

**TOWN OF BERLIN, VERMONT  
WARNING AND NOTICE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

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 1, 2011 to vote on the following articles. **Articles 1 through 21** 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, February 28, 2011 at the Berlin Elementary School.

The deadline for submitting voter registration applications for this Annual Meeting is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. A voter may obtain an Absentee Ballot by contacting the Town Clerk (229-9298) until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2011. Absentee Ballots must be received back by the close of the polls at 7 p.m. on March 1.

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) Town Clerk for a three (3) year term;
- One (1) Grand Juror for a one (1) year term;

**Article 2:** Shall the Town appropriate \$2,399,339 for necessary Town expenses for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012?

**Article 3:** Shall the Town appropriate \$139,900 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for payment of necessary expenses from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012?

**Article 4:** Shall the Town appropriate \$20,500 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for their Green Energy Efficiency Program?

**Article 5:** Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging?

**Article 6:** Shall the Town appropriate \$3,500 to the Central Vermont Home Health and

Hospice?

**Article 7:** Shall the Town appropriate \$975 to the Battered Women's Services and Shelter?

**Article 8:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

**Article 9:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Montpelier Senior Activities Center?

**Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the People's Health & Wellness Clinic?

**Article 11:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

**Article 12:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Washington County Youth Services Bureau?

**Article 13:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Central Vermont Community Action Council?

**Article 14:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to U-32 Project Graduation?

**Article 15:** Shall the Town appropriate \$200 to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program?

**Article 16:** Shall the Town appropriate \$150 to Green-Up Vermont?

**Article 17:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

**Article 18:** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,920 to the Green Mountain Transit Agency?

**Article 19:** Shall the Town appropriate \$12,557 for the support of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library?

**Article 20:** Shall the Town appropriate \$300 for the support of the Sexual Assault Crisis Team Washington County?

**Article 21:** Shall the Town appropriate \$800 for the support of the Family Center of Washington County?

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**The following articles will be voted at the traditional Town Meeting, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011:**

**Article 22:** To elect a Town Moderator for the year ensuing.

**Article 23:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers for 2010.

**Article 24:** Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes, to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 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 15, 2011, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before November 15, 2011, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before February 15, 2012 and one-fourth due on or before May 15, 2012, 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 25:** Shall the Town charge one and one half (1 ½%) interest after the first three months (or portion thereof) on all delinquent taxes.

**Article 26:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the payment of authorized expenditures as required?

**Article 27:** 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 28:** Shall the Town increase the Veteran's Exemption amount from \$10,000 of the appraised value to \$40,000 as authorized under 32VSA §3802(11), effective July 1, 2011.

**Article 29:** To discuss any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Dated at Berlin, Vermont, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

TOWN OF BERLIN SELECTBOARD

s/Susan Gretkowski  
Susan Gretkowski, Chair

s/Nancy Driscoll  
Nancy Driscoll, Vice Chair

s/Roberta Haskin  
Roberta Haskin, Secretary

s/Bradley Towne  
Bradley Towne

s/Jonathan Goddard  
Jonathan Goddard

Received for posting and recording this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2011.

Attest: s/Rosemary Morse

Rosemary Morse. Town Clerk

