

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 27, 2013 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 4, 2013 until 5 PM. An authorized person may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an absentee voter.

WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING 2013

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 5, 2013 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon** to act upon the following matters: Note: Town Meeting will be called to order at **8 o'clock in the forenoon** and immediately adjourn until after the completion of the Warren School District Meeting, at which time Town Meeting will reconvene.

Town meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Robert Messner and recessed until after the conclusion of the Warren Elementary School Meeting. Kirsten Reilly was thanked for her 6 years of service. The meeting was reconvened and floor was turned over to Representative Adam Greshin who gave us an overview of the activity in the Vermont Legislature.

Article 1. To review and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2013?

Andy Cunningham reviewed the Select board report, stating that this has been a year of recovery. Flooding projects have for the most part been completed and most of the money has been received. Rudy Elliott urged the board to use quality contractors for future work. Kirsten Reilly conducted a power point presentation on the Warren sidewalk and Safe Routes to School. Select board stated that no action would be taken without the taxpayers input. Question was asked as to the present cost of the Carter lawsuit, estimated at \$5000 to date. Correction was noted that Norris "Fat" Weston had served on the Fire Department for 65 years not the 55 years that was printed in the report. Mac Rood moved to accept the reports of the Town Officers. Motion seconded and Article 1 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?

Bob Ackland moved that the Town approve a sum of \$3,868,956. Motion seconded. Bob conducted a power point presentation reviewing the budgets and expenses and gave overview of the two major highway projects on West Hill and Inferno Road. Rachel McCuin questioned the computer expense; Anson Montgomery explained that the server is in need of replacement. A discussion with explanation was conducted as to the increase in benefits for town employees. Doug Bergstein of the Mad River Recreation District stated that the budget had been reduced for the District and Warren's share had been reduced from \$16,000 to \$12,500 so he made a motion to reduce the Town's budget by \$3,500. Motion seconded and amendment approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Mac Rood lead a discussion on the fate of the Warren Dam, appears that the State of Vermont agencies will neither grant permits to repair or remove the dam. So the dam will deteriorate and go out in its own time. Also discussion on the possible work needed to improve the water flow under the covered bridge. Discussion on a line item in the Capital Budget of \$30,000 for reappraisal, Warren has a CLA of 104%, reappraisal does not appear to be necessary in the near

future, and Sandra Brodeur moved to remove the \$30,000 from the Capital Budget for reappraisal. Motion seconded and amendment approved by a voice vote in the affirmative. Motion was made and seconded that the Town of Warren approve a budget as amended in the amount of \$3,835,456. Motion was approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 3. 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?

Mac Rood moved to approve Article 3, motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 4. Shall the Town vote its current taxes into the hands of the Town Treasurer?

Mac Rood moved to approve Article 4, motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to allocate \$10,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for use on conservation projects as specified in the Warren Conservation Commission and Conservation Reserve Fund Charter?

Conservation Commission members Damon Reed and Kate Warner made presentation to the audience. Michael Barker moved to approve Article 5, motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 6. 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?

Mac Rood moved to approve Article 6, motion seconded. Reta Goss moved to amend article to include due dates as being billed on July 10th, due on August 10th and not delinquent until November 10th without discounts. Motion to amend seconded and approved by a voice vote. Motion made and seconded to approve Article 6 as amended, motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 7. Shall the Town vote the additional expenditure of \$1000 to Mad River Valley Television, or MRVTV, the local public access station operating Channels 44 and 45 on Waitsfield Cable? This would supplement the \$2000 already allocated and support the increased coverage and availability online of municipal and school board meetings.

Dan Eckstein spoke to the activities and programming of Channels 44 and 45. This article will increase the yearly budget from the yearly request of \$2000 to \$3000. Michael Barker moved to approve Article 7, motion seconded and 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?

Mac Rood moved that the Green Mountain National Forest money go to the Warren Elementary School. Questions asked as to why the money historically goes to school; Michael Ketchel explained with the inception of act 60/68 the money going to the school actually saved the tax payer money. Tim Sentiff feels that the school should not automatically assume the money will

go to them and maybe it would be better used in another location. Motion seconded and 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?

Butch Hartshorn voiced his opposition to the Select board being able to purchase property without the approval of the voters.

Bob Ackland moved to approve Article 9, motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Warren instruct the Select Board to enact the following resolution to protect citizen health and safety, water bodies, and other natural resources, in relation to tar sands oil transportation through Vermont?

BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Town express its opposition to the transport of tar sands oil through Vermont, and its deep concern about the risks of such transport for public health and safety, property values, and our natural resources; and**
- 2. That the Town encourage the State of Vermont and other northeast states to support the policies phasing out fuel purchases as quickly as possible from vendors whose refinery sources of origin use any form of tar sands; and**
- 3. That the Town call upon the Vermont State Legislature and the U.S. Congress to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands-related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills; and**
- 4. That the Town transmit a copy of this resolution to all relevant state, federal and Canadian officials, and CEO's of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, Montreal Pope Line Limited, Imperial Oil, ExxonMobil, and Enbridge Inc.**

Clint Coleman moved to approve Article 10 and spoke to the meeting as to the issues and dangers of tar sands. Motion seconded and approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 11. Shall the town vote to start next year's Town Meeting at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Warren Elementary School?

Mac Rood moved that we start next year's Town Meeting at 8:00 am and immediately recess until after the completion of the Warren Elementary School meeting. Motion seconded and 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 5, 2013.

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

Moderator		GRAND	
MESSNER	212	JUROR	
WRITE IN		WRITE IN	
Jim Jones	1	Dotty Kyle	1
Mack Rood	2	Wayne Kathan	5
		Ted LaRock	1
SELECTMEN		Jim Jones	1
2YR		Helly Hietzker	1

MAYS	165	Jeff Campbell	1
WRITE IN		Greg Moffiod	3
Wendy Cox	1	John Goss	1
Tom Weston	1	Dave Sellers	2
Liz Raddock	2	Bobbi Rood	1
Kirsten Reilley	1	Sandra Brodeur	1
Greg Moffroid	1	Tom Theokien	1
Sheldon Foley	1	Gene Bifano	1
Gregg Platt	1	Ellen Strauss	1
John Goss	2	Todd Lavitt	1
Gene Bifano	1	Adam Greshin	1
Jim Jones	1		
Charlie Snow	1		
Michael Brodeur	1	TREASURER	
Jack Moseley	1	FULLER	218
Robert Meneay	1	WRITE IN	
		Priscilla	
Mac Rood	1	Robinson	1
Tim Seniff	1		
Hardy Merrill	1	CEM COM	
Grace Mayer	1	ELLIOTT	191
		WRITE IN	
SELECTMEN		Darryl Mays	1
3YR		Marilyn Miller	1
CUNNINGHAM	207	Reta Goss	1
WRITE IN		Charlie Snow	1
Jim Jones	1	Sue Carter	1
John Goss	1		
Robert Meneay	1	SCHOOL	
John Rubenstein	1	TREASURER	
		FULLER	220
LISTER			
BRODEUR	217	SCHOOL	
WRITE IN		DIRECTOR	
Rudy Elliot	1	3YR	
		ROBINSON	214
TOWN CLERK		WRITE IN	
GOSS	224	Bobbi Rood	1
WRITE IN		Sue Drekter	1
Tom Shive	1		
		SCHOOL	
DELINQUENT		DIRECTOR	
GOSS	222	2YR	
WRITE IN		GRESHIN	209
Jeff Lynn	1	WRITE IN	
Pirscilla Robison	1	Sue Drekter	1
		Jim Jones	1
TRUSTEE		Michael Brodeur	1
OF PUBLIC		Bobbi Rood	1
FULLER	220		
		SCHOOL	
TOWN AGENT		MOD	

WRITE IN		ROOD	196
Wayne Kathan	11	WRITE IN	
Mac Rood	1		
Alex Maclay	1	LIBARAY	
John Goss	2	KAUFMANN	195
Cindy Jones	1		
Colleen Mays	1		
Jim Jones	1		
Barry Simpson	1		
Pierre Moffoid	1		
Reta Goss	1		
Charlotte			
Robinson	1		
Karen Ware	1		
Hugh McGowen	1		
Tom Theokien	1		
Darryl Mays	1		
Dave Sellers	1		
Allen Adonis	1		
Nick Morehouse	1		
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Tom Weston	1	Dave Sellers	2
Liz Raddock	2	Bobbi Rood	1
Kirsten Reilley	1	Sandra Brodeur	1
Greg Moffroid	1	Tom Theokien	1
Sheldon Foley	1	Gene Bifano	1
Gregg Platt	1	Ellen Strauss	1
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Robinson	1		
Karen Ware	1		
Hugh McGowen	1		
Tom Theokien	1		
Darryl Mays	1		
Dave Sellers	1		
Allen Adonis	1		
Nick Morehouse	1		

Article 13. Shall the Town of Warren vote to cease mailing Town Reports to each house hold and instead provide notice in the newspaper of record that the Town Report is available and

mail one to households of voters who voted at the polls on the last Town Meeting, those unable to attend Town Meeting may request and be mailed one, or copies may be picked up at the Warren Municipal Building, the entire report will also be published in full on the Town of Warren web site www.warrenvt.org?

Reta Goss spoke to this article stating that each Town Report now costs \$6.50 to print and mail to each household, by creating a mailing list the number of copied printed count be reduced and those who prefer to view the report from the web page could have their names removed. Motion was made and seconded to have the Town Report printed on recycled paper. Amendment carried with a show of hands vote 29 yes/ 28 no.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Article 13 as amended. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative.

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

Dorothy Todd introduced the idea of somehow recognizing the births and deaths because they are no longer listed in the Town Report.

Dotty Kyle spoke about the PACE energy program.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the 2013 Warren Town Meeting. Motion approved by a voice vote in the affirmative. 12:40PM

Andrew Cunningham
Matt Groom
Anson Montgomery
Robert Ackland

