

**WARNING for 2006 Town of Townshend
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at the Town Hall in Townshend, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 9:00 AM to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the Auditor's report.

ARTICLE 3. To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various Town and School District Officers for the periods:

A. January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006

Town Clerk and Treasurer:	\$12,646.00 salary
Select Board	(1) \$337.50 – chair (4) \$300.00
Listers, Auditors & assistants:	\$11.17 per hour

B. July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Town Clerk and Treasurer:	\$25,292.00 salary
Select Board	(1) 675.00 –chair (4) \$600.00
Listers, Auditors & assistants:	\$11.28 per hour
School Board:	(5) \$600.00 per year
School District Treasurer:	\$1,500.00 per year

ARTICLE 4. To elect all Town and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

TOWN CLERK One - 3 year term

TOWN TREASURER One - 3 year term

SELECT BOARD One - 3 year term
Two - 1 year term

SCHOOL BOARD One - 3 year term
Two - 1 year term

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER** One - 1 year term

L & G DIRECTORS One – 3 year term

LISTERS Three – 1 year term

AUDITORS One – 2 year remaining on a 3 year term
One – 3 year term

**DELINQUENT TAX
COLLECTOR** One – 1 year term

FIRST CONSTABLE	One – 1 year term
SECOND CONSTABLE	One – 1 year term
TOWN GRAND JUROR	One – 1 year term
TOWN AGENT	One – 1 year term
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	One – 5 year term
CEMETERY COMMISSION	One – 5 year term

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Townshend School District authorize the expenditure of a portion of the current fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the purpose of replacing a portion of the school's roof?

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the **running expenses and liabilities of the school**. If so, how much?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Townshend authorize the Townshend School District to raise \$5,000.00 by taxation for deposit into the School Capital Expenditures Fund?

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to divide the 2005 General Fund and Highway Department **surpluses into 3 equal parts**; applying 1/3rd toward the 1/01/06 – 6/30/06, 6 month budget and 2/3rd toward the 7/01/06 – 6/30/07, fiscal year budget?

ARTICLE 9. A. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the **running expenses and liabilities of the Town** for a 6 month period, 1/1/06 – 6/30/06. If so, how much?

B. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the **running expenses and liabilities of the Town** for a 12 month period, 7/1/06 - 6/30/07. If so, how much?

ARTICLE 10. A. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the **running expenses and liabilities for summer and winter roads** for a 6 month period, 1/1/06 – 6/30/06. If so, how much?

B. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the **running expenses and liabilities for summer and winter roads** for a 12 month period, 7/1/06 – 6/30/07. If so, how much?

ARTICLE 11. A. Shall the Town of Townshend vote to raise \$18,000 by taxation, for **law enforcement services** for the 6-month period, 1/1/06 – 6/30/06?

B. Shall the Town of Townshend vote to raise \$36,000 by taxation, for **law enforcement services** for a 12 month period, 7/1/06 – 6/30/07?

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will authorize the reduction of \$17,235.00 from its 2005 General Fund surplus - voted payment for **Rescue Inc.** services?

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town of Townshend will vote to raise an additional \$10,000.00 by taxation, to be placed in the existing “**Act 60: Reappraisal Planning Fund**” for payment in preparation for the next, State required, town wide reappraisal?

ARTICLE 14. A. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the **library** for a 6 month period beginning 1/1/06 – 6/30/06. If so, how much?

B. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the **library** for a 12 month period 7/1/06 – 6/30/07. If so, how much?

ARTICLE 15. A. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$5,000.00, by taxation, for a 6 month period, 1/1/06 – 6/30/06 to be placed in the **Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve** for payment toward a future pumper.

B. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00, by taxation, for a 12 month period, 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 to be placed in the **Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve** for payment toward a future pumper.

ARTICLE 16. A. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$375.00, by taxation, for the **Old Cemetery Fund** for a 6 month period, 1/1/06 – 6/30/06?

B. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$750.00, by taxation, for the **Old Cemetery Fund** for a 12 month period, 7/1/06 – 6/30/07?

ARTICLE 17. A. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$130.00, by taxation, for the support of **West River Watershed Alliance** for a 6 month period, 1/1/06 – 6/30/06?

B. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$260.00, by taxation, for the support of **West River Watershed Alliance** for a 12 month period, 7/1/06 – 6/30/07?

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the support of **Social Services** as recommended by the Screening Committee, for the period 1/1/06 – 6/30/07 (18 months), if so how much?

ARTICLE 19. To see if the voters will authorize the **elimination of the Personal Property Tax** starting with the Fiscal Year 7/1/06 – 6/30/07?

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for the period 1/1/06 – 6/30/06 and for the period 7/1/06 – 6/30/07 and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE 21. A. To see if the Town will vote to have the Treasurer receive its **Real and Personal Property taxes**, for the 6 month period in one installment, due and payable in hand on or before June 15, 2006?

Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof; interest of one and one half percent (1 ½% per month) or fraction thereof and penalties will commence on the last date of the year ending 6/30/06.

B. To see if the Town will vote to collect its **Real and Personal Property**

taxes in four installments, payable in hand on or before August 15, 2006; November 15, 2006; February 15, 2007 and May 15, 2007?

Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof; interest of one and one half percent (1 ½% per month) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on the last date of the 2007 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will raise \$15,000, for the period of 1/1/06 – 6/30/07, by taxation to continue developing the **Town's infrastructure**?

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell or convey properties acquired by the Town through tax sales and to execute, acknowledge and deliver deed and other transfer documents upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the best interest of the Town?

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?

ARTICLE 25. Shall the voters of the Town of Townshend instruct our State Representatives and Senators to oppose:

- any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to "make payments to school district and supervisory unions for the support of education;
- the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund; and
- the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Fund?

ARTICLE 26. To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting.

Dated at Townshend, this 30th day of January, 2006

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Kathleen Hege
Carl McNeely
Judith H. Tietz

TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

Henry Martin
Alene Evans
Berenice Brooks
Jeffrey Russ
Irvin Stowell

This Warning was signed by appropriate board members on January 30, 2006.