

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 25, 2009 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 March 2, 2009 until 5 PM. An authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

**WARNING
FOR TOWN MEETING 2009**

The 2009 Warren Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Robert Messner at 9:05 AM on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. Mr. Messner reviewed procedures and Roberts Rules then he proceeded to read the warning.

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 3, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following matters:

Article 1. To review and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2008.

Mr. Messner lead a review of the reports of the Town Officers, questions raised and discussed included Lister's Fund, which was addressed later in the meeting, Zoning Administrators Report, request for a 3 or 4 year history to enable trend comparisons, along with discussion of zoning fee's.

Question was called, motion seconded. Article 1 was passed by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 2. Shall the Town of Warren allocate \$20,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2009?

Moderator, Robert Messner stepped down to give comment and passed his duties to Select Board chairman, Burt Bauchner. Discussion included the voter's questioning the use of funds in the past and future plans. Conservation Commission members explained their programs and process for selecting properties.

Pam Lerner moved that the \$20,000 be reduced to \$3,000. Motion seconded. Amendment defeated by a voice vote.

Motion made to move Article 2 as warned. Motion seconded. Show of hands vote inconclusive, Clerk called for a paper ballot. 85 No 65 Yes.

Win Smith pledged \$10,000 and urged voters to match. Mr. Smith also requested that the Conservation Commission allocation be included in next year's budget.

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to transfer \$150,000 from the Town Reappraisal Capital fund into the Highway Department Equipment Capital Fund to aid in the funding of a new town truck?

Mr. Messner returned to the stage and resumed as Moderator. Lister, Ken Blair answered questions and explained that the fund is \$281,000 with \$10,000 to be added at this meeting. The Board of Lister's anticipate necessary spending from this account for court costs for tax appeals and hiring outside help and consultants to finish reappraisal and continuing to keep the value of the ski area current.

Discussion turned to purchase of town truck, purchase new vs used and the reduction of the road crew work force and the need for another truck.

George Hall moved that the article be amended from \$150,000 to \$75,000. Motion seconded. After further discussion the amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

The motion was made to call the question on Article 3 and seconded. Article 3 was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Meeting was recessed for a presentation by Representative Adam Greshin.

Article 4. 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?

Select board Chairman, Burt Bauchner made the motion to accept the Town budget of \$2,001,262. Motion seconded.

Discussion of the employees lack of raises, Jeff Fuller moved to amend the budget \$7 – 10, 000 to allow for the town employees to receive raises. Motion seconded. After discussion the amendment was defeated by a voice vote.

Discussion continued, request to have the Department of Public Works appear in its own category, discussion of the Highway Budget, 4 workers vs 5 workers, Park Maintenance, and plowing of Blue Berry Lake RD. Constable Budget, reimbursing Mr. Peatman for gas

and expenses, Fire Department, increase in volunteer 31 current members, need for turn out gear and communication devices.

Question was called and a motion made to approve Article 4, budget of \$2,001,262.00. Motion seconded and article approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 5. 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?

Question was called and seconded. Article 5 was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 6. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

Question was called and seconded. Article 6 was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 7. 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?

Question was called and seconded. Motion made to have the taxes paid "same as last year". Because last year was the reappraisal year the dates were extended. Motion amended to read "Billed July 10, Due August 10, Delinquent after Nov 10 with no discount. Motion seconded.

Priscilla Robinson reminded everyone that if the Grand List is not ready these dates might change because of an extension of time in filing the Grand List.

Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 8. Shall the Town Vote its Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren Elementary School?

Question was called and seconded, after a discussion the Motion was made and seconded. Article 8 was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 9. Shall the Town empower the Select Board to accept any land if given to the Town or to purchase any land within the Town?

**Question moved and seconded. Motion was made and seconded.
Article 9 was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.**

Article 10. Shall the town vote to exempt alternate non fossil energy sources, as defined herein, from real and personal property taxation? For the purpose of this article, alternate energy sources include any plant, structure, or facility used for the generation of electricity or the production of thermal energy used on the premises for private, domestic or agricultural purposes, no part of which may be for sale to the public. The term shall include grist mills, windmills and wind turbines, facilities for the collection of solar energy (including photovoltaic and domestic hot water production), or the conversion of organic matter to methane, net metering systems regulated by the Public Service Board under 30 VSA 219a, combined heat and power, geothermal, and all component parts thereof including land upon which the facility is located, not to exceed one-half acre. Such exemption shall first be applicable against the grand list of the year in which the votes is taken and shall continue until voted otherwise by the town.

After discussion and statements by several voters, and explanation from Lister, Priscilla Robinson. Motion was made and seconded to “Pass Over” Article 10. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 11. Shall the voters of the town of Warren request the Vermont legislature to:

1. Recognize that the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant will reach the end of its 40 year design life when its operating license expires in March 2012. Given the recent increased incidence of accidents at Vermont Yankee posing safety risks to workers and surrounding communities, ensure that Vermont Yankee will cease operation in March 2012 by not granting approval for operation of the plant after that date;
2. Recognize that the power presently provided by Vermont Yankee can be replaced with a combination of local, safe renewable electricity and efficiency measures, along with the purchase of hydroelectric generation, and excess power already available in the New England electricity market;
3. Require the Entergy Corporation of Louisiana to fully fund the plant's clean-up and decommissioning when the reactor closes, as Entergy pledged to do when it purchased Vermont Yankee in 2002.

After much discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve Article 11. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 12. The following items will be voted on by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

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

Moderator	
MESSNER	249
WRITE IN	0
John Norton	1
Mac Rood	2
Sandra Brodeur	1
Jim Jones	1
Dave Sellers	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	24
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280

SELECTMEN	0
3YR	0
GROOM	231
WRITE IN	0
John Goss	1
Liz First	1
Charles Snow	1
Ted LaRock	1
Jim Parker	1
Chris Salinger	1
Robert Meany	4
Dottie Kyle	1
Rudy Elliott	3
Dave DeFrest	1
Carl Bates	1
Butch	
Hartshorn	1
Ken Friedman	1
Jim Jones	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	28
SPOILED	2
TOTAL	280

SELECTMEN	0
2YR	0
REILLY	227
WRITE IN	0
Rudy Elliot	2
Barry Simpson	1
Ted DeFreest	1
Robert Meany	2
Ellen Strauss	1
Ted LaRock	1

Charles Snow	1
Wayne Kathan	2
Nick	
Morehouse	1
Jim Parker	2
Jim Jones	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	35
SPOILED	3
TOTAL	280

LISTER	0
BLAIR	257
WRITE IN	0
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	21
SPOILED	2
TOTAL	280

AUDITOR	0
WRITE IN	0
Michele Eid	4
Chris Salanger	1
Reta Goss	1
Wendy Brauer	1
George Schenk	1
Jerome Long	1
DavidEllison	1
Pam	
Skowronski	2
Tom Eid	1
Cindi Jones	1
David DeFreest	1
Jim Jones	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	258
SPOILED	6
TOTAL	280

TOWN CLERK	0
GOSS	270
WRITE IN	0
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	9
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280

TRUSTEE	0
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OF PUBLIC	0
FULLER	264
WRITE IN	0
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	14
SPOILED	2
TOTAL	280

DELINQUENT	0
GOSS	262
WRITE IN	0
Gary Bombard	1
Sandra Brodeur	1
Becky Peatman	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	14
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280

1ST CONST	0
WRITE IN	0
Bob Kaufman	1
Bill Peatman	5
Carl Bates	3
John Lonsdale	2
Wayne Kathan	1
Arnold	
Livingston	1
Rudy Elliott	1
Mark Koenig	1
Kinny Perot	1
John Phelon	1
Chris Kathan	1
Gene Bifano	1
Ted LaRock	1
John Connell	1
Mike Brodeur	2
Gary Bombard	1
Ken Friedman	1
Steve Butcher	1
Dean	
Auslander	1
Robert Rosen	1
Jim Jones	1
Gail Hietzker	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
Blank	240
SPOILED	10

TOTAL	280
	280
2ND CONST	0
PEATMAN	229
WRITE IN	0
Gene Bifano	1
Jeff Campbell	1
Norris Weston	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	46
SPOILED	2
TOTAL	280
	280
TOWN AGENT	0
WRITE IN	0
Maria Burfoot	1
Wayne Kathan	8
Jack Lonsdale	1
Mark Koenig	1
Jim Jones	1
Lenord	
Robinson	1
Jim Sanford	1
WRITE IN	0
BLANK	264
SPOILED	2
TOTAL	280
	280
GRAND	0
JUROR	0
WRITE IN	0
L. Austin	1
Eric Moffroid	3
Adam Greshin	1
Mac Rood	1
Eric Moffroid	1
Liz First	1
Wayne Kathan	5
Rudy Elliott	1
Mark Koenig	1
Kinny Perot	1
Ted LaRock	1
George Hall	1
Ken Friedman	1
Jim Groom	1
Pierre Moffroid	4
Mike Brodeur	1
Jim Jones	2
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0

BLANK	250
SPOILED	3
TOTAL	280
	280
TREASURER	0
FULLER	255
WRITE IN	0
Becky Peatman	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	23
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280
	280
CEM COM	0
SNOW	232
WRITE IN	0
John Roth	1
Ken Greenslit	2
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	44
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280
	280
SCHOOL	0
TREASURER	0
FULLER	258
WRITE IN	0
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	20
SPOILED	2
TOTAL	280
	280
SCHOOL	0
DIRECTOR	0
3YR	0
ROSEN	240
WRITE IN	0
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	39
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280
	280
SCHOOL	0
DIRECTOR	0
2YR	0
KETCHEL	238
WRITE IN	0

Jim Jones	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	40
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280
	280
SCHOOL	0
MOD	0
ROOD	258
WRITE IN	0
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	21
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280
	280
LIBARAY	0
LOBEL	235
WRITE IN	0
Barb Mitchell	1
Fran Plewak	1
Dorothy Todd	1
Jim Sanford	1
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	0
BLANK	40
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	280
	280
HARWOOD	0
GOW	256
WRITE IN	0
Blank	23
TOTAL WRITE	
IN	1
SPOILED	0
TOTAL	280
	280
CEMETERY	0
WRITE IN	0
Rudy Elliott	2
Marg Forbes	1
John Roth	2
Dan Storey	6
Carol Miner	2
Bob Kaufman	1
Wayne Kathan	1
Ken Greenslit	3
Marc Koenig	1
Sue Carter	1

Mary Gow	1
Craig Klofalch	1
Dave Ellison	1
Jim Jones	1
Rachael McCuin	1
TOTAL WRITE IN	0
BLANK	250
SPOILED	5
TOTAL	280

HARWOOD VOTE: 1239 Yes 923 NO

Article 13. Shall the town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Warren Elementary School?

After discussion, Motion was made and seconded to "start Town Meeting at 9:00 am and then recess into the Warren School meeting, start Town Meeting after completion of school meeting". Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 14. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting?

Request to have a single page spending summary on Town, School and Harwood, Floor vote for Select Board members and Budget print was too small.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting at 2:10 pm.

Submitted March 6, 2009 for review.
Reta Goss

Signed by Warren Select Board March 10, 2009

The image shows five handwritten signatures in black ink, stacked vertically. The signatures are cursive and appear to be of the following individuals: 1. A signature that looks like 'D. Bayh'. 2. A signature that looks like 'R. Goss'. 3. A signature that looks like 'Eric Russell'. 4. A signature that looks like 'M. C. G...'. 5. A signature that looks like 'J. Kelly'.