WARNING TOWN OF POMFRET ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Offices, 5218 Pomfret Road, on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, to vote by Australian ballot upon the articles of business listed herein.

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur via Zoom pursuant to Act 77 of 2022, on Saturday, February 19, 2022, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Instructions for joining the informational hearing appear at the end this Warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said voting by Australian ballot shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. For more information, please visit https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/ or call the Pomfret Town Offices at (802) 457-3861 during normal business hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM).

- 1. To elect the following Town officers:
 - Town Moderator, 1-year term;
 - Town Clerk, 1-year term;
 - Selectboard Member, 3-year term;
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 - Treasurer, 1-year term;
 - Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term;
 - Lister, 3-year term;
 - Auditor, 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term;
 - Library Trustee, 3-year term; and
 - Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term.
- 2. Shall the voters change the 1-year terms of the two additional Selectboard members to staggered 2-year terms?

Note: If adopted, this article will take effect as of the 2023 annual meeting.

- 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4791?
- 4. Shall the voters approve the combined budget for Fiscal Year 2023 of \$1,634,129 for general purposes (\$441,137) and for highway purposes (\$1,192,992), of which \$1,060,365 will be raised by current year taxes and \$573,764 by other sources?

<u>Note</u>: The amounts in this Article 4 are exclusive of the appropriations proposed in Articles 5 through 17 below.

5. Shall the voters appropriate \$60,000 to the Fire Department Vehicle Reserve Fund?

- 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$41,500 to the Abbott Memorial Library?
- 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$12,000 to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission?
- 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,950 to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH in support of care provided in patients' homes?
- 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,800 to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (d.b.a. The Thompson Senior Center) to be used for operational expenses to provide meals on wheels, transportation, wellness and social activities, medical equipment, and other Aging at Home support services to benefit Town residents?
- 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$979 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for support of services provided to residents of Windsor County?
- 11. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Empower Up Windsor Central Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Ottauquechee Community Partnership) to support their Mentor and Buddy Program?
- 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to the Spectrum Teen Center for support of activities at the center?
- 13. Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Pentangle Arts for providing artistic endeavors in the community?
- 14. Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to the Women's Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley for support of activities at the service?
- 15. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) for funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short-term caregiver services?
- 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$50 to Green Up Vermont for Green Up Day supplies and services?
- 17. Shall the voters re-appropriate the \$121,767 unassigned General Fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2021 to offset Fiscal Year 2023 taxes to be raised?
- 18. Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4773, and that the first installment of such taxes be due and accepted at the Treasurer's office on or before 2:30 PM on August 19, 2022, and that the balance be due at the same location on or before 2:30 PM on February 3, 2023, and that interest on overdue taxes be charged at 1% per month pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873, and that all delinquent taxes be subject to an 8% penalty pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 1674?

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Dated this 21st day of January, 2022, by the Selectboard of the Town of Pomfret:

Emily Grube, Chair

John Peters Jr., Vice-Chair

Steve Chamberlin

Chuck Gundarsan

Jonathan Harrington

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT INFORMATIONAL HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur via Zoom pursuant to Act 77 of 2022, on Saturday, February 19, 2022, beginning at 9:00 A.M. You may join this informational hearing by telephone, computer or smartphone as follows:

Computer or Smartphone

https://zoom.us/j/95395079923?pwd=ZjBEd3ZuZWgvWmx2M0tpOE8zbjg2dz09

Landline or Mobile Phone

Dial (301) 715-8592. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 953 9507 9923 and Password 306922.