

Mon., Jan. 13th	Planning Commission	5:30 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
	Recreation Dept. Advisory Board	5:30 PM	55 Barre Street Gym
Tues., Jan. 14th	Historic Preservation Commission	6:30 PM	City Manager's Conference Rm., City Hall
Wed., Jan. 15th	Conservation Commission	6:30 PM	Police Dept. Community Rm., 1 Pitkin Ct.
Wed., Jan. 15th	City Council	6:30 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall
Thur., Jan. 16th	Housing Task Force	5:15 PM	City Council Chambers, City Hall



Responsive and Responsible Government

District 3 Council Vacancy:

As per the decision this week, letters of interest and application forms for the vacant council position will be accepted until Friday, January 17th. We will send out applicant information each week.

The appointment is planned to be made at the beginning of the January 23rd meeting. As per Section 303 of the City Charter, the appointee will assume the seat for the remainder of that meeting through March 2nd when the balance of the term will be filled by election.

Council Election:

The March 3rd Annual Election includes seats for the Mayor, a District 1 seat, a District 2 seat, a two year District 3 seat, and a one year District 3 seat. Election petitions with 25 signatures of registered voters from within the appropriate districts must be filed with the City Clerk by 5:00 PM on Monday, January 27th.

Legislative Agenda:

Staff will prepare a list of potential items for a city legislative priority agenda. We may have a preliminary version for next week's report.

Budget:

Updated information will go out next week. We'll also have detailed bond and CIP information.



Sustainable Infrastructure

Maintenance:

Next week our crew will continue fighting the weather; engaging in continuous efforts to keep the roads and sidewalks in safe, passable condition; and shoveling out parking meters slots at payed parking, after it rains and before things freeze.

Our water/sewer division repaired and cleaned up a water leak on Prospect Street. This crew also completed the following tasks:

- Assisted the Streets Division with the beginning-of-the-week storm.
- Conducted a smoke test on Towne Hill Road.
- Tackled Station maintenance.
- Continued helping with the map updates.
- Checked, thawed and pumped the hydrant list (not complete).
- Worked on water meter readings.
- Completed some dig safes and a variety of other day-to-day items.

It is expected that next week our water/sewer staff will complete 2 valves repairs, one at the end of First Avenue on West Street and one at the DPW Garage. They'll also continue working on our hydrant list and keeping up with other day to day maintenance.



Thoughtfully Planned Built Environment

New Design Review Regulations proposal under consideration:

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for January 27th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM to give a presentation and take comments and questions on a new proposal to change the Design Review rules in the zoning. During the development of the zoning that was adopted in 2018 a proposal was made and ultimately withdrawn to make changes to the rules and boundary of the district. In 2018 and 2019 the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission worked to develop new rules based on the public comments received earlier. Those new rules and new boundary are now under ready for review. We hope to hear from residents about these proposals to know if we should move them forward to adoption or if additional changes are needed. The draft rules and map can be found at <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1112/Zoning---Design-Review-Proposal>. We will also be sending a copy of the map and draft rules to every property in the district in the next week. Please send any questions or comments to Mike Miller at [Mailto:mmiller@montpelier-vt.org](mailto:mmiller@montpelier-vt.org) or attend the hearing to see the presentation.

Hotel/Parking Garage:

Decisions on Summary Judgment motions in the Zoning Permit appeal are expected in January. This will define the scope of the issues for the remainder of that litigation. Discovery is being completed in the Act 250 case.



Inclusive, Equitable and Engaged Community

A Capital Idea!

After a successful series of Charrette's and Stakeholder meetings in September and November, SE Group the planning and design consultants hired for the project, have developed some conceptual ideas based on the feedback from these meetings and are looking for some public input to help refine the community's vision. Embedded in the project website is a survey that will allow members of the public to weigh in on the conceptual ideas presented in the project boards. Please participate and have your voice heard! This link can be found from the City's Homepage or here: <https://arcg.is/1zLOXy>

The boards depict overall downtown core concepts for the following:

- * Bike/Ped Opportunities
- * Vehicular Circulation/Parking Opportunities
- * Open Space Opportunities
- * Infill Opportunities
- * Storm-water Opportunities

Senior Activity Center:

Fraud, Scams, and Con Artists: Coming to a Computer Near You

Friday, January 17 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm | MSAC Art Room, 58 Barre Street

AARP Volunteer William April presents the whys, hows and basic defenses regarding scams perpetrated over the internet. This presentation is continuously revised to address the latest cyber threats and addresses how to recognize malicious emails and pop-ups as well as Wi-Fi issues arising from the increased use of tablets and smart phones. Free and open to the public at 58 Barre Street, with no pre-registration required. Part 2 of a 3-part VT Fraudwatch series by AARP.

Medicare and You: A Workshop for Beginners

Tuesday, January 21 | 2:30 - 4:30 pm | MSAC Activity Room, 58 Barre Street

Turning 65 and have questions about applying for Medicare? Confused about the options available within Medicare plans? In this workshop, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) staff will walk you through the ins and outs of Medicare plans and options, including Parts A, B and D prescription coverage, supplemental plans, Advantage plans, and more. CVCOA provides information, counseling, and assistance to all Medicare eligible persons under the auspices of the State Health Insurance & Assistance Program. Presenters are state health insurance program coordinators with knowledge of the most recent changes to Medicare. You will also receive a free copy of the "Medicare and You" handbook. This workshop is interactive, lively and fun, so please come! Pre-registration through CVCOA is required. Call 479-0531 or email medicareworkshops@cvcoa.org. If you can't attend but have questions, or to learn about more 2020 Central Vermont workshops, visit www.cvcoa.org or call 479-0531.

Recreation:

Montpelier Rec Summer Employment Positions

Montpelier Rec is now accepting applications for summer pool staff, day camp staff and summer maintenance staff. For a complete list of positions available as well as instructions on how to apply, please visit: www.montpelier-vt.org/rec_employment.

Rink at State Street:

Set up continues for this year's skating 'Rink at State Street'. The Rink at State Street is a winter-season, public, outdoor ice rink situated on the State House lawn in downtown Montpelier. We've have successfully installed a new liner and have re-flooded the rink. We now just have to wait for weather cold enough to get it to freeze solid! Weather cooperating, the opening date should be soon, and we will continue to communicate any updates.



More Housing

61 Taylor Housing/Transit Project:

The House General, Housing and Military Affairs committee will be touring the new Housing/Transit center on Friday, January 17th. The 30 apartments were partially funded by the State’s Housing Bond and committee members wish to see directly how some of that funding was utilized. They are also interested in the connection between the Transit and Housing projects.

William Fraser
City Manager

Upcoming Agenda Items (TENTATIVE)

1/15	1 st Hearing for Warning & Budget Rec. Center Bond Public Hearing Necessity Resolution Dog Ordinance 1 Public Hearing 5 Home Farm Way Report	1/23 (Thurs)	2 nd Hearing for Warning & Budget Petitions WRRF – Phase 2 Update Dog Ordinance 2 Public Hearing City Council Appointment Legislative Agenda (?)
2/12	Home Equity Labeling Rental Survey Hazard Mitigation CM Review Conservation Commission Appointment Ordinance Amendments	2/26	Parking Fees Ordinance Amendments Rec. Center Bond Public Hearing

Upcoming Reports (TENTATIVE)

Jan.		Tentative	Downtown Master Plan
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