

WARNING for 2007 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 6, 2007 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 2006 Auditor's Report

ARTICLE 3. To act on the 2007 Auditor's Report

ARTICLE 4. To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various Town and School District Officers for the ensuing year?

Town and School Officers:

Town Clerk and Town Treasurer: salary for the fiscal year 2007-08

Town Clerk \$26,303.00;

Town Treasurer \$25,292.00

Selectboard (1) \$675.00 per year-chair (4) \$600.00 per year

Listers, Auditors, assistants and casual labor: \$11.74 per hour

School Board: (5) \$300.00

School District Treasurer: \$1,575.00

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Townshend reduce the Board of Listers from 5 (five) to 3 (three) members?

ARTICLE 6. To elect all Town and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Select Board	1 — 3 year term	Delinquent Tax Collector	1 - one year term
	2 — one year term	First Constable	1 - one year term
School Board	1 — 3 year term	Second Constable	1 - one year term
	2 — one year term	Town Grand Juror	1 - one year term
School District Treasurer	1 - one year term	Town Agent	1 - one year term
Listers	1 - 1 yr remaining on a 3 yr term	Library Trustee	4 yrs remaining on a 5 yr term
	1 - 3 year term		1 - five year term
	2 - one year term	Cemetery Commission	1 - five year term
Auditor	1 - 3 year term		

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the **running expenses and liabilities of the Town**. If so, how much?

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities for **summer and winter roads**. If so, how much?

- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000.00 by taxation for the **Town Equipment Fund** to offset capital expenditures?
- ARTICLE 10. 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 11. 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 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation for the running expenses and liabilities of the **Library**. If so, how much?
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for **law enforcement services**. If so, how much?
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise an additional \$10,000 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the **Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve** for payment toward a future pumper?
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$750.00, by taxation, for the **Old Cemetery Fund**?
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$260.00, by taxation, for the support of **West River Watershed Alliance**?
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$250.00, by taxation, for the support of **Historical Society of Windham County**?
- ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise any money, by taxation, for the support of the **Windham County Humane Society**. If so, how much?
- ARTICLE 20. 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?
- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town of Townshend will vote to **exempt from taxation**, the real estate owned by Grace Cottage Hospital (Carlos G. Otis Health Care Center, Inc.) and known as the **Heins Home** property, so-called, as long as it is used for the purpose as a charitable non-profit residential home for the aged.
If so voted Heins Home will be removed from the Municipal Grand List and the Education Grand List, and that no taxes will be imposed for 5 (five) years (VT Statutes Annotated Title 32, Section 3840) commencing with the 2007 tax year.
- ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will assume responsibility and expenses for the maintenance and repairs to the **gazebo**, and, if so, how those expenses will be funded?

ARTICLE 23. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen to **set a tax rate** sufficient to cover all monies raised for the period July 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2008 and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to have the Treasurer receive its **Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 15, 2007, November 15, 2007, February 15, 2008 and May 15, 2008?** 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 2008 fiscal year.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will raise any money, by taxation, to continue developing the **Town's infrastructure?** If so, how much?

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard 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 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to **acquire, by gift or purchase** land for municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?

ARTICLE 28. To transaction any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this 29th day of January, 2007

TOWNSHEND SELECTBOARD

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Berenice Brooks

Glen Beattie

Alene Evans

David Dezendorf

Henry Martin

Kathleen Hege

Jeffrey Russ

Judy Tietz

Irvin Stowell