

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

MARCH 5, 2019

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 5, 2019 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

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Voters approve a non-binding resolution to change the official name of the Town of Morristown to the Town of Morrisville?

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 5, 2019 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.

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 5, 2019 at nine o'clock (9:00 am) in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, to act on the following articles of business:

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4: 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:

One (1) Year

First Constable

Second Constable

Grand Juror

Town Agent to Convey Real Estate

Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Cases

Three (3) Year

Trustee of Public Funds

Lister (Ballot)

Five (5) Year

Library Trustee

Library Trustee

ARTICLE 5: Will the Town vote to pay members of the Selectboard a salary, and if so, in what amount?

ARTICLE 6: 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 7: 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. Only official USPS cancellation marks will be accepted as postmarked mail (32 V.S.A. § 4773). 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, 2019

Second installment to be paid on or before May 15, 2020

ARTICLE 8: Will the Town vote to authorize the total expenditure of \$6,510,960 for the operation of the Town, with the total of \$5,546,301 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	\$ 1,992,602	\$ 532,034	\$ 1,460,568
Police Department	1,318,669	18,000	1,300,669
Fire Department	380,081	-	380,081
EMS Department	603,158	197,000	406,158
Highway Department	2,026,450	217,625	1,808,825
Paving	<u>190,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,000</u>
TOTALS	\$ 6,510,960	\$ 964,659	\$ 5,546,301

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town vote to exempt Business Personnel Property at an increasing amount of 25% (Twenty-Five) percent per year until 100% (One-Hundred) percent of Business Personnel Property is exempt?

ARTICLE 10: 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 11: 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 12: 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 13: Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$97,969 for the following purposes:

\$ 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

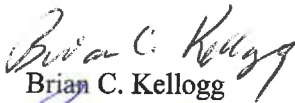
15,681	Lamoille Home Health and Hospice
2,500	Lamoille County Civic Association
5,000	Lamoille County Food Share
3,900	Lamoille County Mental Health/Community Connections
12,000	Lamoille County Youth Center (Youth Rocks)
4,000	Lamoille Day Services
4,000	Lamoille Economic Development Council (LEDC)
3,000	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)
<u>10,000</u>	River Arts
<u>\$97,969</u>	TOTAL

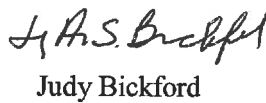
ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Morrystown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity to provide services to the residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Morrystown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$15,000 for the support of Everyone = Morrystown Community Center to provide services to the residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 16: To do any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

Dated at Morrystown this 28th day of January 2019.


Brian C. Kellogg


Judy Bickford


Eric Dodge


Christopher Towne


Bob Beeman

SELECTBOARD
Town of Morrystown, VT

Attest. 

Sara Haskins
Town Clerk of Morrystown, VT
Received, filed and recorded this 29th day of January 2019