

**ANNUAL CITY MEETING
CITY OF MONTPELIER, VERMONT
MARCH 6, 2012**

ARTICLE 1. CANDIDATES

POSITION	TERM	CANDIDATES	VOTES	RESULT
Mayor	2 years	John Hollar	2160	Elected
City Clerk	3 years	John Odum	1205	Elected
		Michael Marinelli	1087	-
		Jake Brown	2102	Elected
Green Mount Cemetery Commisioner	5 years	Kip Roberts	1984	Elected
Park Commissioner	5 years	Jennifer Cahill Bean	1650	Elected
School Commissioner	3 years	Charles Phillips	1817	Elected
		Andy Hooper	592	Elected
Council Person District 1	2 years	Nancy Sherman	371	-
Council Person District 2	2 years	Thierry Guerlain	575	Elected
Council Person District 3	2 years	Alan Weiss	661	Elected

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,904,043 for the payment of debts and current expenses of the City for carrying out any of the purposes of the Charter, plus payment of all state and county taxes and obligations imposed upon the City by law to finance the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? (Requested by the City Council)
YES 1777 NO 763

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$16,153,790 necessary for the support of the public school system for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? (Local budget of \$15,724,940 plus grant budget of \$428,850, for a total school budget of \$16,153,790.) (Requested by the School Board)
YES 1757 NO 819

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$575,230 for the support of the Recreation Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? (Requested by the School Board)
YES 1935 NO 619

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,000 as compensation to the Mayor for services for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? (Requested by the City Council)
YES 2031 NO 543

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,200 (\$1,200 each) as compensation to the Council Members for their services for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? (Requested by the City Council)
YES 2006 NO 568

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,300 (Chair \$1,300; others \$1,000 each) as compensation to the School Commissioners for their services for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? (Requested by the School Board)
YES 1929 NO 638

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Commissioners to hold any audited fund balances as of June 30, 2012 in a reserve (restricted) fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Commissioners for the purpose of operating the school? (Requested by the School Board)
YES 1852 NO 595

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters authorize the City Council to borrow a sum not to exceed \$870,000 for street improvements including retaining walls, storm drains, culverts and street rehabilitation (\$377,800), fire truck purchase (\$207,500), facilities repairs and American Disabilities Act improvements (\$284,700)? If approved bonds for these capital items would be issued for a term of 20 years. With a 20 year bond, approximately \$23,500 would be required for the first year interest payment and approximately \$74,300 for the second

year principal and interest payment and future payments declining each year as the principal is repaid. (Requested by the City Council)

YES 1828 **NO 700**

ARTICLE 10. Shall the city amend Title XII – Section 2 of the city charter to allow for the assessment of a 1% local sales tax as per amendment language filed with the City Clerk on January 4, 2012? 20% of revenues received will be dedicated for business development and/or business promotion. 80% of all revenues received will be dedicated to offset property tax revenue. (Requested by the City Council)

YES 828 **NO 1740**

ARTICLE 11. Shall the city amend Title XII – Section 2 of the city charter to allow for the assessment of 1% local rooms, meals and alcohol taxes as per amendment language filed with the City Clerk on January 4, 2012? 100% of revenues received will be dedicated for infrastructure improvements and maintenance. (Requested by the City Council)

YES 1198 **NO 1377**

ARTICLE 12. Shall the city amend Title V – Sections 1 and 3 and adding a new section 14 of the city charter (and renumber remaining sections accordingly) to change the signature requirement for legally binding petitions from 5% of registered voters to 10% of registered voters as per amendment language filed with the City Clerk on January 4, 2012? (Requested by the City Council)

YES 1329 **NO 1081**

ARTICLE 13. Shall the city continue to pursue the formation of a regional public safety (police, fire, EMS, dispatch) authority with the City of Barre, and the Towns of Barre and Berlin? (advisory only)

YES 1882 **NO 576**

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$41,000 to be placed in a special revenue account under the name of the Montpelier Housing Trust Fund? Such account, including interest and earnings thereon, shall be used exclusively by the City to award grants and loans to appropriate non-profit organizations to preserve, construct and rehabilitate dwelling units affordable to households with incomes less than or equal to 80% of median income (with a priority for homeownership units) and which are subject to covenants or restrictions that preserve their affordability for a minimum of 15 years. (Requested by the City Council)

YES 1668 **NO 849**

ARTICLE 15. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$293,975 to be used by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? (This amount

is in addition to the \$43,937 for the library bond payment included in the City General Fund Budget, Article 2.)

YES 1884 **NO 685**

ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,075 to be used by the CIRCLE (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter) for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1963 **NO 5484**

ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be used by the Central Vermont Community Action Council for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1608 **NO 899**

ARTICLE 18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be used by the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education Inc. for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1708 **NO 815**

ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used by the Central Vermont Community Land Trust for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1484 **NO 1023**

ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used by the Central Vermont Council on Aging for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1828 **NO 697**

ARTICLE 21. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to be used by the Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 2004 **NO 544**

ARTICLE 22. Shall the voters appropriated the sum of \$6,000 to be used by Community Connections for programs at Union Elementary, Main Street Middle School and Montpelier High School for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

YES 1682 **NO 862**

ARTICLE 23. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be used by the Family Center of Washington County for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1701 **NO 822**

ARTICLE 24. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be used by the North Branch Nature Center for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1644 **NO 897**

ARTICLE 25. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used by the Friends of the Winooski River for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1486 NO 1042

ARTICLE 26. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$400 to be used by the Good Beginnings of Central Vermont for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1427 NO 1051

ARTICLE 27. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be used by the Green Mountain Youth Symphony for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1456 NO 1070

ARTICLE 28. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used by the Montpelier Home Delivery Program (Meals on Wheels) for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 2169 NO 395

ARTICLE 29. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be used by the Montpelier Veterans Council for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1597 NO 896

ARTICLE 30. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to be used by the People's Health & Wellness Clinic for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1795 NO 749

ARTICLE 31. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be used by the Project Independence-Adult Day Health Services for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1703 NO 803

ARTICLE 32. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be used by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1507 NO 975

ARTICLE 33. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be used by the Sexual Assault Crisis Team for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1877 NO 654

ARTICLE 34. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used by the Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1855 NO 671

ARTICLE 35. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used by the Vermont Center for Independent Living for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1664 NO 842

ARTICLE 36. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used by the Washington County Youth Service Bureau for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1673 NO 833

ARTICLE 37. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be used by the Washington County Basement Teen Center for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1528 NO 971

ARTICLE 38. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,950 to be used by the Washington County Diversion Program for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1578 NO 876

ARTICLE 39. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be used by the Lost Nation Theater's Youth Educational program for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013?

YES 1278 NO 1199

ARTICLE 40. In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the city of Montpelier vote on March 6, 2012, to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of the passage of this measure? (By Petition)

YES 1967 NO 503

ARTICLE 41. We, the Montpelier community, are concerned about our ability to grow, buy, sell, and eat local foods – our local food sovereignty. As growing uncertainty develops around industrial agriculture's ability to provide food that is safe, healthy, natural, humane, and compatible with the planet's changing environment, we as a community are choosing a different path of sourcing food:

We choose foods that are healthy and natural instead of those reliant on pesticides, fossil fuels, or genetic modification.

We choose a local food system that benefits our neighbors and communities, not the industrial food system that exploits local resources to benefit multinational corporations.

We choose food produced locally and diversely, instead of fossil fuel dependent, global, mono-cultured foods.

And whereas the Farm-to-Plate report highlights the local food shortfalls and a strategic plan to overcome these shortcomings, we as an individual community within

Vermont need to exceed the current statewide local food consumption rate of only five percent.

Therefore, we the citizens of Montpelier declare our right to grow and process local foods. Furthermore, we assert our right to directly sell and purchase these foods both between and from our friends and neighbors. In recognition of Vermont's commitment to freedom and unity, we assert this vital right as the foundation of our local food sovereignty. (By Petition)

YES 1948 NO 461

ARTICLE 42. Shall the City of Montpelier appropriate the sum of \$40,000 towards the Montpelier Circulator year-round bus route within the City of Montpelier? This \$40,000 will match approximately \$120,000 from GMTA to fully fund the service for a second year of operation. (This amount is in addition to the \$29,371 for other GMTA services which is included in the City General Fund Budget). (By Petition)

YES 1663 NO 843

SPECIAL CITY MEETING CITY OF MONTPELIER NOVEMBER 6, 2012

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters approve an ordinance moving the portion of the southeastern boundary of District 1 - which currently follows the Winooski River centerline to the confluence of the Winooski and North Branch Rivers, heads north to follow the centerline of the North Branch River until Spring Street, where it follows Spring to the roundabout and then heads easterly on Main Street - to a new southeastern border - which would follow Winooski River centerline past the North Branch River confluence, proceeding northeast on Main Street until the junction of Spring and Main Streets (the roundabout) and then proceed easterly on Main Street - in order to balance the number of voters between city districts?

YES 3430 NO 702



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