

# **WARNING**

## **COVENTRY ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING**

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The legal voters of the Town of Coventry, Vermont in the County of Orleans, State of Vermont,  
are hereby notified and warned to meet at the

**COVENTRY COMMUNITY CENTER  
168 Main Street, Coventry VT 05825**

**TUESDAY MARCH 1st 2022 at 10:00 am**

to act on the following business:

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a **MODERATOR** for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a **SCHOOL TREASURER** for a 1 year term.

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 2 year term.

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 3 year term.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend **\$3,881,536** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,513, per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 16.33% higher than spending in the current year.

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to borrow up to **\$3,200,000.00** over the period of 30 years for the proposed building addition at Coventry Village School.

**All articles will be voted using the Australian Ballot System on MARCH 1, 2022. The polls, located at the Coventry Community Center, will open at Ten O'clock (10:00 am) in the forenoon and close at Seven O'clock (7:00 pm) in the evening. Absentee ballots will be available until February 28, 2022.**

**TOWN DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

**ARTICLE 7:** To elect a **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 8:** To **ELECT** the following officers required by law:

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| a. | <b>SELECT PERSON</b>                 | 3-year term   |
| b. | <b>TOWN CLERK</b>                    | 3-year term   |
| c. | <b>TOWN TREASURER</b>                | 3-year term   |
| d. | <b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b> | 1-year term   |
| e. | <b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b>         | 3-year term   |
| f. | <b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b>         | 2-year term (to fulfill the remainder of a 3-year term) |
| g. | <b>1<sup>ST</sup> CONSTABLE</b>      | 1-year term   |
| h. | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE</b>      | 1-year term   |
| i. | <b>TRUSTEE OF CEMETERY FUNDS</b>     | 1-year term   |
| j. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 2-year term   |
| k. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 2-year term   |
| l. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 1-year term (to fulfill the remainder of a 2-year term) |
| m. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 1-year term (to fulfill the remainder of a 2-year term) |

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$ 836,294** for support of the fiscal year **2023 TOWN LIABILITIES & GENERAL FUND EXPENSES** of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$ 274,000 plus** the Vermont State Aid funding, for support of the fiscal year **2023 TOWN HIGHWAY FUND** expenses for summer and winter road maintenance, of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to split the **Roads Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve Fund** into two reserve funds to be called the Roads Infrastructure Reserve Fund and the Roads Capital Equipment Reserve Fund to enable better allocation and management of funding by placing \$100,000 of the existing fund balance into the **Roads Capital Equipment Reserve Fund** and the balance of the existing fund, approximately \$272,000, into the **Roads Infrastructure Reserve Fund** in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the Highway Fund of \$70,000 and into the General Fund of \$762,000, totaling **\$832,000**, be **TRANSFERRED** to the **ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVE FUND**, if said reserve fund described in Article 11 is approved by voters, or if not, into the existing Roads Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve Fund to fund future road infrastructure projects?

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the General Fund of **\$100,000** be transferred to the **ROADS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND** if said reserve fund described in Article 11 is approved by voters, or if not, into the existing Roads Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve Fund to fund future roads capital equipment requirements?

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the General Fund of **\$35,000** be **TRANSFERRED** to the **REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND** to fund future reappraisal requirements?

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the General Fund of **\$4,800** be **TRANSFERRED** to the **Edmunds Douglas Price (EDP) Fund** to make up for Microsoft stock dividends paid to the Town for the EDP Fund from 2003 through 2013 but not entered into the Town's financial accounting system?

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry authorize the Selectboard to appoint the Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f whose elected term will expire in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651f(c) if this article is approved?

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the below expenditures for the **Service Agencies** in the amount of **\$16,507**? (Service Agencies reports are printed in the back of this Town Report under the Service Agencies section.)

- \$500.00 to American Red Cross
- \$300.00 to Felines & Friends Foundation
- \$3,000.00 to Goodrich Memorial Library
- \$600.00 to Green Mountain Farm-To-School, Inc
- \$2,000.00 to Jones Memorial Library
- \$330.00 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging
- \$2,172.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Service, Inc.
- \$500.00 Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit (new)
- \$500.00 to Orleans County Fair Association
- \$550.00 to Orleans County Historical Society
- \$3,000.00 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice Inc
- \$750.00 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.
- \$850.00 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc.
- \$1,125.00 to Umbrella
- \$130.00 to Vermont Center for Independent Living
- \$100.00 to Vermont Green Up, Inc
- \$100.00 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra, SymphonyKids Program

Total for above appropriations - \$16,507.00

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Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2022

Coventry Select Board

  
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Scott Briere, Chair

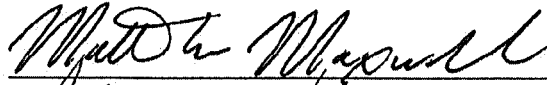
  
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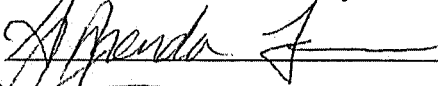
Dated at Coventry, Vermont this 19th day of January, A.D. 2022.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

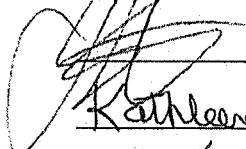
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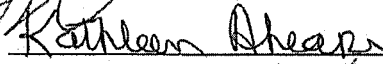
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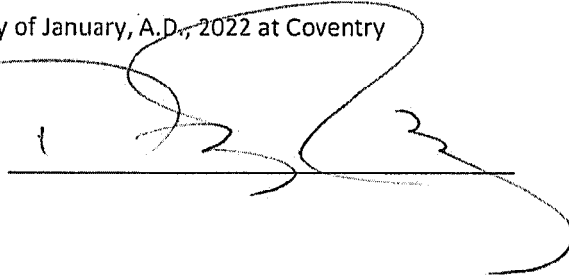
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Received for record this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2022 at Coventry

ATTEST:

Debra Tanguay, Town Clerk

  
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