

TOWN OF BERLIN, VERMONT
WARNING AND NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 2, 2010

The legal voters of the Town of Berlin are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Berlin Elementary School on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 to vote on the following articles. **Articles 1 through 20** shall be voted by Australian ballot. The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. A pre-town meeting to discuss all articles to be voted by Australian ballot is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the Berlin Elementary School.

The deadline for submitting voter registration applications for this Annual Meeting is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. A voter may obtain an Absentee Ballot by contacting the Town Clerk (229-9298) until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010. Absentee Ballots must be received back by the close of the polls at 7 p.m. on March 2. Voters wishing to vote absentee should request ballots early.

The articles to be voted by Australian ballot are as follows:

Article 1: To elect the following Town Officers, for the terms specified:

- One (1) Selectboard member for a three (3) year term;
- Two (2) Selectboard members for a one (1) year term each;
- One (1) Lister for a three (3) year term;
- One (1) Grand Juror for a one (1) year term;

Article 2: Shall the Town approve the proposed 2010 amendment to the Berlin Town Charter eliminating the Offices of Lister and appointing an assessor or assessor service?

An official copy of the proposed amendments is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office and copies shall be available to the public upon request. Copies shall also be posted in each voting booth.

Article 3: Shall the Town appropriate \$2,453,375 for necessary Town expenses for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011?

Article 4: Shall the Town appropriate \$134,500 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for payment of necessary expenses from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011?

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate \$17,000 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for replacement of the windows at the Berlin Corners Fire Station?

- Article 6:** Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article 7:** Shall the Town appropriate \$3,500 to the Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice?
- Article 8:** Shall the Town appropriate \$975 to the Battered Women's Services and Shelter?
- Article 9:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?
- Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Montpelier Senior Activities Center?
- Article 11:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the People's Health & Wellness Clinic?
- Article 12:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
- Article 13:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Washington County Youth Services Bureau?
- Article 14:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Central Vermont Community Action Council?
- Article 15:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to U-32 Project Graduation?
- Article 16:** Shall the Town appropriate \$200 to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program?
- Article 17:** Shall the Town appropriate \$150 to Green-Up Vermont?
- Article 18:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- Article 19:** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,920 to the Green Mountain Transit Agency?
- Article 20:** Shall the Town appropriate \$12,557 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library?

The following articles will be voted at the traditional Town Meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010:

- Article 21:** To elect a Town Moderator for the year ensuing.
- Article 22:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers for 2009.
- Article 23:** Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes, to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in installments, one-fourth of the taxes due, by **delivery** or by **U.S. Postal Service postmark**(no private postal meter postmarks), on or before August 18, 2010, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before November 18, 2010, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before February 18, 2011 and one-fourth due on or before May 18, 2011, with an eight percent (8%) penalty and one percent (1%) interest per month (or portion thereof) to be charged for late payment of any installment?
- Article 24:** Shall the Town charge one and one half (1 ½%) interest after the first three months (or portion thereof) on all delinquent taxes.
- Article 25:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the payment of authorized expenditures as required?
- Article 26:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to enter into tax stabilization contracts fixing and maintaining the valuation of certain grand list properties, fixing and maintaining the rates of tax applicable to such properties, fixing the amount of money which shall be paid as an annual tax upon such properties and/or fixing the tax applicable to such property at a percentage of the annual tax, as authorized by 24 VSA §2741, provided that the term of any such contracts shall not exceed five (5) years?
- Article 27:** To discuss any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Berlin, Vermont, this _____ day of January, 2010.

TOWN OF BERLIN SELECTBOARD

Bradley Towne, Chair

Susan Gretkowski, Vice Chair

Roberta Hastkin , Secretary

Jonathan Goddard

Nancy Driscoll

Received for posting and recording this _____ day of January, 2010.

Attest: _____

Rosemary Morse. Town Clerk