



2018 Town of Dorset, Vermont Warning

Legal voters of the Town of Dorset, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot, and on the 6th day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

(ARTICLES 2 & 4) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6th. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 6th.

Article 1. To hear and accept reports of Town Officers and take proper action on same.

Article 2. To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year. To be voted by Australian Ballot. Officers to be elected as follows:

- Moderator, Town _____ 1 year term
- Selectman _____ 3 year term
- Selectman _____ 1 year term
- Selectman _____ 1 year term
- First Constable _____ 1 year term
- Town Agent _____ 1 year term

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 11, 2018 and March 12, 2019. Payments not received will be subject to 1% interest on September 15, 2018 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 16, 2019?

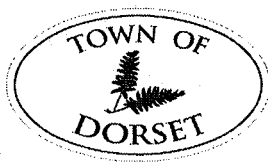
Article 4. Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian Ballot.

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROOC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?



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- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Article 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Dorset Nursing Association) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?
- Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support and defray of costs related to videotaping and television cable cast of the Select Board, School Board, and other municipal meetings?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to The Collaborative for support of its substance free events and educational programs to middle and high school youth?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset's marble sidewalks? By Petition.
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help defray the cost of maintain the Dorset Playhouse at 104 Cheney Road? By Petition.
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the replacement of the observation tower on Bromley Summit. (Located on the Long Trail, in State Forest Land and built with the supervision of the Green Mountain Club; the nonprofit organization whose volunteers are caretakers of the Long Trail)? By Petition.



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Article 21. Shall the voters adopt the following resolution?

WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, flooding, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

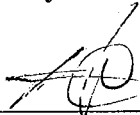
Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the town urges the State of Vermont to:
 - a. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines.
2. That the town will do our part to meet these demands by committing to efforts such as:
 - a. Enlisting state support in weatherizing town buildings and schools and installing alternative energy, such as roof-top solar, to town structures.
 - b. Other initiatives to improve the quality of life while helping to reduce overall use of energy.

Article 22: To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

So approved on this 16th day of January, 2018. By the Dorset Select Board.

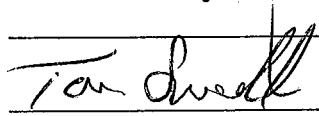
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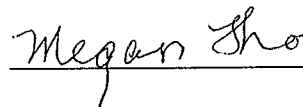
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