

Montpelier Development Review Board Meeting
March 16, 2026

Subject to review and approval

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<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1094/CivicClerk>

Present: Robert Goodwin, Katharine Burgess, Kevin O’Connell, Joe Kiernan, Alexandra Halasz, Elvira Dana, Meredith Crandall – staff, ORCA Media - recording.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Robert Goodwin.

Staff to review remote meeting procedures and processes, related questions may be asked at this time: Staff gave a summary of how to participate in the hybrid model.

Approval of the agenda: Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Katharine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Chair: None.

114 River Street

**Owner: Nam Chan and Brenda Kuang Applicant: City of Montpelier
Request for Sec 3005.F waiver to remove the riparian buffer, wood vegetation for
reinforcing 80’ of riverbank for flood repair and mitigation.**

Corey Line and Mike Miller, from the City, were in attendance and sworn in.

The application is to remove approximately 22 trees along the Winooski River to stabilize, repair, and reinforce the riverbank where it has eroded over several years, with significant erosion occurring in the July 2023 flood.

Board members discussed details of the USDA plan details, and distinctions between riparian buffer woody vegetation requirements and landscaping standards of Section 3203, including whether to require planting of a specific number of replacement trees or shrubs.

Joe made a motion to approve removal of approximately 22 trees from within the water setback area of 114 River Street, as part of a riverbank stabilization project, as presented in Application # Z-2026-0011 and supporting and supplemental materials, with the understanding that the allowed revegetation of the riparian buffer shall satisfy the § 3203 landscaping standards.

Alex seconded. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Review meeting minutes from March 2, 2026: Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted, Elvira seconded. The motion carried.

Other Business: There are no pending applications for the regular April 6th meeting date. So, the Board will next meet on April 20th.

Adjournment: Rob made a motion to adjourn, Joe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary