

WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED that voting by Australian ballot will be at Town Hall in Townshend, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. - 7 p.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, 2019 - June 30, 2020 Independent Auditors' Report:

ARTICLE III. To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year:

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 (2) 1 yr terms (1) 1 yr left of 3 yr term |
| Listers: | (1) 3 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 |
| *will be appointed by Select Board | |
| Library Trustees: | (1) 1 yr left of 5 yr term (1) 5 yr term |
| Cemetery Commissioner: | (1) 5 yr term |

ARTICLE V. 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 27, 2021; November 19, 2021; February 25, 2022; and May 27, 2022. 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 May 28, 2022.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$578,351.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which \$324,346.00 to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$702,190.00, for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads of which \$565,852.00 to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$187,000 of surplus Highway Funds to purchase a new 2021 Western Star to replace T1- the 2011 Freightliner that has a \$0 trade value and is not currently road worthy?

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000.00, by taxation, for law enforcement services?

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000.00, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the repair of the stone arch bridge on Back Windham Road contingent upon the successful award of grant funds?

ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$54,422.00, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library?

ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$478.00, by taxation, to increase the Librarian's operating hours?

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 \$1,800.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$14,990.00, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended?

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000.00, by taxation, for the support of SeVEDS as recommended by the Social Services Committee?

ARTICLE XVIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$790.00, by taxation, for the support of Grace Cottage Hospital, as recommended by the Social Services Committee?

ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire land by gift or purchase 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 2022 as the date for the 163rd Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this 26th day of January 2021

Townshend Select Board

On behalf of the Select Board:
Sherwood Lake- Select Board Chair

Steven Frisk
Robert Wright
Irvin Stowell