

WARNING

LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE
HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN OF LOWELL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 AT 10:00
A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:

ARTICLE 1: TO ELECT **SCHOOL MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: TO ELECT an **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 3: SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$1,768,225.00, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR 2020. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, IF APPROVED, WILL RESULT IN EDUCATION SPENDING OF \$13,525.00 PER EQUALIZED PUPIL. THIS PROJECTED SPENDING PER EQUALIZED PUPIL IS 2.20% HIGHER THAN SPENDING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. THE OVERALL BUDGET HAS INCREASED 1.87% FROM THE CURRENT YEAR.

ARTICLE 4: SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO USE \$50,000.00 OF THE UNALLOCATED, AUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, TO REDUCE TAXES IN THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET?

ARTICLE 5: SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO TRANSFER TO THE TAX STABILIZATION FUND \$44,320.00 OF UNALLOCATED, AUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR TO BE USED IN FUTURE BUDGETS WHEN THE TAX RATE IS TO INCREASE MORE THAN 3 CENTS?

ARTICLE 6: TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER NON-BINDING BUSINESS WHICH MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING.

ARTICLE 7: TO ADJOURN

TOWN MEETING:

ARTICLE 8: TO ELECT **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9: TO **HEAR** and **ACT** upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS

ARTICLE 10: TO ELECT the following **OFFICERS** required by law:

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| a. SELECT PERSON | 3 year term |
| b. ROAD COMMISSIONER | 3 year term |
| c. LISTER | 3 year term |
| d. AUDITOR | 3 year term |
| e. AUDITOR | 1 year term |
| f. 1 st CONSTABLE | 1 year term |
| g. 2 nd CONSTABLE | 1 year term |
| h. TOWN AGENT | 1 year term |
| i. GRAND JUROR | 1 year term |

ARTICLE 11: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$280,000** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 135,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?**

ARTICLE 13: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 135,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?**

ARTICLE 14: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$30,000** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?**

ARTICLE 15: Shall the legal voters authorize the **SELECTBOARD** to borrow funding for the replacement of the **KEMPTON HILL BRIDGE?** (See details on pages immediately following this warning).

ARTICLE 16: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$6,0000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY ?**

ARTICLE 17: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$3,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$1,000.00** for the **JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

- a) \$500 to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- b) \$250 to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
- c) \$ 50 to GREEN UP VERMONT
- d) \$250 to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. – AMERICAN LEGION
- e) \$200 to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
- f) \$300 to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. – Orleans County Court Diversion
- g) \$300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- h) \$923 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- i) \$200 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.
- j) \$659 to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- k) \$200 to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
- l) \$500 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- m) \$500 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- n) \$500 to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- o) \$700 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- p) \$825 to UMBRELLA
- q) \$100 to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- r) \$200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- s) \$90 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- t) \$100 to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
- u) \$200 to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT

Total for above appropriations = \$7,547

PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed in back of town report.

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

ARTICLE 22: TO ADJOURN.

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion, Chairman
Dwight Richardson
Alden Warner

SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

Steve Mason, Chair
Jason Blay
David Legacy

ATTEST:

Priscilla Matten – Town Clerk/Treasurer

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