

# **WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND 2016 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 1, 2016 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, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Auditors' Report:
- ARTICLE III.** To see if the Town will vote for the elimination of the Office of Auditor under 1 V.S.A. 2651b and replace it with a professionally qualified auditing service?
- ARTICLE IV.** To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year:
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| Town Clerk:                             | \$ 34,540.00/ yr |
| Town Treasurer:                         | \$ 2,282.00/ yr  |
| Select Board: (1) Chair:                | \$ 900.00/ yr    |
| (4) Members:                            | \$ 775.00/ yr    |
| Listers by stipend of:                  | \$ 6,000.00/ ea  |
| Auditors by stipend of:                 | \$ 1,200.00/ ea  |
| Town Clerk assistants and casual labor: | \$ 13.65/ hr     |
- (All mileage reimbursed for training and conferences, only.)
- ARTICLE V.** 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 |
| 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 VI.** To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 31, 2016; November 30, 2016; February 28, 2017; and May 31, 2017? 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, 2016.
- ARTICLE VII.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 524,989.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town, of which \$ 436,893.00, to be raised by taxation?

- ARTICLE VIII.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 674,345.00 for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads, of which \$ 220,814.00, to be raised by taxation?
- ARTICLE IX.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 46,420.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?
- ARTICLE X.** 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 XI.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 1,500.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?
- ARTICLE XII.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$ 14,625.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Screening Committee?
- ARTICLE XIII.** 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE XIV.** 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 XV.** To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2017, as the date for the 2017 Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?
- ARTICLE XVI.** To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

**Dated at Townshend, this 18th day of January 2016.**

**TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD**

Kathleen Hege

Henry Martin

Irvin Stowell

Robert Wright

Kyle LaPointe