

W A R N I N G
for the
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
of the
TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, VERMONT

MARCH 6, 2018

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING

The inhabitants of the Town of Morristown, who are legal voters in Town Meeting of said Morristown, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Annual Town Meeting at the Municipal Offices, (Tegu Building) 43 Portland Street in Morristown, Vermont on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at eight o'clock (8:00 am) in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect Selectboard Members of the Town of Morristown:
1 for a term of three (3) years
1 for a term of two (2) years
1 for a term of one (1) year (unexpired term)

ARTICLE 2: Shall notes or bonds of the Town of Morristown in an amount not to exceed Three-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be borrowed for a period not to exceed Seven Years, be authorized for the purpose of financing the cost of purchasing Town Fire Fighting Equipment, viz:

The purchase of a used Rescue Fire Truck.

ARTICLE 3: Shall notes or bonds of the Town of Morristown in an amount not to exceed Two-Hundred and Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to be borrowed for a period not to exceed Five Years, be authorized for the purpose of financing the cost of purchasing Town Emergency Medical Services Equipment, viz:

The purchase of a new Ambulance, Stryker Stretcher and Stair Chair.

Notice is hereby given that the ballot box for such election of the Town shall open at eight o'clock (8:00 am) in the forenoon on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 and will close at seven o'clock (7:00 pm) in the evening.

The legal voters of the Town of Morristown are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The legal voters of the Town of Morristown are further notified that a public hearing regarding Article 2 and Article 3 will be held at the Municipal Offices, Tegu Building, 43 Portland Street, in the Community Meeting Room, in the Town of Morristown on Monday, February 26, 2018 at six-thirty o'clock (6:30 pm) in the evening.

TRADITIONAL TOWN MEETING

The inhabitants of the Town of Morristown, who are legal voters in Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet in Annual Town Meeting at the Copley Memorial Gymnasium, Copley Avenue in said Morristown, Vermont on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at nine o'clock (9:00 am) in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, to act on the following articles of business:

ARTICLE 4: To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: Will the Town vote to provide notice of the availability of the Town Report to the voters and residents of the Town in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2)? The notice of availability will be made public by posting notice at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Web Site, and Newspaper or by mail upon request.

ARTICLE 6: In Town Meeting, to elect all Town Officers required by law except for those officers to be elected by Australian Ballot under Article 1 above:

| <u>One (1) Year</u> | <u>Three (3) Year</u> | <u>Five (5) Year</u> |
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| First Constable | Trustee of Public Funds | Library Trustee |
| Second Constable | Lister (Ballot) | Library Trustee |
| Grand Juror | | |
| Town Agent to Convey Real Estate | | |
| Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Cases | | |

ARTICLE 7: Will the Town vote to act upon the reports of the several Town officers and those presented for the 2018 Town Meeting and to reaffirm the reports and action taken at the 2017 Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to pay members of the Selectboard a salary, and if so, in what amount?

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish a Reserve Fund for utilizing the surplus or money left over in the highway or municipal funds and authorize the Selectboard to spend said funds for defraying future Town expenses?

ARTICLE 10: Will the Town vote real and personal property taxes to be paid to the Treasurer in two equal installments; with delinquent taxes and assessments having charged against them an eight percent penalty after the second installment and interest charges of one percent per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, 1 1/2% per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month. (32 V.S.A. § 5136) Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the due dates. Postmarks are NOT accepted. Per its Delinquent Tax Policy and Vermont Statutes (32 V.S.A. § 5252), the Town will immediately begin legal proceedings by turning all outstanding account balances over to an attorney for collection.

First installment to be paid on or before November 15, 2018

Second installment to be paid on or before May 15, 2019

ARTICLE 11: Will the Town vote to authorize the total expenditure of \$6,199,916 for the operation of the Town, with the total of \$5,233,396 to be raised by taxes:

The Selectboard's Budget defines the total expenditures as follows:

| Purpose | Estimated Total Budget | Estimated Revenue | Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxes |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| General Government Operations | \$ 1,943,734 | \$ 518,520 | \$ 1,425,214 |
| Police Department | 1,335,098 | 16,500 | 1,318,598 |
| Fire Department | 363,127 | - | 363,127 |
| EMS Department | 537,807 | 220,600 | 317,207 |
| Highway Department | 1,830,150 | 210,900 | 1,619,250 |
| Paving | 190,000 | - | 190,000 |
| TOTALS | \$ 6,199,916 | \$ 966,520 | \$ 5,233,396 |

ARTICLE 12: Will the Town vote to raise taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List to be dedicated to a Morristown Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 13: Will the Town vote to raise taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List to be dedicated to a Morristown Highway Department Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 14: Will the Town vote to raise taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List to be dedicated to the Noyes House Museum Repair and Maintenance Fund?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for a period not to exceed Five Years, for the purpose of financing the cost of construction of seasonal bathrooms at the Oxbow Park?

ARTICLE 16: Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$97,969 for the following purposes:

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| \$ 2,900 | Central VT Adult Basic Education (CVABE) |
| 900 | Capstone Community Action |
| 2,500 | Central VT Council on Aging (CVCOA) |
| 1,750 | Clarina Howard Nichols Center |
| 5,763 | Green Mountain Transit |
| 1,000 | Justice for Dogs |
| 15,681 | Lamoille Home Health and Hospice |
| 2,500 | Lamoille County Civic Association |
| 5,000 | Lamoille County Food Share |
| 3,900 | Lamoille County Mental Health/Community Connections |
| 12,000 | Lamoille County Youth Center (Youth Rocks) |
| 4,000 | Lamoille Day Health Services |
| 4,000 | Lamoille Economic Development Council (LEDC) |
| 3,000 | Lamoille Family Center |
| 1,000 | Lamoille Housing Partnership |
| 1,500 | Lamoille Restorative Center |
| 3,375 | Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit |
| 10,000 | Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County |
| 1,000 | North Country Animal League (NCAL) |
| 5,200 | RCT (Rural Community Transportation) |
| 1,000 | Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) |
| 10,000 | River Arts |

\$97,969 **TOTAL**

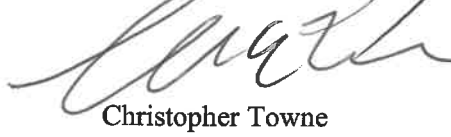
ARTICLE 17: To do any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

Dated at Morrystown this 29th day of January 2018.


Brian C. Kellogg


Yvette Mason


Eric Dodge


Christopher Towne


Bob Beeman

SELECTBOARD
Town of Morrystown, VT

Attest: 

Sara Haskins
Town Clerk of Morrystown, VT
Received, filed and recorded this 30th day of January 2018