

**TOWN OF NORWICH, VERMONT AND  
NORWICH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 6, 2018**

The legal voters of the Town of Norwich, Vermont and the Norwich Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet in Tracy Memorial Hall, Norwich, Vermont at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 5, 2018, to transact business not requiring a vote by Australian ballot. Voting for Town Officers and for all articles on the Warning will be by Australian ballot. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

This meeting is called to determine if the Town will:

**Article 1.** Elect a Moderator of the Town and School District meeting for one year.

**Article 2.** Elect Town and School District Officers for terms starting in 2018.

**Article 3.** Hear and act on the reports of the Officers of the Town and Town School District.

**Article 4.** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of 16 VSA § 562(9).

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District determine and fix the salaries of the School Board members in the sum of \$500 each per year in accordance with the provisions of 16 VSA § 562(5)?

**Article 6.** Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District approve the School Board to expend \$5,676,234, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing 2018-19 fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,403 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.67% higher than spending for the current year.

**Article 7.** In addition to the amount of money approved as necessary for the support of educational programs for the school year commencing July 1, 2018, shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District appropriate and expend \$100,000 for such purpose?

**Article 8.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the annual meeting of the Norwich Town School District.

**Article 9.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$4,502,386 plus state and federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019?

**Article 10.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich authorize the spending of any remaining funds in the Communications Study Designated Fund for the purpose of reducing the Communications Tower Bond debt service?

**Article 11.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich authorize the borrowing of up to \$4,000,000 to be used, as needed, for funding Town roadway and related infrastructure

repairs caused by the July 1, 2017 storm with anticipated reimbursement up to 75% by FEMA and up to 12.5% by the Vermont Department of Emergency Management?

**Article 12.** Shall the Town of Norwich provide notice of the availability of the annual Town Report by postcard mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days before the annual Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the Town of Norwich, pursuant to 24 VSA §1682?

**Article 13.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$13,120 to Advance Transit to be used to help cover operating costs and providing matching funds for grants, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support of providing public transportation services?

**Article 14.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$3,000 to Good Beginnings to be used for those operating expenses that are reasonably necessary for the support of programs?

**Article 15.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,693 to the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to be used to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses?

**Article 16.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest to be used for the operation of a crisis 24/7 hotline?

**Article 17.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion, to be used for the Legion's Memorial Day observance?

**Article 18.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$15,000 to the Cemetery Commission under 18 VSA § 5361 to supplement the interest from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for maintenance of the Town Cemeteries?

**Article 19.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$4,348 to The Child Care Center of Norwich to be used for income sensitive scholarships to Norwich children?

**Article 20.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$8,000 to the Norwich Historical Society and Community Center to support those programs that support the celebration of historic events?

**Article 21.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$3,000 to the Norwich Lions Club to be used to underwrite the fireworks for the Norwich Fair in celebration of the 256<sup>th</sup> year of the Town's Charter?

**Article 22.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$275,000 to the Norwich Public Library Association, to be used for the operating expenses of the Library?

**Article 23.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$3,750 to SEVCA (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) to be used for emergency needs, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services, financial counseling and food and nutrition education?

**Article 24.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$6,000 to The Family Place to be used for general program support, such amount being reasonably necessary for the support of programs such as direct service through early intervention, child care payment assistance, healthy baby visits, reach up, welcome baby, parent education, playgroups and other services?

**Article 25.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance to be used for trail planning and work?

**Article 26.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$15,600 to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings?

**Article 27.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$5,300 to the White River Council on Aging to be used for home delivered meals, transport and social services?

**Article 28.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,000 to Windsor County Partners to be used for mentoring youth?

**Article 29.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$2,500 to WISE (Women's Information Service) to be used to support WISE's crisis intervention and support services and prevention education?

**Article 30.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$3,000 to Youth-In-Action to be used for operating expenses that support our community service efforts?

**Article 31.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$337 to Public Health Council of the Upper Valley to be used for continuing public health education for Norwich residents particularly in the areas of substance abuse, elder care, oral health, emergency preparedness, and healthy living.

**Article 32.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments? The first installment will be due and accepted at the Town of Norwich Finance Office on or before 4:30 pm August 17, 2018 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 4:30 pm February 15, 2019. An official United States Post Office postmark/cancellation (not a postage machine date) will determine the payment date for all mailed payments. Interest on overdue taxes will be charged at 1% per month for the first three months and 1½% per month thereafter. All delinquent taxes will be subject to an 8% collection fee in accordance with Vermont Statutes after February 15, 2019.

**Article 33.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the annual Norwich Town Meeting.

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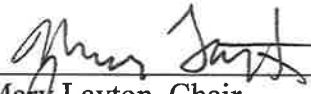
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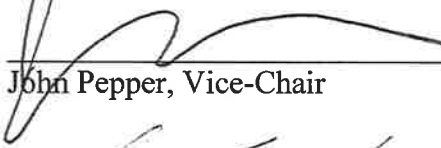
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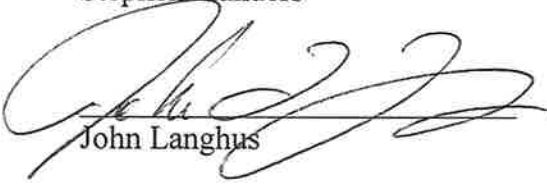
  
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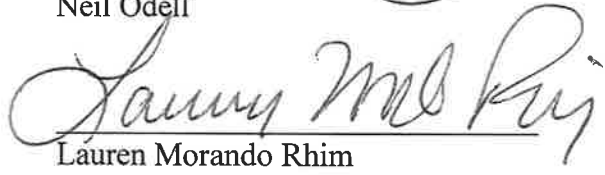
  
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TOWN CLERK NORWICH, VERMONT

# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## For Local Elections

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by **February 4, 2018**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by **February 24, 2018**.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us). The latest you can request ballots for the **March 6, 2018 Town Meeting and Norwich Town School District** Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on **March 5, 2018**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerks office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

**MARK YOUR BALLOT:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.