

WARNING FOR 2020 TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Vernon Town and Vernon Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 02, 2020 in said Town to act upon the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot; beginning with Town Meeting Article 4.

Voting on Town Meeting Article 1, and School District Articles 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot at the Town Office Building (downstairs) on Tuesday, March 03, 2020. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The annual meeting will recess to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) on Wednesday, March 04, 2020 at 6:30 PM to consider any remaining Articles, if necessary.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

- Selectboard – 2 yr Term Christopher Parker
- Selectboard – 3 yr Term Jean Carr
- Town Treasurer – 3 yr Term Cindy Turnley
- Lister – 3 yr Term..... Chad Baldwin
- Town Moderator – 1 yr Term..... Tim Arsenault
- Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 yr Term .. Marylynn Scherlin
- 1st Constable 1 yr TermJesse Jobin
- 2nd Constable 1 yr Term
- Town Agent – 1 yr Term
- Grand Juror – 1 yr Term.....

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Town School District Officers by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District Meeting. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

- School Board – 2 yr Term
- School Board – 3 yr Term Chad Mulverhill
- Town School District Moderator..... Tim Arsenault

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Vernon Town School District authorize the School Board to expend \$6,353,800, which is the amount the Vernon Town School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuring fiscal year? It is determined that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,178.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.8% higher than spending for the current year. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,894,285.00 of which \$1,608,585.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$285,700.00 by estimated income?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$87,453.00 to be raised by taxes for administration of the Vernon Free Library?

ARTICLE 6: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through Town Meeting in March of 2021.

ARTICLE 7: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2022.

ARTICLE 8: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2023.

ARTICLE 9: To elect the Marsh Fund Committee.

ARTICLE 10: To elect a Memorial Day Committee.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$252,923.00 for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan of which \$60,842.00 to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town continue to provide curbside trash collection (Pay-As-You-Throw)?

ARTICLE 13: If the Town votes NO on ARTICLE 12, Shall the voters authorize the town to dissolve the Pay-As-You-Throw Fund and cover negative expenditure from the Solid Waste Fund up to \$8,000.00?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town continue curbside recycling?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$108,000.00 for municipal building refuse, curbside recycling and compost recycling to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$14,518.00 for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters establish an Emergency Repair/Replacement Fund to cover urgent, unbudgeted expenses for the repair or replacement of Town property and/or equipment costing over \$500.00?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Emergency Repair/Replacement Fund”, if established by ARTICLE 17 above?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters eliminate the office of Lister and authorize the Selectboard to contract with or employ a professionally qualified assessor as provided by Title 17 § 2651c of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
(VOTING BY PAPER BALLOT)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the purpose of the Professional Services Fund be amended to include representation of the Town of Vernon on issues relating to utilities “and industrial scale development”?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$100,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Road Upgrading Fund”?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Culvert Fund”?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund”?

ARTICLE 24: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Elderly Assistance Fund”?

ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Vernon Historians for the purpose of records preservation, retention and promotion of history educational initiatives and insurance coverage?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters appropriate \$2000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund a public Fireworks display?

ARTICLE 27: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,250 to be raised by taxes to support Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT and NH?

ARTICLE 28: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Vernon Farmland Protection Fund?

ARTICLE 30: Shall the voters amend the James Cusick Scholarship Requirements which presently reads “Each full time resident recipient shall receive \$1,000.00 (or the amount voted) for two semesters at an institution of higher learning, a certified training center, or a vocational school. If the amount of the appropriation is not sufficient, it shall be divided equally among the students selected.” With “. The number of recipients, and the amount of scholarship provided to each shall be determined based on money available.”?

ARTICLE 31: Shall the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being, September 10, 2020, January 14, 2021 and May 06, 2021?

ARTICLE 32: Shall the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report and Auditor’s Report by “postcard, mailed to all registered voters” at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report and Auditor’s Report as authorized by Vermont Law and 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2)?

ARTICLE 33: To discuss any other non-binding business.

Selectboard:

Joshua D. Unruh, Chair

Sandra Harris, Vice Chair

Jean Carr, Clerk

Jeffrey Dunklee

Christopher Parker