

WARNING – TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Pomfret, Vermont Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. for the following purposes:

(Voting by Australian ballot for Woodstock Union High School budget will be at the Pomfret Town Hall from 9:00 A.M. to the close of the school meeting, then until 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices.)

1. To elect a Town Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To act on reports submitted.
4. Shall the Town of Pomfret vote to increase the membership of the Select Board from three (3) to five (5) members?
5. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d?
6. To elect the following Town officers for the ensuing year:
 - Selectboard Member, 3 year term
 - Selectboard Member, 1 Year Term (Only if Article 4 is approved)
 - Selectboard Member, 1 Year Term (Only if Article 4 is approved)
 - Treasurer, 1 year term
 - Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year term (Only if Article 5 is not approved)
 - Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year term
 - Lister, 3 year term
 - Lister, 2 year term
 - Lister, 1 year term
 - Auditor, 3 year term
 - Grand Juror, 1 year term
 - Town Agent, 1 year term
 - Library Trustee, 3 year term
 - Library Trustee, 3 year term
 - Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term
7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$38,815 for the Abbott Memorial Library.
8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,653 as the town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run The Thompson Senior Center. “The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services.”
9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program. “These programs help keep youth in the WCSU area drug-free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and person growth.”

10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$400 to support the mission of WISE (Women's Information Service), Inc. in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, training to community members and professionals, and prevention education.
11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,950 to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH.
12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$750 to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. "Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and provide them with a safe and drug free environment. The Spectrum Teen Center strives to make youth feel supported, welcomed and included along with giving them a sense of belonging. There is no charge to attend our regularly scheduled program."
13. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, if necessary, for the payment of current expenses of the Town pending receipt of payments of taxes?
14. Shall the Town approve the budget of \$1,358,491 for town and highway expenses as shown in the Town Report?
15. To see what sum the Town will raise in taxes. (The sum of \$ 961,806 as estimated in the Comparative Statement may be altered by actions taken on previous articles.)
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Pomfret require that taxes be paid in U.S. Funds in two installments? The first installment will be due and accepted at the Town of Pomfret Treasurer's Office on or before 2:30 p.m. August 19, 2016 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 2:30 p.m. February 10, 2017. Interest on overdue taxes will be charged at 1% per month. All delinquent taxes will be subject to an 8% penalty after February 11, 2017 in accordance with Vermont Statutes.
17. In consideration of near-term capital expenditures that may range from \$1.5-2.5 million dollars, shall the Town of Pomfret vote to advise the Select Board to create a 3 to 5 person committee with the following responsibilities?
 - A. Develop a combined capital plan for projected expenditures from FY17 through FY24 that includes expenditures for highway, emergency services and town infrastructure & buildings.
 - B. Create a detailed capital funding strategy that relies on a variety of funding sources, e.g., grants, financing and reserve accounts.
 - C. Recommend to the Select Board the three best options to fund the Town's future capital expenditures on an annual basis.
18. To do any other proper and necessary business.

Dated at Pomfret Vermont this 28th day of January, 2016

Philip Dechert, Chair
Michael Reese
Eric Chase