

# **WARNING**

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

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

**COVENTRY COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**168 Main Street, Coventry VT 05825**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**  
to act on the following articles of business:

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

Coventry Town School District budget articles will be voted on by  
Australian ballot system at the Coventry Community Center  
*Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.*

- ARTICLE 1:** School Board Moderator to **OPEN SCHOOL MEETING.**
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect a **SCHOOL TREASURER** for a 1 year term.
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 3 year term.
- ARTICLE 4:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 2 year term.
- ARTICLE 5:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the School Board.
- ARTICLE 6:** To adjourn School Meeting.

### **TOWN MEETING:**

- ARTICLE 7:** To elect a **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 8:** To hear and act upon reports of Town Officers.

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry authorize the **ELIMINATION OF THE OFFICE OF TOWN LISTER** in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c(b)(1) and **REPLACE IT WITH A PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED ASSESSOR** who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d(b), **RESCIND** the **AUTHORITY** of the Select Board **TO APPOINT** a **COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES**?

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to **CHANGE** the length of the elected term for all **PLANNING COMMISSION** members **FROM** three years to **TWO YEAR TERMS** going forward, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4323(c)?

**ARTICLE 12:** 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>LISTER</b>                        | 3 year term <i>**Dependent upon outcome of Article # 9</i>     |
| e. | <b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b> | 1 year term <i>**Dependent upon outcome of Article # 10</i>    |
| f. | <b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b>         | 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>TOWN AGENT</b>                    | 1 year term  |
| k. | <b>GRAND JUROR</b>                   | 1 year term  |
| l. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 3 year term <i>** 2 YEAR TERM WITH PASSING OF ARTICLE # 11</i> |
| m. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 3 year term <i>** 2 YEAR TERM WITH PASSING OF ARTICLE # 11</i> |
| n. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 3 year term <i>** 2 YEAR TERM WITH PASSING OF ARTICLE # 11</i> |

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$ 456,000** for support of the **TOWN LIABILITIES & GENERAL FUND EXPENSES** of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 247,000 plus Vermont State Aid funding, for support of the **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 15:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to **COMBINE** the **RESTRICTED FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT** balances of the **GRADER RESERVE FUND; GRAVEL PIT RESERVE FUND; AND ROAD & BRIDGE RESERVE FUND;** establishing **ONE** account designated as **ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND?**
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to establish a **RESTRICTED FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT** for the sole purpose of funding projects associated with **FLOOD RECOVERY & MITIGATION;** and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the **EXCESS REVENUES** of the 2017-2018 audited fiscal year **REMAINING** after payment of all General Fund Liabilities and Expenses?
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to establish a **RESTRICTED FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT** for the sole purpose of funding projects associated with **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** relating to the anticipated recommendations made in the upcoming **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN;** and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the **EXCESS REVENUES** of the 2017-2018 audited fiscal year **REMAINING** after payment of all General Fund Liabilities and Expenses?
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall all **INVESTMENT FUNDS** as accrued and invested to **PROVIDE FUTURE INCOME** to the Town be accounted for as a **SINGLE ENTITY?**
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in the 2017-2018 audited fiscal year **REMAINING** after payment of General Fund Liabilities and Expenses totaling \$ 542,109 be **TRANSFERRED** to the long term **INVESTMENT ACCOUNT?**
- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to establish and set a deadline to pay all property and real estate **TAXES DUE** to the Town Treasurer, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 5pm on or before **NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019;** and on the **SAME CALENDAR DATE** of **NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> EACH YEAR FOLLOWING;** and when this date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the due date will be on the Monday immediately following?
- ARTICLE 21:** Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the **ANNUAL REPORT** by postcard at least 30 days before the annual meeting **INSTEAD OF MAILING** or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)?

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

- a) \$ 300\* to FELINES & FRIENDS FOUNDATION (2018 request \$250)
- b) \$ 3,000 to GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY
- c) \$ 600\* to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC (2018 request \$450)
- d) \$ 100 to GREEN UP VERMONT
- e) \$ 2,000 to JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY
- f) \$100 to NORTH COUNTRY FRIENDS OF THE VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
- g) \$ 300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC./COURT DIVERSION
- h) \$ 330 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- i) \$ 1,140 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- j) \$ 200 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC
- k) \$ 200\*\* to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (NEW)
- l) \$ 500 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- m) \$ 700\* to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (2018 REQUEST \$650)
- n) \$ 3,000 to ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE INC.
- o) \$ 750 to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- p) \$ 850 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- q) \$ 1,125 to UMBRELLA
- r) \$ 100 to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE
- s) \$ 130 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

**Total for above appropriations = \$ 15,425**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Unless increase is indicated, amount requested is same as previous year.*

*Individual service reports printed in back of town report.*

*One new request received (k) Orleans County Child Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit*

**ARTICLE 23:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

**ARTICLE 24:** TO ADJOURN TOWN MEETING.

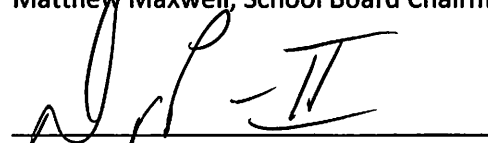
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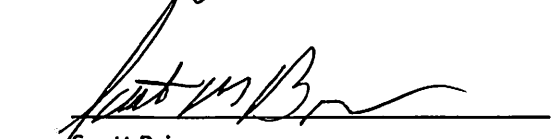
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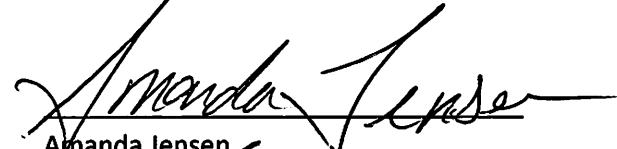
  
Michael Marcotte, Select Board Chairman

  
Matthew Maxwell, School Board Chairman

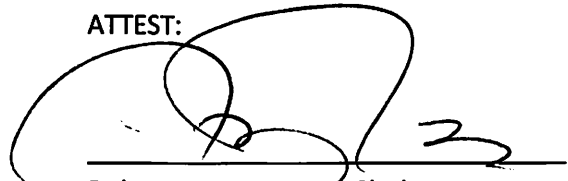
  
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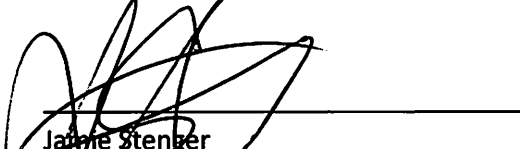
  
Daniel Prue

  
Scott Briere

  
Amanda Jensen

**ATTEST:**

  
Debra Tanguay, Town Clerk

  
Jamie Stenger

  
Kathleen Ahearn

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