Sue leaving at the end of August and Tom changing his official status in the middle of August, I will be bringing on an interim ACM/DPW Director to maintain continuity throughout the transition starting August 19<sup>th</sup>. This person is already identified and confirmed. I will make a more formal announcement once they have notified their present employer.



## Environmental Stewardship

### Energy Efficiency Ordinance

Mayor Watson and others held a meeting Friday morning with interested property owners and realtors to discuss a City ordinance designed to encourage energy efficiency in single family homes by – potentially – seeking efficiency information on properties when they are listed for sale. A good number of people showed up and the conversation was robust. More meetings and public hearings are planned on this topic. The Mayor is committed to broad public input before Council takes any action.



## Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

### 1 Taylor Street/Recreation Path

Bathroom accessories are currently being installed on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. All of the flooring has been installed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors and countertops are scheduled to be installed next week. Drywall taping is ongoing on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The exterior siding is being installed and this will continue for the next 3-4 weeks. Site work is currently taking place in front of the building along the east side of Taylor Street and this work continue into next week. Also next week the curbing for the parking lot will continue to be installed and the shared use path between the new pedestrian bridge and the railroad crossing will be paved.

### Shared Use Path Project (Granite St – Gallison Hill Road)

With the paving of Gallison Hill Road and the off-road section of the path back to Country Club Road, work is in the final stages of completion at easterly end of the project. Property restoration, top soil, landscaping and pavement markings will follow soon. Most of the granite curbing has been installed along Barre St with a little more to complete on Granite St and on the inside of the path at the parking lot at the corner of Barre & Granite. Path construction implementing the revised subbase design is also underway and the picture below shows the geo-textile separator fabric placed on the weak subgrade soils. This fabric prevents the underlying clays and silts from migrating into the gravel base. Geo-grid will be installed within the gravel subbase to provide structural strength to withstand applied wheel loads. The picture was taken easterly of Old Country Club Road with the railroad bed situated on the right side of the picture. All of the retaining walls and stabilized slopes are now complete in this area.





### **Transportation Forum**

We are targeting a date of Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to host a discussion about various transportation alternatives. We are inviting GMT to discuss bus and micro transit service, All Earth Renewables to talk about their rail proposal, VTrans to provide their funding and operations perspective as well as the Regional Planning Commission who work on all of these issues. The goal of the meeting is to understand the opportunities, challenges and realities of each of these modes of transportation.

### **Clarendon Ave. Reconstruction**

A Contractor will be on site Monday to start saw cutting the road and digging a few test pits. Their plan is to start with the sewer main. Once complete, they will set back and work on the water main from Bailey Ave up to Jordan Street.

### **Sidewalk Reconstruction**

Sidewalks on Main Street between Jay Street and Loomis Street and on Hubbard Street between Barre Street and Wilder Street are scheduled to be reconstructed this summer. The sidewalk work on Main Street will occur first to assure it is completed prior to school starting. The contractor conducting the work is planning to begin late next week or early the following week. We anticipate this will take approximately 2-3 weeks. When the work on Main Street is complete they will begin on the Hubbard Street section.

### **Water Resource Recovery Facility**

The Water Resource Recovery Facility upgrades are progressing with preparation for the replacement of the primary clarifier #1 that is expected to be delivered early next week. A small crack was found in the primary clarifier #1 so a structural inspection was performed by DeWolfe Engineering it was verified that it is in good condition with no repairs needed.

### **Berlin Water Treatment Facility**

Vermont Rural Water was demonstrating Ground Penetrating Radar at the Berlin Water Treatment Facility and they were able to team up with the DPW to trace out a few plastic lines on Spring Hollow Lane whose location was not completely certain.

### **DPW Street & Water / Sewer Divisions**

The Street Division completed pavement marking such as crosswalks, arrows, etc., including two nights of painting on State Street and on Main Street. The Capitol Plaza parking lot exploratory excavation patching has started, along with paving utility repair excavations on Harrison Avenue, George Street and Jay Street.

Sidewalks cracks on State Street were patched, hot mix patching was completed on Pioneer Street Bridge, Berlin Street, Pleasantview Street, Colonial Drive, Elm Street and Derby Street. The crews also repaired catch basins on Loomis Street, Franklin Street and Court Street, along with repairing erosion and ditching Wheelock Street, and near the intersection of Derby Street and Northfield Street.

The Water/Sewer Division had to tackle two water main breaks this week with one on Jay Street and the other on George Street both of which were repaired within hours of notice. The timing of the George St break was challenging because that work had to be completed before the crew could move over to River St (Rt. 2) where night work was planned to fix a ruptured sewer force main. Both projects went very well because of the excellent advance planning by the foreman and the team. The crew also completed some maintenance work such as cleaning the storm line and receivers on Northfield Street.

Next week our Street Division will be doing patch work on Main Street, patching remaining exploratory excavations in

the Capitol Plaza parking lot along with paving previous excavations on George Street and River Street. We will continue repairs of catch basins and additional pavement markings.

Due to the numerous water main failures experienced on Sibley Avenue and the extreme and inconvenient depth of the old main, the Water/Sewer Division will be replacing this main as an in-house construction project over the next few weeks. They have already begun removing pavement and will make two exploratory excavations next week to assist with the alignment design. A construction detour on Sibley Ave will be established next week which will remain in place until the completion of the project. The traffic control plan will consist of a one-way circulation pattern so the street remains open for access while the work progresses.



## Public Health and Safety

### **City Hall Plaza Flag Poles**

At long last, the flag pole lights in front of City Hall have been replaced. Thanks to the Montpelier Foundation for funding this project.

### **State Street Protest**

A small group of protesters unexpectedly took over the intersection of State and Taylor Streets on Tuesday morning. Police Chief Facos and other City officials were on site. Although the protest caused some traffic delays, the group agreed to disperse at a specific time and no arrests were made. My thanks to the MPD and other law enforcement agencies who helped direct traffic and ensure public safety during the brief disturbance.



## Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

### **Thank You and Farewell Becky!**

A short blurb can't begin to express our deep and heartfelt appreciation for the service of Becky Johnston over the past two years! Becky has led efforts to enhance and manage MSAC's resource development in terms of both volunteers and donors, and her service to our community will long be felt and remembered. Becky, we wish you all the best in the next step on your path of service as your career advances, and we look forward to keeping in touch. You're always welcome at MSAC!

### **No FEAST Together Meals for Next Two Weeks**

FEAST Together meals will not take place Friday, August 2, Tuesday, August 6 or Friday, August 9 due to a deep clean of the kitchen. FEAST Together congregate meals will resume on Tuesday, August 13.

### **Thank you National Life Charitable Foundation!**

MSAC recently received a \$15,000 grant from the National Life Charitable Foundation to support operations. "...inspired by the good that you do" this money will be used to support healthy aging, lifelong learning and delicious meals.

### **Summer classes to begin in coming weeks**

The following classes begin in the coming weeks and still have space!

- Tai Chi with Loren Miller on Tuesdays, starts 7/30
- Bone Builders with Tina Muncy on Tues/Fridays, starts 8/2
- Drawing the Cityscape – Lessons in Perspective with Janice Walrafen, 2 sessions starts 8/12
- Moving for Parkinson's and other Neuro-Movement Challenges on Thursdays with Sara McMahon, starts 9/5

To register, please visit us at 58 Barre Street or register online:

<https://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbws/vtmontpelierwt.wsc/>

**Deadline to sign up for Youth Soccer is Friday, August 16**

The deadline to register you kindergartner-6<sup>th</sup> grade soccer player for Montpelier youth soccer is **August 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Register by stopping by the office (58 Barre Street), online at:

<https://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbws/vtmontpelierwt.wsc/> or by downloading and mailing the registration form that can be found at: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/939/Registration-Forms>

Interested in coaching? Please contact [ewhite@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:ewhite@montpelier-vt.org) *in advance* of the coaches meeting taking place on Wednesday, September 4, 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Montpelier Senior Center.



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## Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

<p><b>8/14</b></p>	<p>Discussion of Energy Efficiency Ordinance <b>MEAC</b>            Energy Advisory Committee update <b>MEAC</b>            Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Barre/Main Decision <b>P&amp;CD/DPW</b>            Housing Trust Fund Committee appts. <b>ATCM</b>            Tax Stabilization Policy <b>CM</b>            Homelessness Task Force <b>CM</b>            Strategic Plan Update <b>CM</b>            Planning Commission appts. <b>ATCM</b>            Development Review Board appts. <b>ATCM</b>            Personnel Update - <b>CM</b></p>	<p><b>8/28</b></p>	<p>Ch. 7 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Substance Abuse update <b>PD</b>            Community Fund Board Appt. <b>ATCM</b>            Fair and Impartial Policing Policy <b>CM</b>            Ch. 3 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b></p>
<p><b>9/11</b></p>	<p>Confluence Park/Waterfront            Ch. 8 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Event Fees –tentative <b>CM</b>            SEJAC Appts. <b>ATCM</b>            Living Wage Ordinance <b>CM</b>            Responsible Employer Ordinance <b>CM</b>            Zoning Public Hearing – <b>P&amp;D</b></p>	<p><b>9/25</b></p>	<p>Economic Development Strategic Plan <b>P&amp;CD</b>            Grant for Net Zero plan <b>P&amp;CD</b>            Revolving Loan Fund <b>CD</b>            Ch. 9 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Strategic Plan update <b>CM</b>            Historic Preservation Commission Appt. <b>ATCM</b>            Zoning Public Hearing – <b>P&amp;D</b></p>
<p><b>10/9</b></p>	<p>CSO Financials <b>DPW/Finance</b>            Complete Streets Committee update            Ch. 10 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b></p>	<p><b>10/23</b></p>	<p>Ch. 11 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan,            1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>CM/HR</b>            Housing Authority Appt. <b>ATCM</b>            MTIC Appts. <b>ATCM</b></p>
<p><b>11/13</b></p>	<p>Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 2-VII Ordinance Amendments Personnel Plan,            2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>CM/HR</b>            IRC Codes <b>Planning</b>            Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Recreation Building <b>ACM</b></p>	<p><b>11/20</b></p>	<p>Ch. 13 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 4 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            WiFi feasibility <b>Finance/Tech</b>            Strategic Plan update <b>CM</b></p>
<p><b>12/11</b></p>	<p>Budget            Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            MTIC Appts. <b>ATCM</b>            Complete Streets Appts. <b>ATCM</b></p>	<p><b>12/18</b></p>	<p>Sabin’s Pasture <b>CM</b>            Ch. 16 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 17 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b>            Ch. 19 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b></p>
<p><b>1/8</b></p>	<p>Hazard Mitigation Plan update            Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b></p>	<p><b>1/22</b></p>	<p>Ch. 20 Ordinance Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH <b>ATCM</b></p>

## Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

<b>July</b>	Alternative fuels for Vehicles	<b>Aug.</b>	Stormwater update Roof drain connection Transition of PD fleet to HEV
<b>Oct.</b>	Police Department Social Worker	<b>Nov.</b>	WiFi feasibility
<b>Jan.</b>	Rental properties survey	<b>?</b>	Downtown Master Plan Process for adding new projects/funding

## Budget

ADA projects  
 Combined Sewer Overflow projects  
 Downtown Master Plan Implementation  
 Emergency Management Operations  
 Fuel  
 Parking Garage Operations  
 Housing Trust Fund  
 Infrastructure  
 Downtown LED light conversion  
 Personnel Plan matters  
 Police Dept. Social Worker  
 Recreation Center  
 Confluence Park/Riverfront efforts  
 Sabin's Pasture (purchase?)  
 WiFi