

Notice to Voters

The legal voters of the Town of Warren are hereby notified that the deadline for registration to vote for the below warned meeting shall be Wednesday February 23, 2011 at 5 PM. Legal voters of the Town of Warren may request absentee ballots for Australian ballot at the Town Clerk's office on Monday February 28, 2011 until 5 PM. An authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

WARNING and MINUTES FOR TOWN MEETING 2011

Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Robert Messner. Mr. Messner recessed the Town Meeting until after the conclusion of the 2011 Warren Town School District Annual Meeting. Town Meeting was reconvened at 9:15 AM.

The residents of the Town of Warren who are legal voters in the town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Warren Elementary School in the Town of Warren on Tuesday, **March 1, 2011 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon** to act upon the following matters:

Note: Town Meeting will be called to order at **8 AM** and immediately adjourn until after the completion of the Warren School District Meeting, at which time Town Meeting will reconvene.

Article 1. To review and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2010?

Article 1 was moved and seconded; the floor was opened for discussion. Discussion included the removal of gravel from the Access Road project, town property assessments and CLA, explanation of the Cemetery Report. Motion made and seconded to approve the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2010. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 2. Shall the Town vote a budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town including the capital expenditures and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Andrew Cunningham moved that the voters approve a budget in the amount of 2,536,199 and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. Motion seconded. Discussions included cost of Health Care and benefits, Lister's commended on reducing their budget, constables, Department of Public Works, possibility of shoveling fire hydrants, East Warren School and the Capital Budget. With discussion ended motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to approve an increase from \$10,000 to \$40,000 of appraised value in the property tax exemption available for a veteran of any war or a veteran who has received an American Expedition Medal, his or her spouse, widow, widower or child, or jointly by them, if one or more of them are receiving disability compensation for at least 50% disability, death compensation, dependence and indemnity compensation, or pension for disability paid through any military department or the veterans administration, all as authorized by 32 V.S.A. 3802?

Article 3 was moved and seconded, after brief explanation motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to create a new capital Reserve Fund called "Warren Cemetery" and allocate \$7000 for 2011?

Michele Eid of the Warren Cemetery Commission addressed the meeting and explained the scope of ongoing work that will be needed on the cemeteries and necessity of creating this fund. Motion made and seconded to approve Article 4 as printed. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation; business personal property with a depreciated value of less than \$5000 as defined in State Statutes Title 32 V.S.A 3849?

Ken Blair of the Board of Lister's addressed the meeting and explained the purpose of this article was to reduce the mailing of minuet tax bill, many under a \$1.00. Motion was made to amend the article to add the word "total" which would read "Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation; business personal property with a total depreciated value of less than \$5000 as defined in State Statutes Title 32 V.S.A 3849? Motion to amend was made and seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative. Motion to approve Article 5 as amended was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 6. Shall the Town allocate \$10,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2011? To be used for land conservation projects as stated in the Town of Warren Conservation Commission & Conservation Reserve Fund Charter dated April 24, 2007?

George Schenk and Catrin Noel of the Warren Conservation Commission addressed the meeting and explained past activities. Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 6. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to fund the Sugarbush Access Road repaving project which consists of an 8/10 mile starting in the vicinity of Gold Hill Road and ending near Wheeler Brook, for a sum not to exceed \$375,000?

Robert Ackland of the Warren Select Board lead the meeting through a presentation of the present conditions of roads in the town and the board's plan to repave the Sugarbush Access Road in phases. Motion made and seconded to approve Article 7. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 8. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for that purpose?

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 8. Motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 9. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 9. Motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to increase the term of First and Second Constables from a 1 year term to a 2 year term to take effect in 2011.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 10. Motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 11. Shall the Town have its taxes of real and personal property paid in installments, and set the dates, and to see whether payments shall be with or without discounts, and set the amount thereof?

After a discussion with State Representative Adam Greshin concerning the fact that the State of Vermont may, at some point, be collecting the taxes on the Education Tax, motion was made and seconded to have taxes paid "the same as last year" which is, billed on July 10th, due on August 10th and not delinquent until November 10th, no installments and no discounts. Motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 12. Shall the Town Vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren Elementary School?

Tim Seniff question why this money is always given to the Warren Elementary School and proposed that the money would be better spent on the Sugarbush Access Road Paving project. Moderator ruled the amendment not germane at this point in the meeting. Motion made and seconded to approve Article 11 as printed. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 13. Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town?

Butch Hartshorn voices his disapproval about the Select Board being able to purchase land without the vote of the Town. He proposed an amendment that would read "Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town? Motion was seconded. Motion was defeated by a voice vote in the negative.

Article 12 was moved as printed, motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 14. Shall the town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Warren Elementary School?

After two failed amendment proposals, Article 14 was moved and seconded as "The 2012 Town meeting will begin at 8 AM, at which time it will be recessed until after the completion of the Warren Town School District meeting." Approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 15. The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

1. Election of all Town and School Officers required by law.
- 2.

MODERATOR	TOTALS
ROBERT MESSNER	238
Mac Rood	2
Jim Jones	0
Norton John	1
Rudy Elliott	1
Total Write Ins	4
Blank	21
Spoiled	2
Total	265

SELECTMAN 3 YR	
ANSON MONTGOMERY	228
Jim Jones	1
Ted DeFreest	1
Ted LaRock	2
Charlie Snow	1
Rudy Elliott	1
Lenord Robinson	1
Total Write Ins	7
Blank	30
Spoiled	0
Total	265

SELECTMEN 2 YR	
KIRSTEN REILLY	215
Jim Jones	1
Susan Hemmeter	3
Liz Raddock	1
Ted DeFreest	1
John Goss	1

Bob Meany	1
Rudy Elliott	2
Charlie Snow	1
Lenord Robinson	1
Sue Carter	1
Rebecca Peatman	1
Nick Morehouse	1
Mike Brodeur	1
Total Write Ins	16
Blank	31
Spoiled	3
Total	265

SELECTMEN 1 YR

ROBERT ACKLAND	217
Jim Jones	1
Rudy Elliott	3
Randy Taplin	1
Ted DeFreest	1
Ken Friedman	1
George Schenk	1
Richard Travers	1
Rocky Blier	1
Wayne Kathan	2
Sheldon Foley	1
Total Write Ins	13
Blank	35
Spoiled	0
Total	265

AUDITOR

PAM SKOWRONSKI	232
	0
Ted DeFreest	1
Total Write Ins	1
Blank	32
Spoiled	0
Total	265

TOWN CLERK

RETA GOSS	256
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	0
Blank	9
Spoiled	0
Total	265

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC

ELAINE FULLER	247
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	0
Blank	17
Spoiled	1
Total	265

LISTER

ROBERT CUMMISKEY	229
Ted DeFreest	1
Priscilla Robinson	1
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	2
Blank	34
Spoiled	0
Total	265

DELINQUENT TAX

RETA GOSS	254
Rudy Elliott	1
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	1
Blank	9
Spoiled	1
Total	265

1ST CONSTABLE

EUGENE BIFANO	208
Jim Jones	1
Ted DeFreest	1
Bill Peatman	1
Jeff Campbell	1
Chris Behn	1
Total Write Ins	5
Blank	52
Spoiled	0
Total	265

2ND CONSTABLE

JEFF CAMPBELL	215
Jim Jones	1

Arthur Bennett	1
Arnold Livingston	1
Tom Weston	1
Ted LaRock	1
Randy Taplin	1
Barry Simpson	2
Bill Maclay	1
Wayne Kathan	3
Chris Kathan	1
Ray Montgomery	1
Priscilla Robinson	1
Cindi Jones	1
Nick Morehouse	2
Sheldon Foley	1
Jack Jones	1
Total Write Ins	28
Blank	234
Spoiled	2
Total	265

TREASURER

ELAINE FULLER	243
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	0
Blank	21
Spoiled	1
Total	265

CEMETERY 5 YR

JOHN GOSS	165
MARILYN MILLER	70
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	0
Blank	25
Spoiled	5
Total	265

CEMETERY 4 OF 5

CINDI JONES	218
Sue Carter	3
Marilyn Miller	2
John Goss	1
Darryl Mayes	1
Total Write Ins	7
Blank	38

Spoiled	2
Total	265

SCHOOL TREASURER

ELAINE FULLER	243
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	2
Blank	18
Spoiled	2
Total	265

SCHOOL DIRECTOR 3 YR

APRIL SMITH	217
Anson Montgomery	1
Liz Raddock	1
Ted DeFreest	1
Colleen Mays	1
Maria Burfoot	1
Total Write Ins	5
Blank	42
Spoiled	1
Total	265

SCHOOL DIRECTOR 2 YR

ADAM GRESHIN	234
Charlie Snow	1
	0
	0
Total Write Ins	1
Blank	28
Spoiled	2
Total	265

SCHOOL MOD

MAC ROOD	239
Jim Jones	1
Ted DeFreest	1
William Bauer	1
Deb Wetmore	2
Adam Greshin	1
Total Write Ins	6
Blank	20
Spoiled	0

Total 265

LIBRARY COMM 3 YR

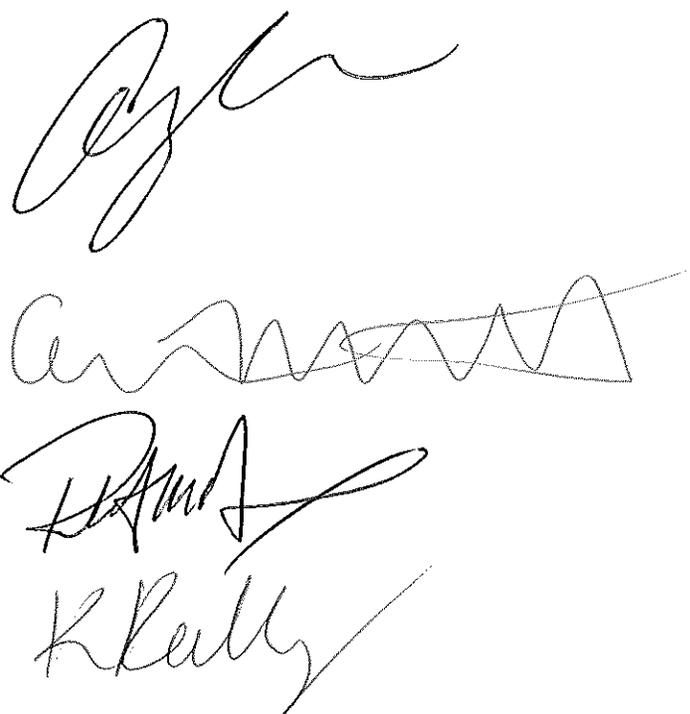
DAVID ELLISON 229
Jim Jones 0
Patty Kauffman 1
Ted DeFreest 1
Pam Lerner 1
Rudy Elliott 1
Total Write Ins 8
Blank 28
Spoiled 0
Total 265

LIBRARY COMM 3 YR

DEB WETMORE 234
0
0
0
Total Write Ins 0
Blank 31
Spoiled 0
Total 265

CEMETERY 2 OF 5

RUDY ELLIOTT 195
John Goss 2
Doug Ricketts 1
Marilyn Miller 2
Bill Maclay 1
Total Write Ins 6
Blank 62
Spoiled 2
Total 265



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Article 16. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Late delivery of the Town Reports was discussed. Select Board was asked to include proposed articles in the Town Budget showing the percentage of increase. Motion to adjourn the 2011 Warren Town Meeting was made and seconded. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.