

# **WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND 2014 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 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

- ARTICLE I.** To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year:
- RECESS:** **Townshend Elementary School District 2014 Annual Meeting:**
- ARTICLE II.** To approve the July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 Auditors' Report:
- ARTICLE III.** To see if the Town will vote to take advantage of the provisions of V.S.A. Title 24, Chapter 37, and authorize the Select Board to employ a Town Manager?
- ARTICLE IV.** To see if the Town will vote for the elimination of the office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Select Board, who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?
- ARTICLE V.** To see if the Town will vote for the elimination of the office of Auditor and replace it with professionally qualified auditors appointed by the Select Board, who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for auditors or the board of auditors?
- ARTICLE VI.** To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year:
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| Town Clerk:                                     | \$ 33,535.00 / yr |
| Town Treasurer:                                 | \$ 2,215.00 / yr  |
| Select Board: (1) Chair:                        | \$ 725.00 / yr    |
| (4) Members:                                    | \$ 625.00 / yr    |
| Listers, Auditors, assistants and casual labor: | \$ 13.25 / hr     |
- ARTICLE VII.** 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 |
|                           | (2) 1 yr term |
| Listers:                  | (1) 3 yr term |
|                           | (2) 1 yr term |
| Auditors:                 | (1) 3 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 VIII.** To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 29, 2014; December 1, 2014; February 27, 2015; and May 29, 2015? 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, 2015.
- ARTICLE IX.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 428,309.00 to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, of which \$ 191,649.00 to be raised by taxation?
- ARTICLE X.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 95,000.00, by taxation, to be used toward the purchase of a new Highway Department truck?
- ARTICLE XI.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 1,007,455.15 for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, of which \$ 759,455.15 to be raised by taxation?
- ARTICLE XII.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to spend up to \$125,000.00 for the modernization, expansion and/or relocation of Townshend's Transfer Station and recycling facility?
- ARTICLE XIII.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 44,832.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?
- ARTICLE XIV.** 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 XV.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,500.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?
- ARTICLE XVI.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 14,410.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Screening Committee?
- ARTICLE XVII.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE XVIII.** 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 XIX.** 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 XX.** To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2015, as the date for the 2015 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?
- ARTICLE XXI.** To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2014.

**TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD**

Henry Martin

Hedy Harris

David Dezendorf

Chad Greenwood

Scott Chase