

**TOWN OF BERLIN, VERMONT
WARNING AND NOTICE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Berlin are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 AM at the Berlin Elementary School on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to vote on the following articles. **Articles 1 through 26** shall be voted by Australian ballot. The polls will open at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM. A pre-town meeting to discuss all articles to be voted by Australian ballot is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Berlin Elementary School.

The deadline for submitting voter registration applications for this Annual Meeting is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. A voter may obtain an Absentee Ballot by contacting the Town Clerk (229-9298) or coming into the office by 3:30 PM on Monday, February 29, 2016. Absentee Ballots must be received by the Town Clerk no later than the close of the polls at 7 PM on March 1, 2016. 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) Grand Juror for a one (1) year term;
- Article 2:** Shall the Town appropriate \$2,757,826 for necessary Town expenses for the period July1, 2016 through June 30, 2017?
- Article 3:** Shall the Town appropriate \$245,158 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for payment of necessary expenses from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017?
- Article 4:** Shall the Town appropriate \$28,271 to the Kellogg Hubbard Library?
- Article 5:** Shall the Town appropriate \$10,920 to the Green Mountain Transit Agency?
- Article 6:** Shall the Town appropriate \$5,700 to Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice?
- Article 7:** Shall the Town appropriate \$4,200 to the Montpelier Senior Activities Center?
- Article 8:** Shall the Town appropriate \$3,000 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article 9:** Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000 to Just Basics, Inc.(formerly Meals on Wheels)?
- Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,200 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?
- Article 11:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Barre Area Senior Center?
- Article 12:** Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- Article 13:** Shall the Town Appropriate \$1,000 to the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center?
- Article 14:** Shall the Town appropriate \$975 to CIRCLE.(formerly Battered Women's Services)?
- Article 15:** Shall the Town appropriate \$800 to the Family Center of Washington County?
- Article 16:** Shall the Town appropriate \$800 to the Good Samaritan Haven homeless shelter?
- Article 17:** Shall the Town appropriate \$600 to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont?
- Article 18:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the People's Health & Wellness Clinic?
- Article 19:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?
- Article 20:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Washington County Youth Services Bureau?
- Article 21:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to Capstone Community Action. (formerly Central Vermont Community Action)?
- Article 22:** Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to the Washington County Diversion Program?

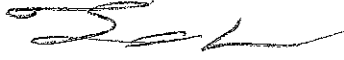
- Article 23:** Shall the Town appropriate \$300 to the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County?
- Article 24:** Shall the Town appropriate \$300 to Home Share Now, Inc.?
- Article 25:** Shall the Town appropriate \$250 to OUR House of Central Vermont?
- Article 26:** Shall the Town appropriate \$150 to Green-Up Vermont?

The following articles will be voted at the traditional Town Meeting, beginning at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 1, 2016:

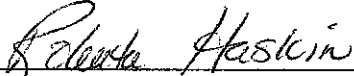
- Article 27:** To elect a Town Moderator for the year ensuing.
- Article 28:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers for 2015.
- Article 29:** Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes, to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in installments? One-fourth of the taxes to be due, by **delivery** or by **U.S. Postal Service postmark**(no private postal meter postmarks), on or before August 16, 2016, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before November 16, 2016, one-fourth of the taxes due on or before February 16, 2017 and one-fourth due on or before May 16, 2017, 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 30:** Shall the Town grant a property tax exemption (pursuant to 32 VSA §3840) for a period not to exceed 10 years, to the Capital City Grange #469 for property located at 6612 VT RT 12, in return for free use of the property by residents a minimum of 2 times/month?
- Article 31:** To discuss any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Berlin, Vermont, this 27th. day of January, 2016.

TOWN OF BERLIN SELECTBOARD



Ture Nelson, Chair

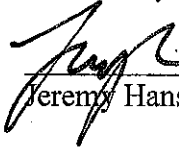


Roberta Haskin

Bradley Towne



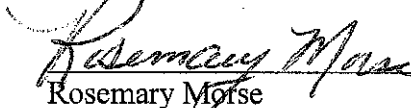
Pete Kelley



Jeremy Hansen, Vice Chair

Received for posting and recording this 27th. day of January, 2016.

Attest:



Rosemary Morse
Berlin Town Clerk

**BERLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Berlin Town School District are hereby noticed and warned to meet at the Berlin Elementary School at 372 Paine Turnpike North on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10 A.M. to act on the following business not involving Australian ballot:

- ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
- ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act upon the report of the Town School Directors.
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2016 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?
- ARTICLE 4.** Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2016-2017 school year?
- ARTICLE 5.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

**Articles to be voted by Australian Ballot
Polling Times – 10:00 A.M. Through 7:00 P.M.**

- ARTICLE 6.** To elect the following School Directors:
 - One (1) School Director Two (2) Year Term
 - One (1) School Director Three (3) Year Term
 - One (1) School Director One (1) Year of a Three (3) Year Term
 - One (1) School Director Two (2) Years of a Three (3) Year Term
 - One (1) U-32 Director One (1) Year of a Three (3) Year Term
- ARTICLE 7.** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$3,380,876, 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 \$15,891 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.31% higher than spending for the current year.

**U-32 SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Union High School District No. 32 ("U-32"), a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to vote by Australian ballot on Articles 1 through 6 as outlined below.

Polling Places and Times:

Berlin Elementary School in Berlin Corner – 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Calais Elementary School in Calais – 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

East Montpelier Elementary School in East Montpelier – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Rumney Memorial School in Middlesex – 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Doty Memorial School in Worcester – 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

A public hearing will take place at U-32, Room 131 at 6:00 PM on February 29, 2016 to provide information on the articles to be voted by Australian Ballot at the municipalities' respective Town Meetings on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

The legal voters of U-32 are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Sections 553 and 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Clerk for a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.


ARTICLE 3. To fix the annual compensation of the Union School District officers.

Clerk	\$500.00
Directors	\$850.00 each
Chair	\$875.00
Treasurer	\$1,500.00

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Union High School District 32 approve the school board to expend \$15,357,176, 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 \$16,320 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.39% higher than spending for the current year.


ARTICLE 5. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Union District No. 32 to hold any audited fund balance as of June 30, 2016 in a reserve fund to be expended under the control and direction of the Board of School Directors for the purpose of operating the school?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of revenues for the 2016-2017 school year?

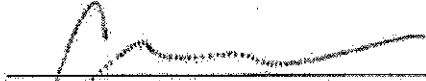


Mary Omsby, Clerk

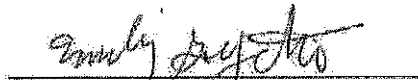
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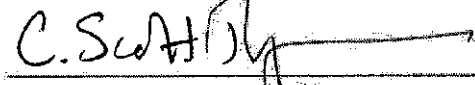
Adrienne Magida, Chair (Middlesex)



Carl Witke, Clerk (Worcester)



Emily Goyette, (East Montpelier)



C. Scott Thompson (Calais)



Kari Bradley, Vice Chair (East Montpelier)



Jonathan Goddard (Berlin)



Michael Law (Berlin)