

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2019
And
March 5, 2019

The citizens of Woodstock who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in said Town on the 2nd day of March, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., and continuing no later than 11:59 P.M., to be adjourned until the 5th day of March, 2019 for the purpose of transacting during that time any business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The citizens of Woodstock, who are legal voters in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, County of Windsor, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall Theatre in the Town Hall on the 5th day of March 2019, reconvening at 7:00 A.M., continuing until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE I: The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including:
(Australian Ballot)

- Select Board (3 year term)
- Select Board (2 year term)
- Town Treasurer
- Moderator (1 year term)
- Lister (3 year term)
- Auditor (2 year term)
- Auditor (3 year term)
- Cemetery Commissioner (3 year term)
- Trustee of Public Funds (2 year term)
- Trustee of Public Funds (3 year term)
- Grand Juror
- First Constable
- Town Agent
- W.C.M.U.U.S.D. (3 year term)
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ARTICLE II: To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers.

ARTICLE III: To see if the Town will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payment as November 1, 2019, and May 1, 2020.

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:

Select Board	\$	1,000.00	per year
Town Treasurer		12,000.00	per year
Listers		24.40	per hour
Constable		24.40	per hour
Town Clerk		30.75	per hour
Moderator		50.00	each time serves

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department.

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Million Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars (\$6,038,508.) which includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$3,920,138.) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2019-2020.

Culture and Recreation	448,745
Town Hall Building	138,100
Select Board	35,410
Executive	132,800
Administration	26,800
Finance	242,130
Town Clerk	154,760
Planning and Zoning	121,870
Town Highways	1,792,800
Cemetery Maintenance	20,000
Sanitation	33,550
Ambulance Department	609,070
Fire Department	299,010
Emergency Services Bldg. Maintenance	38,200
Constable	10,570
Town Police District	392,393
Dispatch Services	349,700
Welcome Center	36,500
Village Highway Rebate	288,000
Select Board Contingency	243,500
Capital Outlay	295,000
Economic Development Commission	270,000
Irene Bond	<u>59,600</u>
Total	\$6,038,508

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Five Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,605,210), which includes Eight Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$896,210) from user fees and Seven Hundred Nine Thousand Dollars (\$709,000) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2019-2020.

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and pay each of the Trustees Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.

- ARTICLE X:** Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock urge the State of Vermont to:
- A) Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, i.e. transmission pipelines, electrical generation plants and/or industrial storage facilities.
 - B) Statutorily commit to at least 90% renewable energy by 2050 for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines.
 - C) Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.
- ARTICLE XI:** Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock request the town to do its part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
- A) Protecting town lands from fossil fuel infrastructure, denying easements or agreements for any pipelines crossing town lands;
 - B) Weatherizing town buildings and schools;
 - C) Other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life while helping to reduce overall energy use.
 - D) Encourage landowners, municipalities and farmers to implement practices that build the soil carbon sponge to cool the planet and mitigating flooding and drought.
- ARTICLE XII:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the support of the Woodstock Area Job Bank to connect individuals and businesses with members of our community who are seeking work and volunteer opportunities. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XIII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for Woodstock WCTV8 Public Access Television to help support coverage of ongoing events within the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XIV:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from the general fund the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XV:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$3,247) to help support outpatient mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS). (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XVI:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XVII:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Senior Solutions (formally Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- ARTICLE XVIII:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$298) for the support of The Public Health Council of the Upper Valley to help continuing public health coordination for residents in the areas of Substance Misuse, Elder Care, Oral Health, Emergency Preparedness, and Healthy Living. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XIX:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included. There is no charge to attend our program. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XX:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to support the mission of WISE (Women’s Information Services, Inc.) in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, prevention education, and training to community members and professionals. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXI:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF). OHF is a nonprofit community resource that provides funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short term caregiver services. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for Windsor County Partners for youth mentoring services provided to the children in Windsor County. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Woodstock through volunteer service. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIV:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be allocated to the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce for operational expenses of the Mechanic Street Welcome Center for FY 2019-20. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXV:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$36,100) as the Town’s share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson is an important community resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services that assist residents to age well. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- ARTICLE XXVI:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,250) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the level budgeted support that the Town provides to this library for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXVII:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) for the support of Pentangle Arts to provide services to the residents of the Town of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXVIII:** Shall the voters of the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to help support COVER Home Repair in their home repair and weatherization services to the residents of Woodstock. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE XXIX:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed for the buildings known as The Homestead, located on land owned by The Homestead Inc. for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
 - B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.
- ARTICLE XXX:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed for the buildings known as Mertens House, located on land owned by The Homestead Inc. for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
 - B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.
- ARTICLE XXXI:** To see if the Town will vote to extend tax exempt status to the South Woodstock Fire Protection Association, Incorporated, for a period of five years, July 1st, 2019 – June 30th, 2024. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
 - B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.
- ARTICLE XXXII:** To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed for the buildings known as the Prosper Community House for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)
- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
 - B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

ARTICLE XXXIII: Petition for exemption of all local property taxes including local education, highway, and town general, for the land, improvements, buildings, owned by Woodstock Associates known as the Woodstock Recreation Center. Consisting of the recreation building, little theater, pools, 2.5 acres of land and the parking lot across the street for a period of five years. As well as the improvements and buildings used as a tree farm by the Woodstock Associates for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE XXXIV: To see if the Town will vote either or both of the exemptions listed below for the land and buildings owned by the Woodstock Masonic Association Inc. for a period of five years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
- B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

ARTICLE XXXV: To see if the Town of Woodstock will vote to exempt Woodstock Community Playschool (DBA Rainbow Playschool) from paying taxes on the playschool building located at 281 Barnard Road for a period of ten years. (By Petition) (Australian Ballot)

- A) Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway and town general.
- B) Exemption from the state education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

ARTICLE XXXVI: To entertain the discussion of any other business of interest to the legal voters, such discussion shall not be construed in any manner as binding Municipal action.

Dated at Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont on this 24rd day of January, 2019.

By the Select Board members of the TOWN OF WOODSTOCK:

L.D. Sutherland, Chair
John Doten
Jill M. Davies
Sonya Stover
Mary Riley

F. Charles Degener, III
Town Clerk