



Town Report of Norwich, Vermont

Fiscal Year 2007

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

THANKS!

As a result of voter concerns expressed at the 2007 Town Meeting, two committees were established by our Selectboard in Spring 2007 to solicit citizen input on the performance of our Town government in general and our Police Department in particular. Members of these committees made a substantial time commitment to meet the goals and objectives set by our Selectboard. Recommendations made by the committees in their reports, copies of which are available in the Town Manager's office at Tracy Hall or on the Town's website, are expected to provide guidance to current and future Selectboards to maintain an open and responsive local government and to foster the concept of Community Policing in Norwich. We believe that efforts such as these are an important reason why Norwich is such an incredible place to live.

We wish to recognize the members of these committees, who are listed below, for their service, as well as express our appreciation for the support of their efforts by our Town Manager and our Police Chief.

Town Manager Form of Government Committee:

Warren Thayer, Chair
Bob Franzoni
Bob Pitiger
Alice Thomason Worth

Brooke Adler
Nancy Hoggson
Beth Ryan

Police Services Committee:

Alison Lauter, Chair
David Cahill
Bill Lamb
Claudine Louis
Don McCabe
Sarah Reeves
Jay Van Arman

Rose Addante
Chad Finer
Luke Lindberg
Terry Lyons
Ned Redpath
Demo Sofronas

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Warning of Annual Town & School District Meeting March 4, 2008

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 3, 2008, 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 4, 2008 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 2008.

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

Article 4. Approve a gross spending General Town Budget of \$3,880,754 plus unanticipated state and federal grants and gifts consistent with budgeted programs for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Article 5. Be it resolved, shall the Town of Norwich enter into an Interlocal Contract with other municipalities, under Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 4901, for the purpose of establishing an universal, open-access, financially self-sustaining broadband communications system to provide communications services, including high-speed Internet, telephone and cable television, to the residents, businesses and institutions of these towns?

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich increase the General Fund budget by Forty-Five Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars (\$45,033) for Highway Department paving to be paid for by a FEMA grant reimbursement?

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich approve the expenditure of Seventy-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$72,266) for the purchase and installation of a vehicle exhaust system for the Norwich Fire Department?

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich extend for three years (i.e. June 30, 2011) the appropriation approved at Town Meeting on March 1, 2005 that read as follows: "Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$45,000 to create a revolving fund to initiate contracts to acquire land suitable for affordable housing? This money will be returned to the General Fund at the end of three years.?"

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich authorize the use of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000), as originally appropriated in the FY07 budget, from the Town's Undesignated Fund to complete work on the Kendall Station Road project, such funds to be available upon passage of this article?

Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$500 to the Senior Action Council?

Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,500 to the Norwich American Legion?

Article 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$154,395 for the operating expenses of the Norwich Public Library Association?

Article 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$2,000 to ACORN (A Community Resource Network)?

Article 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$9,082 to Advance Transit?

Article 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,294 to The Family Place?

Article 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$2,500 to Headrest?

- Article 17.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,750 to SEVCA (Southeastern Vermont Community Action)?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$5,300 to the White River Council on Aging?
- Article 19.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,000 to Windsor County Partners?
- Article 20.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$2,500 to WISE (Women's Information Service)?
- Article 21.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$6,000 to Youth-In-Action?
- Article 22.** 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 23.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$2,000 to the Upper Valley Trails Alliance?
- Article 24.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,906 to the Valley Court Diversion Program?
- Article 25.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$8,000 to the Norwich Historical Society and Community Center to assist with general operations?
- Article 26.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$13,070 to the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH in support of various programs?
- Article 27.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$3,093 to the Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeast Vermont in support of community services provided to Norwich?
- Article 28.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$1,344 to The Child Care Center for a one year income sensitive scholarship?
- Article 29.** Shall the voters of the Town of Norwich appropriate \$500 to the Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community through volunteer service?
- Article 30.** 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 15, 2008 and the balance will be due at the same location on or before 4:30 pm February 13, 2009. Property tax adjustments from the State of Vermont will be applied to tax installments in order. 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 1_ % per month thereafter. All delinquent taxes will be subject to an 8% collection fee in accordance with Vermont Statutes after February 13, 2009. All taxes, interest and collection fees will be paid into the Town Treasury.
- Article 31.** Transact any other business that may legally come before the annual Norwich Town Meeting.
- Article 32.** 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 33.** 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 34. Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District appropriate \$30,000.00, to be deposited in the District’s Reserve Fund for Special Education?

Article 35. Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District appropriate \$30,000.00, to be deposited in the District’s Reserve Fund for Repairs and Capital Maintenance?

Article 36. Shall the voters of the Norwich Town School District appropriate \$4,922,258, necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009?

Article 37. Transact any other business that may legally come before the annual meeting of the Norwich Town School Board.

Norwich Selectboard

John Candon
Edwin Childs
Gerard Chapdelaine
Suzanne Lupien
Alison M. May

Norwich School Board

Carey Callaghan
Linda Gray
Mary Sachsse
Geoffrey Vitt
Stanton Williams

Voter Information

Registration: To be eligible to vote in this election, people must register to vote and applications to the checklist must be received by the Town Clerk by 4:30 pm on Monday, February 27, 2008.

Absentee Ballots: All requests for absentee voter ballots must be made prior to 4:30 pm on Monday, March 3, 2008. There are three ways you may vote by absentee ballot:

1. Voters may vote in person in the Town Clerk’s Office. 17 VSA §2537.
2. Ballots may be delivered by teams of Justices of the Peace to voters who are absent due to illness or physical disability. The Town Clerk must receive notice no later than three days in advance. 17 VSA §2538.
3. Ballots may be mailed to absent voters if a valid application has been filed with the Town Clerk. 17 VSA §2539.

Curbside Voting: Election Officials are permitted “to carry a ballot to a handicapped or elderly person in order to permit that person to mark his ballot while in a motor vehicle adjacent to the polling place.” 17 VSA, §2502(b).

Tracy Hall is handicapped accessible. Any person needing additional assistance should contact the Town Clerk at least four days before Town Meeting.

Candidates for Office • March 4, 2008

For MODERATOR

For one year
Vote for not more than ONE
• THAYER, WARREN

For TOWN CLERK

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• MUNDAY, BONNIE

For TREASURER

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• LINDBERG, CHERYL A.

**For Dresden-Norwich
SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• ADDANTE, LINDA
• MACKALL, JIM

**For Dresden-Norwich
SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• VITT, GEOFFREY

For NORWICH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

For two years
Vote for not more than ONE
• FRENCH, REBECCA

For LISTER

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• KAUFMAN, DENNIS

For SELECTMAN

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• CHILDS, EDWIN
• RACUSIN, SHARON

For SELECTMAN

For two years
Vote for not more than ONE
• NUNAN, SARAH H.

For AUDITOR

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• _____

For AUDITOR

For two year unexpired term
Vote for not more than ONE
• _____

For GRAND JUROR

For one year
Vote for not more than ONE
• _____

For FINANCE COMMITTEE

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• _____

For FINANCE COMMITTEE

For two year unexpired term
Vote for not more than ONE
• _____

**For AGENT TO PROSECUTE
& DEFEND SUITS**

For one year
Vote for not more than ONE
• _____

For CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

For five years
Vote for not more than ONE
• SMITH, FRED JR.

For TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For three years
Vote for not more than ONE
• _____

INTERESTING ARTICLES FROM PAST TOWN MEETINGS

TOWN MEETING

MARCH 3, 1908

- Article VI** To see if the town will vote to have a high school
- Article X** To see if the town will vote to help light the streets on Norwich plain with electric lights

TOWN MEETING

MARCH 3, 1936

- Article 25** To see whether the Voters of the Town of Norwich will favor the employment of a Town Manager ...

TOWN MEETING

MARCH 7, 1939

- Article 22** To see if the Town will vote to operate on Daylight Saving Time the same dates as at Hanover, New Hampshire
- Article 26** Shall baseball be permitted on Sunday in this town?
Shall moving pictures be permitted on Sunday in this town?
Shall lectures and concerts be permitted on Sunday in this town?

TOWN MEETING

MARCH 1941

- Article 22** To see if the Town will vote to adopt zoning rules and regulations for certain areas as presented by prudential committee of the Norwich Fire District

NOTE FROM 1957 ANNUAL REPORT

The Norwich Bandstand, erected in 1915, was repaired after extensive damages by an automobile which crashed through the new fence into the foundation of the bandstand.