

## **WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at the Town Hall in Townshend, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

- ARTICLE I.** To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year:
- ARTICLE II.** To act upon the July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 Auditors' Report:
- ARTICLE III.** To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year:
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| Town Clerk:                                     | \$ 32,875.00 / yr |
| Town Treasurer:                                 | \$ 2,170.00 / yr  |
| Select Board: (1) Chair:                        | \$ 1,500.00 / yr  |
| (4) Members:                                    | \$ 1,000.00 / yr  |
| Listers, Auditors, assistants and casual labor: | \$ 12.99 / hr     |
- ARTICLE IV.** To elect all Town Officials for the ensuing year(s):
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| Town Clerk                | (1) 1 yr term |
| Town Treasurer            | (1) 1 yr term |
| Select Board:             | (1) 3 yr term |
|                           | (1) 2 yr term |
|                           | (2) 1 yr term |
| Listers:                  | (1) 3 yr term |
|                           | (2) 1 yr term |
| Auditors:                 | (1) 3 yr term |
|                           | (1) 2 yr term |
|                           | (1) 1 yr term |
| Property Tax Collector:   | (1) 1 yr term |
| Delinquent Tax Collector: | (1) 1 yr term |
| First Constable:          | (1) 1 yr term |
| Second Constable:         | (1) 1 yr term |
| Town Grand Juror:         | (1) 1 yr term |
| Town Agent:               | (1) 1 yr term |
| Library Trustees:         | (1) 5 yr term |
| Cemetery Commissioner:    | (1) 5 yr term |
- ARTICLE V.** If a quorum of Auditors is not elected, shall the voters of the Town of Townshend, per 17 V.S.A. 2651 (B), authorize the Select Board to contract with a public accountant licensed in the State of Vermont to perform an annual financial audit of all town funds?
- ARTICLE VI.** Per 17 V.S.A. 2646 (7), to see if the Town will vote to elect its First and Second Constables to two years, rather than one year terms?
- ARTICLE VII.** To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 31, 2012; November 30, 2012; March 1, 2013; and May 31, 2013? Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half

percent (1/2%) or fraction thereof; interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on June 1, 2013.

- ARTICLE VIII.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 419,420.00 to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, of which \$ 223,994.00 to be raised by taxation?
- ARTICLE IX.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 811,060.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, of which \$ 698,080.00 to be raised by taxation?
- ARTICLE X.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 60,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the Highway Equipment Fund toward the purchases of vehicles and equipment?
- ARTICLE XI.** 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 toward a future pumper?
- ARTICLE XII.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 43,757.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?
- ARTICLE XIII.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 7,000.00, by taxation for providing electrical services to Taft Meadows to allow use by fairs, exhibits, festivals and public gatherings?
- ARTICLE XIV.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,500.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?
- ARTICLE XV.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 14,670.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Screening Committee?
- ARTICLE XVI.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE XVII.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen 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 interest of the Town?
- ARTICLE XVIII.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift or purchase, land for municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?
- ARTICLE XIX.** To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

**Dated at Townshend, this 2nd day of January, 2012.**

**TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD:**

Hedy Harris, chair

Bruce Bills

Jeff Russ

Steve Ovenden

David DeZendorf